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PRESS RELEASE
Jimmy Barnes Receives
NPhA Health-Systems Practitioner Award

Chicago, IL – Mr. Jimmy Barnes was awarded the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA) Health-Systems Practitioner Award at the 62nd NPhA Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting was held in Chicago, IL, July 17th – July 20th, 2009, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile.

The Health-Systems Practitioner Award recognizes the recipient's contributions to the health-systems pharmacy as a staff pharmacist or manager and their significant improvements in the provision of pharmaceutical care over a period of time while a member of NPhA.

In 1972, Mr. Barnes purchased a community pharmacy, Barnes Pharmacy. After eleven years of community pharmacy service through Barnes Pharmacy he sold the store and accepted a position as Pharmacy Supervisor at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, NC. Then, Mr. Barnes returned to Chapel Hill, NC to accept a position as Pharmacy and Clinic Director at Piedmont Health Services. This was a Community Health Center enterprise that grew to 6 separate pharmacies and clinics under his leadership. It was during this tenure that Jimmy also earned a Master's in Health Policy and Administration (MPH) from the UNC-CH School of Public Health in 1996.

Mr. Barnes currently serves as a Senior Clinical Pharmacy Manager with a focus on Human Resources, hiring, and recruitment at University of North Carolina (UNC) Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC.

In June 1969, Mr. Barnes was the first African-American male to graduate from UNC-Chapel Hill's Co School of Pharmacy.

The National Pharmaceutical Association, founded in 1947, is the oldest and largest professional society representing the views and ideals of minority pharmacists on critical issues affecting health care and pharmacy. NPhA is a leader in the pharmaceutical care arena that addresses socio-economic issues affecting the individual patient and advances the standards of care in all practice settings.

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