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**Vernon Pharmacist Philip Bunick Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Connecticut Pharmacists Association (CPA) has selected Philip Bunick as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Bunick was presented with the award on October 23, 2014. The award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and the American Pharmacists Association with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Bunick was previously employed as director of pharmacy at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Conn., where he was responsible for the management of the University of Connecticut Hospital Pharmacy Department as well as the Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) Pharmacy for the State of Connecticut. During Bunick's tenure, the hospital pharmacy instituted barcode medication administration and smart IV pump technology as well as physician order entry. The hospital acquired 340B status in April 2009, resulting in a drug cost savings of over \$400,000 per month.

Bunick earned his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from the University of Connecticut in 1972 and his Master of Science degree in management with a concentration in health care management from Hartford Graduate Center and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1986.

He serves as a volunteer with the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen in Vernon, CT, the Hockamun Valley Mental Health and Substance Abuse Clinic, and the Hockamun Valley Food Pantry. He was selected by the Connecticut Society of Hospital Pharmacists as "Pharmacist of the Year" in 2006.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or [info@aphafoundation.org](mailto:info@aphafoundation.org).

**About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation**

The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a trusted source of research demonstrating how pharmacists can improve health care. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through

pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website [www.aphafoundation.org](http://www.aphafoundation.org). Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

**About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations**

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA website [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).