

In the Spotlight

2007 Distinguished Service Award Winner Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners



DeeAnn Wedemeyer-Oleson, Pharm.D., CGP
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DeeAnn Wedemeyer-Oleson received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1999 from Drake University. She completed an ASHP-accredited residency in geriatric pharmacy practice at the VA Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. After completion of her residency, Wedemeyer-Oleson accepted a position as Director of Pharmacy at Guthrie County Hospital in Guthrie Center, Iowa. She is a primary instructor on the diabetes education team at Guthrie County Hospital and is the pharmacist member of the diabetes collaborative management team in the hospital's family medicine clinics.

Wedemeyer-Oleson earned the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (CGP) credential in 2004 and offers a geriatrics specialty rotation for pharmacy students. She was named adjunct faculty Preceptor of the Year by Drake University College of Pharmacy in 2002. She has also held adjunct faculty positions at Idaho State University, Des Moines Area Community College, and Des Moines University. In 2007, Wedemeyer-Oleson became the first alumni to receive Drake University College of Pharmacy's Young Alumni Achievement Award.

Wedemeyer-Oleson is a 2001 participant of the Iowa Pharmacy Association's (IPA) Leadership Pharmacy Conference. She served as a member of the IPA Public Affairs Committee for several years, including leading the committee as Chair in 2004. She was selected as the IPA Distinguished Young Pharmacist in 2004 and received the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award in 2006. She served a two-year term on the IPA Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2007.

Wedemeyer-Oleson has served as a member of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy's Advisory Groups related to pharmacy technicians, sterile compounding, and pharmacy practice in small and rural hospitals. She was appointed to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy by Governor Chet Culver in 2007 and is currently serving her three-year term. Wedemeyer-Oleson is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and has twice represented Iowa as an ASHP delegate. She was a member of the Executive Committee of ASHP's Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners. She served as Chair of the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioner's Advisory Group on Small and Rural Hospitals for its first three years and is currently serving as Immediate Past Chair.

Wedemeyer-Oleson is a columnist for Pharmacy Practice News, a national hospital pharmacy publication. Her column, entitled "The Smallest Corner," focuses on issues related to pharmacy practice in rural hospitals.

Wedemeyer-Oleson was the first pharmacist member of the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care's (IFMC) Advisory Board, Iowa's Medicare quality improvement organization (QIO), a term she served from 2004 to 2007. She is also the first pharmacist to serve as an Advisory Board member on the Iowa Healthcare

Collaborative (IHC), a health care provider organization promoting quality, patient safety, and value in the state. She is a member of IHC's Patient Safety Committee and serves as the Medication Safety Chair.