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VIRGINIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION Honors Award Winners

The Virginia Pharmacists Association Academy of Independent Pharmacists (VPhA AIP) has selected R. Michael Berryman of South Hill, VA as the recipient of the 2016 Addington Medal Award for Excellence in Independent Community Pharmacy. This award was established in 2013 by the VPhA Research and Education Foundation Addington Vision Fund. This award recognizes a pharmacist that advances the entrepreneurial spirit for community pharmacy and empowers community pharmacists with innovations in the practice and business of pharmacy to help them thrive.

Berryman is a 1963 graduate of the MCV School of Pharmacy. He is a past president and a past executive director of the Virginia Pharmacists Association. He began his pharmacy career at Blackwell-Smith Drug in Petersburg before buying Smith's Pharmacy in Kenbridge. In 1984 Berryman started Pharmacists Shared Services Buying Group which later became known as EPIC Pharmacies. In 1992 EPIC started a joint partnership with the Maryland Professional Pharmacies Buying Group to form EPIC Pharmacy Network (EPN). Through this partnership in the mid 90's EPIC and the Maryland group merged to form the current EPIC Pharmacies as we know it today.

The Virginia Pharmacists Association, founded in 1881, is the professional association representing the pharmacists of Virginia. The purpose of the Association is to assure the viability and vitality of the profession of pharmacy by maximizing its contribution to patient care, promoting the competency of its practitioners, and increasing an awareness of these contributions and capabilities and their value.