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DONALD R. KAPLAN, PharmD IS CSHP'S 2016 PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

Sacramento, CA. Donald R. Kaplan, PharmD has been awarded CSHP's most prestigious award – the CSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award – for 2016. Dr. Kaplan's accomplishments in the profession are well-known and respected. As one of Dr. Kaplan's nominators notes, he "is considered a subject matter expert on technical and regulatory aspects of advancing hospital pharmacy and safe medication use, as well as being a master of influence and a teacher of influence behavior". He generously gives of his time as a subject matter expert on Board of Pharmacy regulations. With patient safety at the forefront, Dr. Kaplan was instrumental in developing bar code medication administrative reports and real-time reports to identify trigger drugs for all Kaiser Permanente Hospitals in California. Dr. Kaplan participates in Epic user group conferences that has led to improvements in this electronic health record that impacts users across the country. His credentials, as noted in his curriculum vitae are impressive. However, as one of his nominator's states, "What is not apparent in his curriculum vitae is the way in which he engages and empowers his team and others within the pharmacy, nursing and the medical group in his priority areas. He also teaches and empowers others to present our findings and learnings at internal and external venues."



Dr. Kaplan is a member of ASHP, CSHP, and the South Bay/Long Beach Chapter of CSHP. He is the recipient of many Kaiser Permanent Awards including Exceptional Leadership, ExtraMile Team, and a most recently the Alida L. Chase All Teach All Learn Award. He has completed extensive review of USP 797, 800 and worked with the Board of Pharmacy to help revise compounding regulations (1735 and 1751) and ensure licensed compounding pharmacies can implement the regulations while still ensuring patient safety. Dr. Kaplan embodies all of the exemplary characteristics of the pharmacy profession – commitment to patient safety, a desire to mentor and teach others in healthcare, and a passion to serve the community.

Dr. Kaplan is currently Inpatient Pharmacy Practice Manager at Kaiser Permanent National Pharmacy Programs and Services, Downey, California.

The CSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award is awarded to one member annually who has made significant and sustained contributions to pharmacy practice in California.

Criteria for being considered for the Pharmacist of the Year Award include,

- Being a professional role model
- Continued membership in CSHP for at least five years
- Has made significant, influential and sustained contributions to pharmacy practice in California.

Dr. Kaplan and other award recipients will be honored during CSHP's 2016 Seminar on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

Founded in 1962, the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) is a non-profit professional association established to serve the needs of hospital and health-system pharmacists. Representing over 4,000 members who practice clinical pharmacy and specialized medicine, CSHP is the largest state association for pharmacists. CSHP members share a common mission – to promote wellness, patient safety and the optimal use of medication.

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