MERCY PHARMACIST NAMED HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

Erik Maki, PharmD, was recently named 2016 Health-System Pharmacist of the Year by the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA). The award was presented during IPA’s 2016 Annual Meeting in June.

Erik is a clinical specialist at Mercy, where he consults for the hospitalist program and rounds with the internal medicine teaching team. He also precepts pharmacy students and Mercy’s pharmacy residents. In addition, he is also an associate professor at the Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

“Erik has demonstrated passion and innovation as a hospital pharmacist, creating positions that demonstrate the value of pharmacists on the patient’s health care team,” said Kate Gainer, PharmD, IPA’s executive vice president and CEO.

The Health-System Pharmacist of the Year Award is a national awards program that recognizes a health-system pharmacist who demonstrates service to the pharmacy profession, specifically hospital pharmacy; contributions to pharmacy programs; cooperation with the entire health care team; and service to the community.

JOIN MERCY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL & CLINICS AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

Going to the Iowa State Fair? Make sure you stop by the STAR 102.5/Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics Kid Find booth near the west end of the Grandstand to get your child a special bracelet to identify them in case they get lost.

Volunteers from Mercy will be at the booth on Aug. 12-14, and 19-21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each day, they’ll have temporary tattoos, games and more. In addition, there will be special giveaways each weekend that tie in with a health or safety theme. Hydration and heat safety will be the focus on Saturday, Aug. 13, and Sunday, Aug. 14. Everyone who stops by the booth at that time will receive a free water bottle. First-aid care and safety will be the topics of the day on Saturday, Aug. 20, and Sunday, Aug. 21. Everyone who stops by the booth on those days will receive a free mini first-aid kit. Be sure to stop by and say “hi” while you’re at the Fair!
MERCY RECEIVES DONATION FROM “WILD” HOCKEY TEAMS

The Minnesota Wild Foundation and the Iowa Wild hockey team presented Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics with a $10,000 grant on Aug. 3 to fund Child Life Services activities at Mercy. Mercy was one of three Des Moines organizations to receive a grant from the hockey teams. The donation will be used to purchase new portable video game consoles that can be moved into patient rooms in the pediatric unit. Some of the funding will also be used to purchase a new air hockey table for the pediatric unit playroom.

STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS FOR MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

The Mercy Staff Advisory Council volunteered in June at Meals from the Heartland in West Des Moines. The group packaged 31 boxes (6,696 individual meals) that will be distributed globally and throughout Iowa. The Staff Advisory Council is a group that meets monthly to facilitate harmonizing communication between staff members on all topics of interest in order to achieve a higher level of colleague engagement.

Room Service Made-to-Order for guests launching next week

After piloting a guest room service program in the Mother/Baby units for more than a year, Mercy’s Food & Nutrition Services is launching Room Service Made-to-Order for guests at both central campus and Mercy West Lakes on Aug. 16. Now, guests of our patients can order Room Service meals and spend more time with their loved one. This service will be available in all areas except critical care patient rooms. Each meal is $6 and includes a choice of one entrée, two sides, one dessert and one beverage (excluding canned beverages).

This service will be available from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and guests can place their order when the patient orders theirs or separately. All orders will go through the room service call center, x-44444 in the Food & Nutrition Services department. Guests can pay for their meals with a MasterCard or Visa when their meal is delivered; no cash, checks or food vouchers will be accepted.

“Our team is excited to begin offering this service to guests throughout the hospital,” said Doreen Richmond, director of Food & Nutrition Services. “The pilot program was a great success, so we expect the expansion to be well-received.”

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