



In the Spotlight

2008 Distinguished Service Award Winner Section Home, Ambulatory, and Chronic Care Practitioners

Name: Mary Ann Kliethermes, B.S., Pharm.D.

Title: Vice-Chair of Ambulatory Care

Work Location: Chicago College of Pharmacy, Midwestern University

Mary Ann Kliethermes, B.S., Pharm.D., graduated from University of Michigan in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia) with a Doctor of Pharmacy in 1981. Her career has taken her down a number of paths including hospital pharmacy as a clinical coordinator, where she developed pharmacokinetic, nutritional support and adverse drug event reporting programs. Kliethermes spent 10 years in home care pharmacy where, through part-ownership, she was able to develop innovative clinical pharmacy services. She also worked as a consultant, developing the pharmacist immunization program in Illinois.

For the past six years, Kliethermes has served as Manager of the Medication Therapy Management Clinic at the University of Illinois – Chicago, developing and expanding the initial concept of a multiple medication refill clinic. The MTM clinic currently is a referral based, pharmacist run clinic located in the outpatient pharmacy. The MTM clinic serves approximately 150 patients with multiple conditions and multiple medications. Services provided include assistance with access; adherence and continuity of care as it relates to medications; monitoring for drug related problems and therapeutic effect; and patient education. Recently she accepted the position of Vice-Chair of Ambulatory Care at the Chicago College of Pharmacy, Midwestern University, where her primary responsibilities will be to further develop clinical pharmacy and the ambulatory care faculty through advancement of clinical services, mentoring and scholarship.

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