



## ASHP Foundation News Release

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### **ASHP Research and Education Foundation CEO Stephen J. Allen Announces Retirement Plans *Board of Directors Initiates Process for 2018 Transition***

**BETHESDA, MD** (July 7, 2017) – ASHP Research and Education Foundation Board Chairman John T. Tighe, III announced today that the Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer, Stephen J. Allen, M.S., FASHP, has indicated that he plans to retire on December 31, 2017, and that the ASHP Foundation Board of Directors has initiated a process to select Mr. Allen’s successor.

ASHP’s Chief Executive Officer Paul W. Abramowitz said, “I especially want to thank Steve for his strong and outstanding leadership of the ASHP Foundation throughout his tenure. Since Steve stepped into the role of Foundation CEO in 2000, the Foundation has reaffirmed its commitment to our mission, expanded and sharpened its strategies and tactics, and developed our leadership. We are indebted to Steve for greatly improving our ability to achieve that mission by bringing about a significant evolution for the Foundation’s leadership as well as its work. We will miss Steve’s wisdom and friendship.”

“The ASHP Foundation has been blessed to have Steve’s insightful and collaborative style of leadership for nearly 20 years,” Mr. Tighe said. During Steve’s tenure, the prime focus of Foundation programs centered on an array of offerings that facilitate the development and expansion of pharmacists’ leadership roles in the healthcare system and that position pharmacists to expand their direct patient care role. Notable programs include the Award for Excellence in Medication Safety, the Pharmacy Leadership Academy, the Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards, the Pharmacy Forecast Report, the Pharmacy Residency Expansion Grant Program, the Visiting Leaders Program, a host of clinical traineeship programs, and an array of research grant programs for clinical pharmacists.

Mr. Allen previously served as Director of Pharmacy Services at Georgetown University Hospital before coming to the Foundation. His career has been entirely focused on advancing pharmacy practice at the executive level. He has held leadership positions at Children’s National Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Region, and Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, MD. Educated as a pharmacist at the University of Rhode Island, Mr. Allen completed a 2-year administrative residency at the University of Maryland Hospital and earned a Master of Science degree in pharmacy from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

Among his numerous honors and professional leadership roles, Mr. Allen is an ASHP Fellow, a Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists past president and Pharmacist of the Year, a founding member and past president of the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group, and a recipient of the University of Rhode Island, School of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumni Award. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Association Foundation Group and the University of Rhode Island Research Foundation, and is currently a member of the Board of Visitors at University of Maryland School of

Pharmacy. Mr. Allen has published and spoken widely on the subjects of pediatric pharmacy practice, leadership, and fundraising.

The ASHP Foundation CEO search process will be led by a search committee consisting of seven leaders. This will include three ASHP Foundation board members: R. Edward Howell, William P. Owad, and John T. Tighe; three ASHP Board members: Paul W. Abramowitz, Paul W. Bush, and Lisa M. Gersema; and an ASHP past president who served as ASHP Foundation board chairman for 2 years: Max L. (Mick) Hunt. The committee will be aided by the executive search firm of Isaacson, Miller, a Washington DC-based firm specializing in the recruitment of exceptional leaders for mission-driven organizations. The search committee will interview finalists for the position during the summer and will select the candidate in early fall, allowing for the selected candidate to serve for several months as the CEO designate alongside Mr. Allen until his retirement at the end of December 2017.

The search committee will soon release a position description and will outline the process for ASHP members and others to provide suggestions for individuals to be considered for the Foundation CEO position. ASHP Foundation Chairman Tighe emphasized that the CEO search will be conducted as a confidential process.

### **About the ASHP Foundation**

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation ([www.ashpfoundation.org](http://www.ashpfoundation.org)) was established in 1968 by ASHP ([www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org)) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the healthcare team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe, and effective medication use.

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