Community Pharmacist of the Year Award Presented to Hanadi Thomas

Hanadi L. Thomas of Waterford will be honored as the Michigan Society of Community Pharmacists (MSCP) Pharmacist of the Year at the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 23-25 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

Throughout her career, Thomas has given her time and energy to improve the health and wellness of the communities she serves as well as preparing student pharmacists for their work in the pharmacy. Since earning her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Wayne State University in 2001, Thomas has demonstrated her dedication to community pharmacy. She is currently a licensed preceptor, American Pharmacists Association certified immunizer, medication therapy management provider and has completed training in the implementation of naloxone.

Currently, Thomas is the pharmacy manager at Rite Aid Pharmacy in Keego Harbor. In her role there, she is primarily involved in conducting medication therapy management reviews, administering all immunizations offered at the pharmacy, precepting Wayne State University pharmacy students throughout the year, providing daily point-of-care compliance program consultations to improve patient use of medications and positively impact patient outcomes, organizing and conducting health and wellness screenings and providing medication synchronization services to improve patient adherence to medication therapies.

Outside of her work in the pharmacy, Thomas is involved with the Association and her community in an effort to advance the role of the community pharmacist. She has served as an delegate and alternate delegate for the MPA House of Delegates and serves on the Oakland County Pharmacists Association Executive Board, currently as president-elect. She has participated in the organization and implementation of the St. John Health Fair in Southfield since 2012, where she provides a flu clinic and mentors students administering vacancies. She has also provided several presentations over the last several years to her community regarding the proper use of over-the-counter medications, how to read a medication label and recommended vaccinations. Thomas exemplifies the community pharmacist and demonstrates daily the value of having one of the most trusted healthcare professionals embedded in the communities they serve.

The Michigan Society of Community Pharmacists (MSCP) is a practice section of Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), representing community, independent, chain and outpatient pharmacists in Michigan. MSCP cooperates to advance public health, patient care and the interests of the pharmacy profession. MPA advances the profession of pharmacy and patient care on behalf of the 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in the state.