Award Presented to Curtis Collins for Advancing the Role of Pharmacy Professionals

Curtis Collins of Dexter received the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Excellence in Innovation Award during the Association’s Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 22-24 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

To be deserving of this award, sponsored by Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc., a pharmacist or team of pharmacists must demonstrate an innovative pharmacy practice program that results in improved patient care. This award highlights the work and efforts of pharmacy pioneers who are re-engineering our profession to meet the healthcare needs of tomorrow’s patients.

Curtis Collins is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist of Infectious Diseases at St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor. Collins received his Doctor of Pharmacy from Drake University where he then went on to serve on the National Advisory Council. Collins went on to get his Master of Science in Health System Pharmacy Administration from Ohio State University. He currently is a Fellowship Advisory Committee member for the Infectious Diseases Medical Fellowship Program at St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

Collins is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and Board Certified Infectious Diseases Pharmacist. He has published and presented extensively in the areas of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy, pharmacoeconomics and antimicrobial stewardship. Collins’ professional affiliations and service include the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). He is an ASHP Best Practice Award recipient and has served in numerous roles including as their Network Facilitator for Infectious Diseases and as Chair of ASHP’s Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists. His work has also included service with a variety of organizations including the National Quality Forum, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Collins also currently serves as an Adjunct Clinical Professor at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in Ann Arbor.

Collins’ activities within Michigan includes involvement with the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) where he helped organize the Michigan Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative and development of the MSHP Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee, served on the Board of Directors, is a member of the Healthcare Associated Infections Advisory Group, named Pharmacist of the Year in 2013 and is a Fellow of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Michigan Pharmacists Association, representing the nearly 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in Michigan, strives to serve members by providing support, advocacy and resources that ultimately improve patient care, safety, health and the practice of pharmacy. For more information, visit www.MichiganPharmacists.org.