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### **Nichol Receives Pharmacy Award for Innovative Pharmacy Practice**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Pharmacists Association (OPA) announced today that Allen Nichol, R.Ph. Pharm.D., of Gahanna, Ohio, is the 2010 recipient of the *Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award*.

This award, presented at the OPA 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference held April 9-11 in Columbus, honors pharmacists who have demonstrated innovative pharmacy practice resulting in improved patient care by providing effective patient counseling.

Nichol initially graduated with his pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University in 1974, and then obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy from Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1993. In 1997, he was recognized by *American Druggist Magazine* as “a visionary in the pharmacy profession and one of 50 most influential pharmacists advancing pharmaceutical care as the standard of practice.” He now operates his own consulting firm, Nichol and Associates Pharmaceutical Care Consultants, based in Gahanna, Ohio. His consulting work includes acting as pharmacist consultant to the Ohio Department of Health Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh). Nichol is also an adjunct clinical faculty member at the pharmacy colleges at Ohio Northern University, University of Toledo, University of Findlay, Midwestern University and The Ohio State University. Dr. Nichol has a faculty appointment to the University of Charleston (West Virginia) as an Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice.

From 1998 to 2009, Nichol served as a clinical pharmacist at Grandview Family Practice where he was the director of the Diabetes Management Program. There, he was responsible for the overall patient care management, coordination of pharmacist care services, and disease management systems. Currently Dr. Nichol splits his time between West Side Family Practice and Grandview Family Medicine in the same role he developed at Grandview Family Practice. Nichol currently serves on OPA’s Disease State Management Task Force, which focuses on developing programs and legislation so that pharmacists can be directly involved with other health professionals in all aspects of the management of a patient’s disease.

Dr. Nichol is also VP of Clinical Operations for a company he co founded with Dr. Kenneth Bachmann. The company’s name is CeutiCare. It has a primary focus of expanding the concepts of collaborative practice for MTM in medical practice sites. Dr. Nichol has developed and patented clinical treatment algorithms in the areas of diabetes, hypertension, lipid management, CKD, Vitamin D deficiency and Secondary Hyperparathyroidism and Asthma. In addition to the two Columbus sites, CeutiCare has multiple sites located in North West Ohio.

“Allen Nichol is one of many pharmacists who still have the passion to provide superior health care to the patients of Ohio. He is a truly valued member of our pharmacy community,” said Ernest Boyd, OPA Executive Director.

OPA, established in 1879, represents more than 4,000 pharmacists, pharmacy educators, and pharmacy students throughout the state. It is OPA’s mission to unite the profession of pharmacy

and encourage inter-professional relations, while promoting public health through education, discussion, and legislation.

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