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**Albuquerque Pharmacist Amy Bachyrycz Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The New Mexico Pharmacists Association has selected Amy Bachyrycz as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Bachyrycz was presented with the award on January 25, 2015. The Bowl of Hygeia 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.

Bachyrycz is Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy and a pharmacist at Walgreens. In 2013, she received the honor of Next Generation Pharmacist Patient Care Provider of the Year. She is one of two instructors who developed the “New Mexico Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority for Naloxone Protocol” training, which allows New Mexico pharmacists to prescribe naloxone to patients at risk for opioid overdose. Bachyrycz has also been involved with the efforts to designate hydrocodone as a Schedule II controlled substance and to make pseudoephedrine a prescription-only drug to decrease methamphetamine production. Additionally, she is dedicated to providing immunizations throughout New Mexico and has provided patient information and thousands of vaccinations at community health fairs around the state.

Bachyrycz was also instrumental in the participation of pharmacists in the New Mexico Dental Foundation’s “Mission of Mercy,” which is held in three cities in New Mexico. The “Mission of Mercy” program provides free dental care and free dental-related medications to thousands of New Mexico residents without insurance or the ability to pay for dental care.

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.

**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 (NCSPAE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).