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### VIRGINIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION Honors Award Winners

The Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA), the statewide professional association representing the pharmacists of Virginia, presented the following awards during the Awards Banquet at their 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention – Wyndham Hotel – Virginia Beach, VA – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Kerri T. Musselman** of Midlothian, VA– received the Excellence in Innovation Award. This is a national award coordinated by the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and sponsored by Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc. to recognize and honor a qualified pharmacist who has demonstrated significant innovation in their respective practice, method or service directly or indirectly resulting in improved patient care and/or advancement of the profession of pharmacy.

Dr. Musselman has created a pharmacy practice that serves as a model for other pharmacists in today's changing healthcare climate. Her current position began in 2012 with the Quality and Clinical Transformations Group at Bon Secours Health System. Dr. Musselman has been invaluable in gaining pharmacists a secured role on the multidisciplinary team within the medical home model. In her practice model, patients are referred to the pharmacist for a comprehensive medication review by nurse case managers and physicians. She has proven to administrators the value of having a pharmacist on the healthcare team time and again. Dr. Musselman's practice model has spread throughout Bon Secours in Virginia and will very likely continue to spread into other state systems. Her role within Bon Secours is innovative, groundbreaking, and truly deserving of this award.

*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.*