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Martinelli Named Chair of ISMP Board of Trustees

Huntingdon Valley, Pa.—The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is pleased to announce that Louis Martinelli, PharmD, PhD, a healthcare leader with a diverse range of experience, has been named the first Chair of its Board of Trustees. A member of the Board since its inception, Dr. Martinelli has spent his career at the forefront of pharmacy practice, academia, clinical research, and the pharmaceutical industry.

The ISMP staff and Board congratulate Dr. Martinelli, and will provide their support as he transitions to his new role. As Board chair, he will lead efforts to strengthen the Institute's mission of expanding knowledge about medication errors and providing accurate, timely medication safety information to the healthcare community, policy makers, and general public. He joins 14 other Trustees from a wide range of backgrounds.

“The medical community has made significant progress in preventing medication errors, but there is still a great deal of work to be done,” says Dr. Martinelli. “ISMP has a key role to play in providing the education and tools to ensure safe medication use. I look forward to helping the Institute position itself for the future, including expanding our impact on practice settings outside of acute care.”

Dr. Martinelli is currently a founding partner and chief scientific officer for Health Alliance Strategies LLC, which uses its unique managed healthcare and clinical experience to provide strategic and tactical advice to the pharmaceutical industry.

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His past positions include serving as dean of two pharmacy schools, the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy. Dr. Martinelli also has been a strong proponent of quality initiatives in healthcare, including acting as director of regulatory affairs for Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Company and executive director of education and professional resources for Corning Besselaar, Inc., a contract clinical research organization. He has served as a practice leader in healthcare for two leading executive search firms.

Dr. Martinelli earned his doctorates in pharmacy and philosophy from the University of California, San Francisco.

For a complete list of ISMP Board of Trustees members, visit the Institute online at:

<http://www.ismp.org/about/board.asp>.

About ISMP: The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is a 501c(3) 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 more than 30 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process.

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