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Lutz to be Honored as Michigan Health-System Pharmacist of the Year

Lansing, Mich. – Mark Lutz will be honored as the 2015 Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Pharmacist of the Year at the Society’s Annual Meeting on Nov. 6. The award consists of a plaque and complimentary MSHP and Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) membership for one year.

Throughout his career, Lutz has been engaged in many activities to ensure continued safety of patients. Within Beaumont Health System, he is involved in several Committees and initiatives related to his practice interests of medication safety, drug formulary management and decision support. Lutz is a patient safety first responder and secretary of the Medication Safety Committee at Beaumont in Royal Oak, Troy and Grosse Pointe. In addition, he has taken a lead role in a multidisciplinary evaluation of inpatient insulin pen use safety, and the implementation of system improvements and related formulary changes.

Lutz was selected by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to serve on the four-member Steering Committee for the multifaceted quality improvement initiative, “Strategies for Ensuring the Safe Use of Insulin Pens in the Hospital.” This initiative was designed to provide pharmacists with timely education and resources to advocate for best practices for the use of insulin and facilitate the safe and appropriate use of insulin pens in the hospital setting. He assisted in resource development, conducted webinars and served as a distance mentor for hospitals in Missouri, Kentucky, Florida, Nebraska and Louisiana. Lutz continues to participate with ASHP in additional insulin pen safety initiatives.

At the national level, Lutz also collaborates regularly with the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), sharing practice experiences which contribute to their safety communication efforts and newsletter publications.

After earning his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in Ann Arbor, Lutz completed a Postgraduate Year 1 residency accredited by ASHP at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He is a board-certified professional in patient safety through the Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety. Lutz is currently a drug information specialist for William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He is also a clinical instructor in the Department of Pharmacology at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, and he holds teaching positions at all three of Michigan’s colleges of pharmacy. Lutz is a member of ASHP, MSHP and MPA. He recently served as a member of the MSHP Informatics and Technology Committee.

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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