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### **Pharmacy Professional to Receive Distinguished Service Award at AACP Annual Meeting**

**Alexandria, Va.** — The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) will recognize Jimmy R. Mitchell, M.P.H., R.Ph., for his commitment and dedication to **patient safety, clinical pharmacy services** and collaboration with **academic pharmacy** at the [2010 Annual Meeting and Seminars](http://www.aacp.org/annualmeeting10) ([www.aacp.org/annualmeeting10](http://www.aacp.org/annualmeeting10)) in Seattle, Wash. The AACP Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Mitchell during the Closing Banquet on Tuesday, July 13.

Mitchell is the director of the [Office of Pharmacy Affairs](#) in the [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA) and co-chair of HRSA's **Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative**. His office administers the 340B Drug Pricing Program through which more than 14,000 outpatient clinics and disproportionate share hospitals purchase approximately \$5 billion annually in discounted drugs. He has directed several new initiatives, including the Prime Vendor Program, clinical pharmacy demonstration grants and the Alternative Methods Demonstration projects, all of which improve access to comprehensive pharmacy services for underserved populations. He retired from the **U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps** after 31 years of service.

"This award is an exceedingly high honor for me, one that I never dreamed of receiving," Mitchell said. "It perhaps recognizes my small part in helping to bring academic pharmacy and safety-net clinics and hospitals of this country into closer working relationships that is both improving patient care and improving the educational opportunities of future pharmacy practitioners. I am truly honored to receive this award."

Mitchell graduated from [The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy](#) where he currently serves on the dean's advisory committee. He also earned a master's degree in national resource strategy (healthcare focus) from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University.

"Since I first met Jimmy in the early days of the clinical pharmacy demonstration project grant program he has been the strongest proponent of two critical issues – providing the most underserved citizens access to clinical pharmacy services and creating partnerships between colleges and schools of pharmacy and safety network providers," said AACP Executive Vice President and CEO Lucinda L. Maine, Ph.D., R.Ph. "For this and so many more accomplishments, AACP is delighted to present this achievement award to our friend and colleague."

Throughout his distinguished career, Mitchell has been the recipient of many professional awards, including the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management's Award for Distinguished Achievement in Administrative Practice and the ASHP Award of Excellence. He is the 2009–2010 honorary president of the American Pharmacists Association.

The [2010 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars](#), *Expanding Our Horizons*, will be held July 10-14, 2010 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Wash. The conference offers educational programming, exhibits, networking events and award presentations. Registration fees are waived for credentialed journalists. Visit the [AACP Web](#)

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