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“Medications are a critical component in the treatment of most chronic illnesses in the U.S. Unfortunately, we continue to see patients who are not treated with the most appropriate medications, receiving less than optimal follow-up after the medications are prescribed, and experiencing preventable adverse events.

ASHP is committed to supporting GTMR<sub>x</sub> by adopting approaches to medication use that are patient-centric and personalized, interprofessional, and capitalize on the expertise of pharmacists as the medication experts in the provision of comprehensive medication management.

I am excited to represent ASHP on the GTMR<sub>x</sub> Board of Directors as we work together to adopt optimal approaches to medication use that improve health outcomes and reduce health care costs.”

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Chief Executive Officer  
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Paul W. Abramowitz is the chief executive officer of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Prior to joining ASHP in 2011, Paul worked in hospitals and health-systems for 34 years. He served as associate hospital director for professional services and chief pharmacy officer at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. He was also director of pharmacy and associate professor at the Medical College of Virginia and the University of Minnesota.

Paul earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and biology from Indiana University, a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from the University of Toledo, a Pharm.D. from the University of Michigan and completed his residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

In addition to serving as treasurer and then president of ASHP, he chaired the board of the ASHP Research and Education Foundation, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy and the Iowa Statewide Poison Control Center.

Paul has lectured and published extensively, focusing on the effect that quality pharmacy care has on improving outcomes of care and reducing costs, developing new care models, reducing adverse drug events, and expanding comprehensive pharmacy care to the ambulatory setting.

He was a recipient of the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award in 2009, health-system pharmacy’s highest honor. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy (1990), the Alumni Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy (2010) and the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science from the University of Toledo (2013).

Paul serves on the boards of the American Nurses Foundation, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board, and the National Steering Committee for Patient Safety of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. He is a professor-emeritus at the University of Iowa.

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