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## **West Bloomfield Pharmacist to be Recognized for Long-standing Leadership**

Lansing, Mich. – David Bach will receive the 2015 Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award at the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Annual Meeting on Nov. 6. Recipients of this award must be active in association work, be a member of MSHP and display leadership qualities.

Bach is being recognized for his dedication to supporting pharmacy and serving in leadership roles at the national, state and local level. Under his direction, the Pharmacy Department of Detroit Receiving Hospital received the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Best Practices Award in 2013 for their transitions of care program that focused on post-hospitalization ambulatory medication reconciliation at a patient-centered medical home. The program improved patient care through identification and resolution of medication-related problems and continues to influence their pharmacy practice model. As corporate vice president of Detroit Medical Center pharmacy services, Bach has overseen the expansion of many practice areas, including antimicrobial stewardship, ambulatory care, transitions of care and pharmacy informatics. In addition, he has encouraged staff participation in professional associations, providing them with time off and financial support, when possible, to attend state and national pharmacy meetings, including MSHP Committee Days.

This encouragement stems from his long-standing history of involvement in volunteer roles for professional pharmacy associations. A member of MSHP and Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) since the 1980s, Bach currently serves on the MPA Executive Board, Ethics and Practice Commission, and Pharmacy and Technology Task Force. He is the Board liaison to the MPA Professional Affairs Committee, Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SMSHP) and Oakland County Pharmacists Association.

Bach is also a past president of MSHP, SMSHP and Wayne County Pharmacists Association. In addition, he served on the Michigan Pharmacy Foundation (MPF) Board of Trustees from 2012-2014. He and his wife, Ban, have generously contributed to the Foundation for many years and are currently Platinum Mortar and Pestle Club members. In 2003, Bach was appointed to the Michigan Board of Pharmacy. He served on the Board for eight years, including one year as chair.

At the national level, Bach is a Fellow of ASHP. He chaired the ASHP Section Advisory Group on Management Competencies; was a member of the Council on Administrative Affairs; and was a MSHP delegate to the ASHP House of Delegates from 2002-2007.

Beyond his leadership in national, state and local pharmacy organizations, Bach supports his alma mater as a clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice at Wayne State University (WSU) Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He has been faculty there since 1986, precepting student pharmacist rotations, presenting lectures, coordinating classes and developing lasting relationships with future pharmacists. He has presented his research at ASHP and MSHP meetings and published articles in pharmacy literature. Bach is a past president of the WSU Pharmacy Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also served on the WSU Alumni Association for many years, receiving their Distinguished Service Award in 1994. Bach received his Bachelor of Science degree and Doctor of Pharmacy degree from WSU. He also holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan.

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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