



Marilyn Stebbins, PharmD, FCSHP Announced as CSHP's 2023 Pharmacist of the Year

Awarded annually to one member who has made significant and sustained contributions to the pharmacy practice in California, **Marilyn Stebbins, PharmD, FCSHP**, has been selected to CSHP's most prestigious award – Pharmacist of the Year Award – for 2023.

"Dr. Stebbins is a pioneer" states Dr. Shalini Lynch, PharmD, and continues to be a true advocate for the pharmacy profession while pushing the boundaries for her colleagues.



Dr. Stebbins is also an ambassador and leader for our profession, with a long list of international, national, state, and local invited speaking engagements, poster presentations, publications and public service roles.

To name just a small sample of her accomplishments, she was the co-principal investigator on a Medicare Part D grant designed to educate providers and help low-income, limited English patients navigate the new Medicare benefit. The Partners in D train-the-trainer program was rolled out to each of the California schools of pharmacy in 2007 and the outreach program continues today. Dr. Stebbins was the first pharmacist to serve on the UC Faculty Task Force for the California Health Benefits Review Program. This is a critical body that provides independent analyses of state legislation and proposed insurance benefit changes on public health, fiscal, and quality of healthcare. She served on the MediCal Drug Utilization Review Board from 2008-2022, providing key guidance and influence on an annual prescription drug budget of ~\$5 billion. She has also served as a key leader for the California Right Care Initiative, a statewide collaborative that has become national, dedicated to spreading evidence-based practices to reduce rates of heart attacks and strokes.

Dr. Stebbins is a Professor Emeritus of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco, where she has been an innovator and influencer, seeking out opportunities for pharmacists to practice in novel settings such as managed care and medical group ambulatory practice. Dr. Stebbins enhanced pharmacy practice at UCSF in the ambulatory and community pharmacy setting. While at UCSF, she spearheaded a transitions of care program, a meds-to-beds program and expanded pharmacy services in primary care, population health and outpatient cardiology.

Since “retiring” from UCSF in 2022, Dr. Stebbins has continued to innovate in the health care start-up arena as the Director of Pharmacy for Riva Health, a digital cardiovascular care company designed to make cardiovascular health more effective and convenient.

For all her accomplishments, we are proud to award Dr. Stebbins with this achievement. She will be recognized for her commitment and contributions to the pharmacy profession in California during CSHP’s Seminar 2023 Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 14, 2023.