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In the Spotlight



2011 Distinguished Service Award Winner
Richard L. Stambaugh, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS
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Richard (Rick) Stambaugh began his VA service in the 1970s as a volunteer at the Saint Cloud VA, and in 1978 at the Iowa City VA as a pharmacist resident. In 1980, he completed the residency and a Master's Degree in Pharmacy from the University of Iowa. Dr. Stambaugh completed B.S. and Pharm.D. degrees at the University of Minnesota. He worked in assignments as a pharmacist and supervisor at VA Medical Centers in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Kansas City, and Baltimore, until transferring home to the St Cloud VA Health Care System as Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator in 1988.

Upon his arrival to the St. Cloud VA, Dr. Stambaugh was responsible for helping build clinical pharmacy services and teams for medication management of high risk medications and direct patient care services thru the continuum of hospital, ambulatory, home and long term care. His activities over the past twenty years at St. Cloud include patient care, planning, organizing, communication of goals and policies, leading change in clinical and management processes to reach performance and quality goals, teaching, and research. Direct patient care activities in ambulatory care include individual appointments, shared (or group) medical patient encounters, and telehealth care to outlying community clinics. The St. Cloud VA Health Care System and Pharmacy are leaders in care delivery, patient outcomes and management efficiency indicators.

Dr. Stambaugh served in an additional collateral assignment from 2005 to 2009 as a Regional Education Coordinator for the University of Minnesota, monitoring and supporting diverse pharmacy operations and educational programs offered at Community pharmacies, Home Infusion centers, critical access hospitals, compounding pharmacies, and regional health systems. Committee and team involvement includes Medication Use Evaluation activity, Pharmacy Quality Improvement, residency, local and regional Pharmacy and Therapeutics, Medical Executive Board and serving on interdisciplinary teams.

Dr. Stambaugh became involved with ASHP and state affiliates in the 1970s. He was Director-at-Large on the Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners (SACP) Executive Committee and has served on the SACP Committee on Nominations. His service includes roles on multiple SACP advisory groups, including those on Cognitive Reimbursement Resources and Pain Management and Palliative Care. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Section Advisory Group on Clinical Practice Advancement. Other ASHP activities include facilitating meeting sessions and serving in the ASHP House of Delegates.

Dr. Stambaugh is a volunteer for the VA Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System, and he served with VA mobile medical clinics in Louisiana in September, 2005 after Hurricane Katrina. He provided patient assessment of pharmaceutical care needs and issued prescriptions in collaboration with providers deployed to Hammond and Slidell, Louisiana. He was glad to be able to visit Louisiana again in 2011 for the Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Click here to read [Dr. Stambaugh's remarks](#) during the DSA Dessert Reception at the 46th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting where he received his award.