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Professional Practice Award given to Dorsch for Involvement in New Adherence Approaches

Lansing, Mich. – Michael Dorsch, Pharm.D., M.S., FCCP, BCPS (AQCV), will receive the 2016 Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Professional Practice Award at this year's MSHP Annual Meeting on Oct. 28.

The MSHP Professional Practice Award recognizes and honors a pharmacist or organization for involvement and participation in an innovative project (e.g., published research, projects or services implemented) that contributes to professional practice. This year's recipient is being honored for his work supporting the mission of the American Heart Association (AHA) to build healthier lives that are free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. More specifically, Dr. Dorsch has developed a mobile application for heart failure patients, ManageHF, aimed at educating patients in order to increase the adherence and efficacy of recommended treatments for cardiovascular diseases.

Michael Dorsch currently has over 40 peer-reviewed publications, one book and has conducted over 18 national presentations. In 2011, Dr. Dorsch received the Top Paper Award for Population Science at the AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research Conference. In this paper Dr. Dorsch demonstrated the superior efficacy of chlorthalidone in reducing cardiovascular events in hypertension and this discovery was ultimately included in the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Hypertension guidelines. Currently, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is funding Dr. Dorsch's work to create a mobile application to assist patients in making better and more informed decisions while shopping at the grocery store and dining out while adhering to a low sodium diet. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has also supported Dr. Dorsch in creating technology to increase self-monitoring and self-management of heart failure patients, increasing adherence to diet restriction for hypertension patients and an automated home medication dispensing machine.

Dr. Dorsch currently works as a clinical associate professor at the University of Michigan (UM) College of Pharmacy and is also a clinical pharmacist in cardiology at the Department of Pharmacy Services UM Health System, Ann Arbor, Mich. In this position, Dr. Dorsch provides inpatient pharmacy services to cardiology patients at the UM Frankel Cardiovascular Center as well as coordinating cardiology courses at the UM College of Pharmacy. Dr. Dorsch is also a site preceptor for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) HF Traineeship and created the Post-Graduate Year 2 Cardiology Residency Program at UM in 2008 and has been serving as the director ever since. Dr. Dorsch has dedicated his life to educating patients and empowering them to make the best decisions for their health.

MSHP is a practice section of MPA consisting of more than 600 health-system pharmacy professionals. Since its founding in 1883, MPA has been a leader in the professional and scientific advancement of pharmacy and in safeguarding the well-being of individual patients in Michigan.

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