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### **ASHP Foundation Announces Pharmacy Leadership Academy Class of 2009**

BETHESDA, Md. (February 25, 2009) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation has selected 76 pharmacists to participate in the 2009 Pharmacy Leadership Academy. The Academy is a program offered through the ASHP Foundation's Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership, which was established in 2006 through a joint effort by the ASHP Foundation and ASHP. It is funded in part by a grant from Amgen, Inc.

The Pharmacy Leadership Academy is designed to provide additional comprehensive training to pharmacy leaders beyond what is learned in pharmacy residencies, short courses and other educational programs. The Academy provides leadership training applicable to clinical and administrative pharmacy practitioners in small to large hospitals and health systems who aspire to leadership positions in health-system pharmacy. Most importantly, this program directly benefits patients because participants apply their new-found skills in the health-system environment to improve medication-use safety, quality of care and utilization of health care resources.

Academy participants complete a series of nine distance-learning modules over the calendar year based on a set of competencies developed by an advisory committee and considered essential for effective pharmacy leadership. The modules are:

- Leading the Pharmacy Enterprise
- Providing Leadership in Safety and Quality
- Understanding Information Technology and Systems
- Leading People
- Leadership for Effective Financial Management
- Leading Change and Innovation

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- Leading for Results
- Gaining Leadership Skills through Self-Development
- Building Presence with Executive Leadership

“We were very pleased with the results of the Academy’s first year,” says Richard Walling, B.S.Pharm., M.H.A., Director of the Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership. “Faculty members and participants said the 2008 Academy met, and in many cases exceeded, their expectations. We expect an even more robust learning experience from changes made to the program for this year’s class. Several of these changes are the direct result of feedback from our 2008 participants. The Academy is well aligned with the pharmacists’ desire to enhance their leadership skills.”

The 76 individuals participating in the 2009 Academy represent 34 U.S. states as well as Canada and the United Arab Emirates. This is the first time the Academy will have a participant from outside of North America. Pharmacists in clinical and administrative management positions are represented as well as a wide range of hospital and health-system settings. Twenty-one directors of pharmacy are participating in the Academy.

Watch for the opening of the 2010 class application period this spring. For details about the Pharmacy Leadership Academy and to view a list of the Class of 2009, please visit the ASHP Foundation Web site at [www.ashpfoundation.org](http://www.ashpfoundation.org) and click on “Leadership.”

*The ASHP Research and Education Foundation was established in 1968 by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use. The Foundation provides leadership and conducts education and research activities that foster the coordination of interdisciplinary medication management leading to optimal patient outcomes. Emphasis is given to programs that will have a major impact on advancing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems, thereby improving public health.*

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