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Melbourne Pharmacist Norman P. Tomaka Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Florida Pharmacy Association has selected Norman P. Tomaka as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Meier was presented with the award at the Annual Convention on Saturday, July 12. 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.

Tomaka draws on many years of experience as a hospital pharmacist, health care risk manager, community pharmacy manager, consultant and clinical pharmacist practitioner. His primary focus is pharmacy-risk management for healthcare systems. A graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, he most recently completed a Masters in Pharmacy majoring in Patient Safety and Medication Risk Management at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

Throughout his career, Tomaka has remained actively involved in the leadership of state and national pharmacy organizations. Currently, he serves as the Florida Media Advisory Consultant and member of the Policy Committee of the American Pharmacists Association. In 2010, he was honored with the APhA “Good Government Pharmacist-of-the-Year” Award in Washington, D.C.

Tomaka has completed an appointment on the BPS Board of Certified Nuclear Pharmacists in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists and Florida Pharmacy Association. He serves on the Board of Directors for Comprehensive Health Care in Melbourne, an HIV resources and treatment organization. In 2012 he received the Golden Eagle Humanitarian Award from Health First Foundation in Brevard County, Florida.

He is employed at Health First Inc. in Brevard County, Florida, and resides with his wife and family in Melbourne, FL.

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 future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or 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. 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 Web site www.naspa.us.