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**MSHP Recognizes Four Pharmacy Leaders With Prestigious Awards**

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP), a practice section within the Michigan Pharmacists Association, has recognized four pharmacy leaders with prestigious distinction for notable contributions to their field:

* **Marc Guzzardo**, BS Pharm, MBA, of Rochester Hills, received the 2024 MSHP Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award.
* **Insaf Mohammad**, Pharm.D., BCACP, Canton, was named the 2024 MSHP Pharmacist of the Year.
* **Ferris State University’s Collaboration to Harmonize Antimicrobial Registry Measures (CHARM)**, received the MSHP President's Award.
* **Nisha Patel**, Pharm.D., BCPS, of Bloomfield Hills, was selected by MSHP as the winner of the 2023 Professional Practice Award.

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**Marc Guzzardo** has received the 2024 Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award. Recipients of this award must be active in association work, be a member of MSHP and display leadership qualities.

Guzzardo is the director of pharmacy at Ascension Genesys Hospital. He has greatly expanded the roles and responsibilities of the pharmacy team since his arrival in 2012. The pharmacy team went from having one residency-trained pharmacist and no technicians in leadership positions, to having both a PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy training program, more than 20 residency-trained or board-certified pharmacists and several technicians in supervisor roles. He supports employees with flexibility and the ability to achieve additional certifications for growth and career opportunities.

He recently received the Certified Pharmacy Executive Leader (CPEL) recognition from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He has served several times in the Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SMSHP), MSHP and MPA leadership roles, including currently as treasurer of both MPA and MSHP.

Guzzardo earned his Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from Wayne State University and a Master of Business Administration from Oakland University.

**Insaf Mohammad** has been honored as the 2024 MSHP Pharmacist of the Year. This award is presented annually to recognize and honor a pharmacist who has made significant contributions to the practice of hospital pharmacy.

Mohammad served as the Wayne County Pharmacists Association (WCPA) president from 2016 to 2017 and as chairperson from 2017 to 2018. She currently is a board member. During this time, she has worked to advocate for pharmacist contraceptive prescribing, expanding buprenorphine access and increasing naloxone community access as an MPA delegate and speaker across multiple platforms. She was recognized for these efforts with the WCPA Roland T. Lakey Award in 2020, the Thomas J. Schaut Award in 2017 and the Gordon F. Goyette, Jr. Humanitarian Award in 2016.

As an ambulatory clinical pharmacist embedded in an internal medicine clinic, Mohammad has been recognized for a variety of initiatives to improve population health outcomes through diabetes management and opioid risk mitigation. In January 2021, she successfully developed a patient and family-led diabetes peer support group.

She was the SMSHP Innovative Practice Award recipient in November 2019 for her work on a grant-funded project to improve controlled substance safety in her clinic. In 2023, she was the recipient of the Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award. In 2024, she was awarded $9,125 from Blue Cross Blue Shield to implement an interprofessional hypertension management initiative in her clinic.

Regionally, she served as the chair of the SMSHP Membership Committee until 2022 and received the Committee Service Award in 2021. Mohammad has also been active within MSHP across multiple committees, most recently as the Ambulatory Care Committee co-chair. On a national level, Mohammad has been an active member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Ambulatory Care Practice and Research Network (PRN) since 2014. She was elected to serve as the chair for the ACCP Ambulatory Care PRN for 2023-24, which is one of the largest PRNs. As a result of her involvement and leadership, she was presented with the ACCP Ambulatory Care PRN Advocacy Award in October 2022.

Mohammad received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2015 from Wayne State University, where she is now a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. She is also an ambulatory care pharmacy specialist at Corewell Health Hospital in Dearborn. She has been a member of MSHP/MPA since 2012. In addition to ACCP, WCPA and SMSHP, Mohammad is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

**Ferris State University’s Collaboration to Harmonize Antimicrobial Registry Measures (CHARM)** received this year’s MSHP President’s Award. The MSHP President’s Award recognizes the commitment of a pharmacy professional, group of professionals or a pharmacy organization to advancing the theme and goal of the MSHP Board of Directors throughout the year. This year’s theme was “Less, not Loss.”

CHARM started as a student project to assess antibiotic use in an outpatient clinic. CHARM currently gathers data from 23 health systems nationwide and provides partners with interactive dashboards to allow them to track antimicrobial use. Dashboards provide the ability to examine data to a highly granular level and develop and assess the effectiveness of outpatient antimicrobial stewardship efforts. CHARM can offer services at no cost to health system partners, allowing them to utilize their resources for implementation of initiatives rather than tracking medication use.

**Nisha Patel** received the 2024 Professional Practice Award. The MSHP Professional Practice Award recognizes and honors a pharmacist, group of pharmacists or an organization for involvement and participation in an innovative project (such as published research, projects or services implemented) that contributes to professional practice.

Patel has been at Henry Ford Health since 2013. She has focused her efforts on implementing innovative services to improve patient care and automation, such as an electronic scoring system that took two years to develop and implement. The scoring system is directly integrated into the electronic health record, identifying opportunities for pharmacist intervention and prioritizing clinical pharmacy services across the health system. Individual variables were built based on documented patient parameters such as the use of high-risk medications, pharmacy consultations, laboratory values, disease states and patient acuity. Total overall scores were assigned to patients based on the sum of the scores for the individual variables, which update automatically in real time. The total scores were designed to help inpatient pharmacists prioritize patients with higher scores, thus reducing the need for manual chart review to identify high-risk patients.

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