

In the Spotlight



2010 Distinguished Service Award Winner

Rita K. Jew, Pharm.D., FASHP

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Rita Jew received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of California at San Francisco and completed an ASHP-Accredited Residency in Clinical Pharmacy at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. She is Executive Director of Pharmacy & Clinical Nutrition Services at Children's Hospital of Orange County since 2005, where she directs all operational and clinical activities of the 24-hour inpatient pharmacy services, outpatient pharmacy services, investigational drug services, 340B Hemophiliac Program, Pharmacy Residency Program and Clinical Nutrition and Lactation Services. She provides leadership in institutional drug use and clinical nutrition and lactation policy, medication safety initiatives, pharmacy-related technology and automation, implementation of CPOE, quality improvement initiatives and oversees educational activities to pharmacy, nursing, medical and other health care professional staff.

Prior to her current position, Rita was Clinical Manager, Director of Pediatric Specialty Residency Program and Clinical Specialist in Neonatology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for 14 years. She held adjunct faculty appointments at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Temple University School of Pharmacy and University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

Rita is an established neonatal and pediatric practitioner and has presented extensively at local, state and national meetings for pharmacists, nurses and physicians. Her areas of expertise include neonatal drug therapy, drug use during ECMO, immunizations, medication safety, and technology and automation. She has also published considerably on various pediatric areas with the book *Extemporaneous Formulations* (2nd Edition) being her most recent contribution to the pediatric literature. She served on the Editorial Board of *American Journal of Health-Systems Pharmacists (AJHP)* and is reviewer for numerous pharmacy journals.

Rita has had significant involvement in various roles with ASHP. In addition to serving on the Membership Development Advisory Group, the Commission on Therapeutics and the ASHP House of Delegates, she was chair and delegate-at-large of the Section of Clinical Specialists and

Scientists (SCSS) Executive Committee. She also served on the SCSS Nominations Committee and the section's Advisory Group on Investigational Pharmacy Services.

Rita is also actively involved in local and state pharmacy societies. She was Director-at-Large of Pennsylvania Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (PSHP) Board and Past President of Delaware Valley Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (DVSHP). She was involved in local and state emergency preparedness efforts and was an appointed pharmacist member to the Clinical & Scientific Resource Network of the Pennsylvania Statewide Advisory Committee for Preparedness and Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Bioterrorism Work Group.

Jew received the Jonathan Roberts award from DVSHP in 2004 and the Fellow of ASHP in 2007.