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**Portage Pharmacist Derek J. Quinn Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) has selected Derek Quinn as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Quinn was presented with the award at the MPA Annual Convention & Exposition on Saturday, February 28. 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.

Quinn is employed as a pharmacy manager at Westlake Drug, Inc., an independent pharmacy in Portage, Mich. He also serves as vice president and secretary of the pharmacy's board of directors. He is certified in diabetes medication therapy management and serves as a preceptor for Ferris State University, where he also earned his degree. Quinn authored several chapters in the *Certified Pharmacy Technician Calculations Workbook, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, and the *Certified Pharmacy Technician Training Manual, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition*, and *12<sup>th</sup> Edition Revision*. He has served on the Executive Board of the Michigan Pharmacists Association as a member-at-large, and has also served on several MPA committees, including the MPA House of Delegates, MPA New Practitioner Committee, and MSHP/MPA Public Affairs Committee

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

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