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ISMP Announces 7th Annual Cheers Awards Recipients

Huntingdon Valley, Pa.—The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is proud to announce its 7th Annual Cheers Awards winners and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The annual awards dinner and reception will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 during the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando.

The Cheers Awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have set a superlative standard of excellence for others to follow in the prevention of medication errors and adverse drug events. The winners of this year's awards are:

- *Abington Physician Network of Abington Memorial Hospital*, Abington, PA
- *Thomas Burnakis, PharmD*, Coordinator of Pharmacy Clinical Services, Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL
- *The Commonwealth Fund*, New York, NY
- *Milwaukee Patient Safety Collaborative of the Medical Society of Milwaukee County*, Milwaukee, WI
- *Parkland Medical Center*, Derry, NH
- *Ginette A. Pepper, PhD, RN, FAAN*, Professor, University of Utah College of Nursing, Salt Lake City, UT
- *Primary Children's Medical Center*, Salt Lake City, UT
- *The Reading Hospital and Medical Center*, West Reading, PA
- *Sentara Healthcare System*, Norfolk, VA

In addition, the ISMP Lifetime Achievement Award is being presented to *Neil Davis, PharmD, MS, FASHP*, Professor emeritus, Temple University School of Pharmacy, and Editor emeritus, *Hospital Pharmacy*. The award honors individuals who throughout their careers have made ongoing contributions to patient safety and had a major impact on safe medication practices. Dr. Davis has a long history of helping shape the world of medication error prevention. He is known for his distinctive editorials in *Hospital Pharmacy*, which have provided healthcare providers with new and original ideas for correcting error-prone processes and systems, and served as a role model and mentor for a changed culture of safety.

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The *ISMP Medication Safety Alert!* Subscribers Award is being presented to Benedictine Hospital in Kingston, NY, in recognition of its widespread dissemination of the *ISMP Medication Safety Alert!*[®] and *Nurse Advise-ERR*[™] newsletters to hospital-based staff and successful implementation of selected recommendations provided in each issue.

Dennis O'Leary, M.D., President of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and a well-known champion of patient safety, will deliver the keynote address. Under Dr. O'Leary's leadership, the Joint Commission has transformed its accreditation process to make it patient-centered—a change that has set the stage for the progressive introduction of outcomes measures and national patient safety goals.

The Cheers Awards are hosted by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), a nonprofit organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. ISMP represents nearly 30 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process. In 2004, the Institute is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its official incorporation as a nonprofit organization.

Journalists are invited to attend the ***awards reception and dinner*** beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7 at the Ming Court restaurant (adjacent to the Rosen Plaza Hotel) in Orlando. Honorees will be available for interviews at a reception before the dinner, following the dinner or by appointment at a later date. Journalists are also invited to attend a ***10-year anniversary reception*** for ISMP immediately following the dinner at 9:30pm. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by calling ISMP at 215-947-7797 no later than Friday, December 3.

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