

Dr. Charles Daniels Receives John W. Webb Lecture Award

Charles Daniels Honored for his Leadership in Health-System Pharmacy

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) has named Charles E. Daniels, Ph.D., FASHP, as the recipient of the 2014 John W. Webb Lecture Award.

Daniels is pharmacist-in-chief, University of California-San Diego Health System and Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Associate Dean, UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences. As pharmacist-in-chief of UC San Diego, Daniels serves as system-wide pharmacy officer for the UC San Diego hospitals and clinics.

In his role as pharmacist-in-chief at UC San Diego Medical Center, Daniels was instrumental in many innovations, including establishing an integrated professional education service model and Transitions of Care Pharmacy Hospital to Home service model. During his tenure at the NIH Clinical Center, he transformed the ambulatory pharmacy practice to accommodate a growing emphasis on outpatient investigational drug protocols, helped expand the pharmacy-based clinical pharmacokinetics research laboratory, and lead system reforms to prevent medication errors.

Daniels stands out as a unique figure in health-system pharmacy leadership. His professional vision, strategic thinking, and strong leadership have been a significant positive influence on his colleagues, residents, and students, as well as on the entire profession. Throughout his career, Daniels' research has focused on solving practice problems that regularly confront health-system pharmacists, including medication safety, cost-effective use of medications, and increased efficiency of health-system operations. His leadership has cultivated an understanding among health-system executives and other health care providers of the importance of including pharmacists in key leadership and decision-making positions. He also has served as a champion for postgraduate education and training in order to best prepare pharmacists for practice.