



In the Spotlight



2011 Distinguished Service Award Winner
Dennis A. Tribble, Pharm.D., FASHP
Chief Pharmacy Officer
Baxa Corporation

Dr. Tribble graduated from the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy with his Pharm.D. in 1974, undertook an ASHP-accredited residency at The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina and then began practice at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois in 1975.

In 1979, he became the Director of Pharmacy at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village, Illinois where he practiced until 1986. During this time, he served in a variety of capacities with the Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists, including serving as President. He also designed and taught a Pharmacology course for nurses at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, Illinois and designed and implemented his first pharmacy computer system.

In 1986, Dr. Tribble joined the staff of Health Data Sciences (HDS) Corporation who was then designing and building an EMR-centered, completely integrated Healthcare Information System. While at HDS, he designed the first pharmacy system features and then moved into the design of interfaces and other utility projects.

In 1994, Dr. Tribble joined Baxa Corporation as the Director of Technical Support for their TPN compounder line, eventually becoming the Chief Medical Officer of the company.

In 2001, Dr. Tribble joined ForHealth Technologies, Inc., where he contributed to the development of the first general-purpose robotic IV device and eventually the IV Admixture Workflow Management product now known as DoseEdge®. He served as the Chair of the ASHP Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology Executive Committee in 2008-2009. In 2009, he led the development of the Section Vision Statement on a Technology-Enabled Practice as well as contributing several articles to the Informatics Interchange column.

Also in 2009, ForHealth Technologies was purchased by Baxa Corporation, and Dr. Tribble was named Chief Pharmacy Officer of the Corporation. In 2010, he collaborated with Mark Siska of Mayo Clinic to produce the briefing paper on technology for the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative Summit Meeting in November, 2010. He is currently a member of the Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology Advisory Group on Pharmacy Operations Automation.

Dr. Tribble has published extensively during his career, primarily regarding informatics and pharmacy operations. He has served as a reviewer for many years and now serves on the AJHP Editorial Board.

Dr. Tribble resides in Ormond Beach, FL, with his wife Irina. He has three daughters and two grandchildren, who he says are the light of his life.

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