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2012 Distinguished Service Award Winner

Marc Stranz, Pharm.D.

Vice President, Clinical Operations
Bioscrip
East Greenville, Pennsylvania

Dr. Marc Stranz served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1974. On discharge, he decided to join the multigenerational family "business" of pharmacy. On receipt of his Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1978, Marc ran the Virginia Drug Information Center for a year and then went back for his Doctor of Pharmacy degree, graduating in 1983. In 1981, Marc had accepted the original position of clinical pharmacist at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. During the next five years, Dr. Stranz created a regional drug information center, clinical pharmacy rounds, a nutrition support team, an IV Team, a home infusion service, and conducted nutrition support teaching rounds at Texas Tech School of Medicine. He held leadership roles in the Lubbock Area Society of Health-System Pharmacists and committee positions with the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists (TSHP).

Dr. Stranz developed a fascination with infusion therapy at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals in the 1970s. When Methodist Hospital lost interest in home infusion, he opened an independent home infusion business in Lubbock. That business was bought by a national home infusion provider, and Marc has been a part of corporate infusion therapy since 1986. Marc's corporate career includes working in clinical, operations, supply chain, cleanroom construction, and marketing for seven national home infusion providers and two national long term care corporations in ten states. He is currently Vice President, Clinical Operations for Bioscrip and lives near Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Stranz was a Joint Commission surveyor, instructor at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, and has served on committees for the National Home Infusion Association, Intravenous Nurses Society, the Association for Vascular Access, the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, and the National Quality Forum.

Marc has been a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) since his undergraduate years. His involvement with ASHP includes volunteer work at national meetings, member on ad hoc committees, a term as a member on the Council on Public Policy, and contributions to ASHP Guidelines. In addition to service on various ASHP committees, he served as Director-at-Large, and then as Chair for the Section of Home, Ambulatory and Chronic Care Practitioners Executive Committee.

Click here to read [Dr. Stranz's](#) remarks during the DSA Dessert Reception at the 47th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting where he received his award.