



## In the Spotlight

**2008 Distinguished Service Award Winner (Inpatient Care Practitioners)**

**Ronald M. Barnes, R.Ph., M.S., FASHP**

**Pharmacist Level II**

**Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta**

Ronald M. Barnes, R.Ph., M.S., FASHP graduated from Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia with a B.S. Pharm. He also has a M.S. in Health Care Policy and Administration from the Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University.

For over two decades, Barnes has worked for Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta. Over the years, he has served in numerous capacities including Pharmacy Director, Assistant Director of Pharmacy, and Manager. Currently, he holds the position of Night Pharmacist. During his tenure at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Barnes has had numerous significant accomplishments. These include assisting with installing a new hospital wide computer system, establishing the pharmacist as part of the code response team, and expanding two satellite pharmacies. Barnes has also he served as Assistant Director of Pharmacy at the North Fulton Regional Hospital where he established the pharmacist as part of the code response team and a pharmacy-on-wheels program.

Barnes has also been active in local, state, and national pharmacy organizations. He has served on the Board and as President of the Atlanta Academy of Institutional Pharmacies, from which he received the Pharmacist of the Year Award in 1998. In addition, he has been a member of the Georgia Society Health-System Pharmacists (GSHP), serving as its Organizational Affair committee Chair and President, and received the Pharmacist of the Year Award in 2001.

Barnes has also given his time and talent to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and has served as Chair of the Council on Legal and Public Affairs (2003) and Chair of the Inpatient Care Practitioners Section (2003-04). Currently, he serves on the section's Nominations Committee, and has had the pleasure of serving in the House of Delegates for many years. He received ASHP Fellow status in 2005. He has also served as the catalyst for encouraging member involvement in the Section Executive Committee.

Barnes also enjoys serving his community. He is on the Alpharetta YMCA board and is the advisor for the Teen Leaders Club there. He is active in his church on the youth ministry team and currently teaches 11th grade. He has served on two mission trips in the last year: one, a

medical/surgical trip with Faith in Practice to Guatemala; and the second, with teens from the YMCA and youth ministry to Ingole, India to serve at a Tsunami orphanage there.