

## In the Spotlight



### **2014 Distinguished Service Award Winner**

Karol G. Wollenburg, M.S., R.Ph.  
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Karol Wollenburg currently serves as Vice President and Apothecary-in-Chief at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, a 2,600 bed hospital in New York City. In this capacity, she is administratively responsible for Pharmacy services at the six sites of New York-Presbyterian as well as contracted services to several other hospitals. Ms. Wollenburg received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut, completed a management focused residency in hospital pharmacy from Lenox Hill Hospital, and earned her Master's degree in clinical pharmacy from St. John's University.

Active in professional organizations, Ms. Wollenburg has served on numerous state and national committees. At ASHP, Ms. Wollenburg has served the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers by participating as a member and assuming leadership roles on committees including the Executive Committee, the Quality and Compliance Section Advisory Group (SAG), the Multi-Hospital Systems SAG, the Leadership Development SAG, and the Committee on Nominations. As an outgrowth from her service on the Leadership Development SAG, she served as a facilitator for the Student Leadership Development Program on numerous occasions. In 2002, Ms. Wollenburg was part of the ASHP organized executive session held with national nursing leaders to collaborate on building a shared vision for Nursing and Pharmacy about safe medication use in hospitals. Ms. Wollenburg was also a member of ASHP's Council on Administrative Affairs, serving as Vice-Chair and Chair.

Ms. Wollenburg is the recipient of the Joel Yellin Award of Merit from the New York City Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Pharmacist Achievement Award from the New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists for her significant contribution to the practice of Pharmacy. St. John's University College of Pharmacy and the University of Connecticut have recognized her with Distinguished Alumna Awards. In 2003, she received the American Society of Health System Pharmacists John W. Webb Lecture Award which recognizes a hospital or health-system pharmacy practitioner or educator who has distinguished herself or himself through extraordinary dedication to fostering excellence in pharmacy management.

The major focus of Ms. Wollenburg's publications and lectures in recent years has been issues she is passionate about - leadership and medication safety. Her inspiration to pursue a career in pharmacy comes from her mother, who is also a pharmacist.