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**Columbia Pharmacist Sharm Steadman Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The South Carolina Pharmacy Association (SCPhA) has selected Sharm Steadman, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP, CDE, BC-ADM, as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Steadman was presented with the award at the SCPhA Annual Convention on Saturday, June 13. 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.

Steadman is a professor with the University of South Carolina Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, where she has practiced for 25 years. She also serves as the director of pharmacotherapeutic education for the University of South Carolina/Palmetto Health Richland Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program. She received her BS in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical University of South Carolina, where she also completed a clinical pharmacy fellowship in family practice. Steadman's areas of interest are diabetes, women's health, and geriatrics. Her current area of focus is teaching and implementing quality improvement and patient-centered, team-based care strategies in primary care.

Steadman is actively involved in the pharmacy profession at the state and national level. She previously served as chair of the SCPhA Continuing Education Committee (2007-2011) and has served as president of the 5<sup>th</sup> district pharmacy association since 2008. At the national level, she is a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and has been involved with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists in various capacities, including as a member of the Executive Committee, Section of Home, Ambulatory and Chronic Care Practitioners, Research Advisory Council, House of Delegates, Council on Legal and Public Affairs, and Practice Interest Advisory Council. Steadman has also served in a number of leadership positions with the South Carolina Society of Health-System Pharmacists, including president-elect, president, and chairman of the Board of Directors and co-chairman of the Continuing Education Committee.

She has been recognized with numerous awards for her teaching and advocacy including the 2012 SC AHEC Excellence in Family Medicine Education Award, 2012 Diabetes Champion of the Year with the SC DHEC Diabetes Prevention and Control Division, 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award with the USC/Palmetto Health Richland Family Medicine Residency Program, and 2007 Pharmacist of the Year with the South Carolina Pharmacy Association.

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