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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, recognized four pharmacy leaders with prestigious distinction for notable contributions to their field:

- **Insaf Mohammad**, Pharm.D., BCACP, of Canton, received the 2023 MSHP Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award for her steadfast advocacy efforts and leadership at the local, regional and national levels.
- **Brandon Flues**, Pharm.D., BCPS, of Holly, was named the 2023 MSHP Pharmacist of the Year for his leadership in several areas of pharmacy practice.
- **Melissa Murphy**, Pharm.D., BCPS, of Holly, received the MSHP President's Award for her leadership in combatting the opioid epidemic in her community and for focusing on serving patients with opioid use disorder (OUD).
- **The Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital SDoH Team** was selected by MSHP as the winner of the 2023 Professional Practice Award, which recognizes and honors a pharmacist, group of pharmacists or an organization for involvement and participation in an innovative project. The SDoH Program Leads are Lama Hsaiky, Pharm.D., clinical pharmacy manager, of Bloomfield Hills; and Neha Desai, Pharm.D., director of pharmacy, of Farmington Hills. The SDoH Pharmacy Team consists of Tahnia Alauddin, Pharm.D., of Hamtramck; Danny Salem, Pharm.D., of Troy; Sahar Ajrouche, Pharm.D.; Anisa Wooten, Pharm.D.; Sarah Alsomairy, Pharm.D., of Canton, and David Wilpula, Pharm.D., of Farmington Hills.



Insaf Mohammad received the 2023 Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award. Recipients of this award must be active in association work, be a member of MSHP and display leadership qualities.

Mohammad served as the Wayne County Pharmacists Association (WCPA) president from 2016 to 2017 – notably, while she was a PGY1 resident. She later served as chairperson from 2017 to 2018 and 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 implemented and been recognized for a variety of quality 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 also the Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SMSHP) Innovative Practice Award recipient in November 2019 for her work on a grant-funded project to improve controlled substance safety in her clinic.

Regionally, she has served as the chair of the SMSHP Membership Committee until 2022; she received the Committee Service Award in 2021. She 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 served on the Advocacy Committee as vice chair from 2019 to 2021 and as the chair from 2021 to 2022. She served as the chair of the Education Committee from 2022 to 2023. Most notably, Mohammad has been 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 completed her PGY1 and PGY2 residency at Detroit Medical Center Harper University Hospital. She was a clinical pharmacist at Harper University Hospital from 2015 to 2017 and is currently an ambulatory care pharmacy specialist at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn. She has been a member of MSHP/MPA since 2012 and serves as co-chair of the MSHP Ambulatory Care Committee. 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.



Brandon Flues was honored as the 2023 MSHP Pharmacist of the Year.

Flues is currently a pharmacy clinical coordinator at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, overseeing clinical pharmacy services in internal medicine, infectious diseases and emergency medicine. At Hurley, he is a co-chair of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee and a member of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee; the infection Control Committee; the Internal Medicine Performance Improvement

Committee; and the Michigan Hospital Medicine Safety Collaborative. Flues also coordinates pharmacy students at Hurley and is a primary preceptor for Ferris State University, Creighton

University and St. John Fisher University. Flues was the Preceptor of the Year at Ferris State in 2021.

Flues is also a leader within MPA and MSHP. He is a member of the MPA New Practitioner Committee and was a member of the Government Affairs Committee from 2021 to 2022. For MSHP, Flues is a co-chair of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee. He is also a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Flues received his Doctor of Pharmacy from Ferris State University in 2018 and completed his PGY1 residency with Munson Healthcare in 2019. He became a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist (BCPS) in 2019. Flues participates in academia as an assistant professor at the St. John Fisher Wegmans School of Pharmacy.



Melissa Murphy 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 "Building Bridges." Murphy is being honored with this year's President's Award for her leadership in combatting the opioid epidemic in her community and for focusing on serving patients

with opioid use disorder (OUD).

She has been a pioneer in implementing drug take-back days in collaboration with local law enforcement and the United Community Addiction Network in Genesee County. Murphy has led multiple events for Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, where she is currently a clinical pharmacy specialist in drug use policy and education, resulting in a significant number of medication doses dropped off for disposal – many of which are controlled substances and opioids. She has also worked to raise awareness about International Overdose Day, setting up an informational table for associates and the public entering the hospital.

Murphy has spearheaded the implementation of several initiatives in the pharmacy department at Ascension, including patient identification using clinical decision support software; identifying and developing patient education handouts about opioid awareness, storage and disposal as well as naloxone access; and educating all pharmacist team members, pharmacy students and pharmacy residents about how to perform these services. She has also supported the development of the hospital's "B Team" and was one of the founding team members to address unmet care needs for patients with opioid use disorder. In many instances, Murphy has had to meet patients where they are – whether this is from a socioeconomic standpoint (unable to afford copays for medications for OUD/overdose prevention), life situation standpoint (homelessness or shelter as living situation), or transportation standpoint. The B Team has now evolved into a multidisciplinary team approach and teaching service incorporating medical residents.

Murphy has been an MPA member since 2015 and became a member of the MSHP Membership Committee in January 2023. She was the chair of the Membership Committee at the

Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists from 2011 to 2020 and still serves on the committee. She has been a member of the Genesee County Pharmacists Association since 2017 and currently serves as an executive board member. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from Wayne State University in 2011 and completed her residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.



The Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital Pharmacy SDOH Team was selected to receive the 2023 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 (e.g., published research, projects or services implemented) that contributes to professional practice.

Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital has a unique patient population in terms of cultural and financial perspectives. In 2022, the pharmacy leadership team – led by Clinical Manager Lama Hsaiky, Pharm.D., and Director of Pharmacy Neha Desai, Pharm.D. – received a grant to support a program focused on social determinants of health (SDoH) and to assess the impact of pharmacist-led interventions on the improvement of health outcomes and reduction of health care costs. Hsaiky and her colleagues designed a clinical model of a SDOH clinical pharmacy service in 2022 to support this effort.

The team involved a group of rotating clinical pharmacists performing structured clinical and socioeconomic assessments for barriers to medication management and employed several mitigation strategies to target the SDoH population. The patient cohort included underserved adult patients below 200% of the federal poverty level with a documented 30-day readmission within the past year and at least one disease associated with medication complexity (COPD, DM, MI, CHF) utilizing an electronic medical record (EMR)-imbedded hospital screening dashboard to stratify patients.

The pharmacist care bundle model was associated with a 27% relative risk reduction in 30-day readmissions in this high-risk underserved population. The top four pharmacist interventions in the care bundle group were medication reconciliation (30%), therapeutic modifications (18%), assisting with social issues (18%), and patient counseling (12%). In order to provide a holistic and patient-centered care, an interdisciplinary collaboration was a key to the success of this program. This included pharmacist collaboration with physicians, nurses, social workers and other health care professionals in order to develop and implement treatment plans to address the unique needs of each patient.

This innovative program demonstrates the positive impact of the pharmacist-led SDoH clinical program on both the health care system and patient outcomes.

***NOTE:** All awardees are pictured with MSHP President Michelle Dehoorne.*

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