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FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

*Nine Individuals to Receive the FSMB's Highest Honors for
Exceptional Leadership and Service in Medical Regulation*

DALLAS, TEXAS – The Federation of State Medical Boards announced the following recipients of its annual awards recognizing outstanding service to the field of medical regulation. The recipients will receive their awards during the FSMB Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, May 1-3, 2008.

Lifetime Achievement Award

George C. Barrett, M.D. An articulate advocate and leader for medical regulation, Dr. Barrett is being honored for his many exceptional contributions to medical regulation during his distinguished career. On the national level, Dr. Barrett was particularly influential in calling for new processes to expedite the mobility of physicians between states. During his term as president of the FSMB, Dr. Barrett established the Special Committee on License Portability, which developed a set of recommendations adopted by FSMB's House of Delegates as national policy in 2002. Under Dr. Barrett's direction, another special committee addressed the public safety issues arising from the rapid growth of medical practice via the Internet, particularly the prescribing and dispensing of medications. The resulting model guidelines set out clear parameters for medical boards to use in guiding physicians in the appropriate use of the Internet when practicing medicine.

Dr. Barrett also served on a workgroup that developed, in conjunction with the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, guidelines that provide a framework for developing rules and regulations overseeing the office-based treatment of opioid addiction. Additionally, Dr. Barrett played an instrumental role in the growth of the FSMB Post-Licensure Assessment System as a long-time member of the Assessment Center Program Committee. In North Carolina, he made many valuable contributions as a member of the state's medical board from 1992-98, chairing most of the board's committees at one time or another and serving as president in 1996-97.

Distinguished Service Award

Doris C. Brooker, M.D., is being honored for outstanding service and leadership to the FSMB and the field of medical regulation. She served on the FSMB Board of Directors for nearly a decade, including leading the FSMB as chair in 2004-05. Dr. Brooker also served as a member

on three special committees examining key medical regulatory issues: The Special Committee on the Evaluation of Undergraduate Medical Education, the Special Committee on Scope of Practice and the Special Committee on Maintenance of Licensure. Additionally, Dr. Brooker is currently an FSMB representative to the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Brooker also has a distinguished record of service in the Minnesota medical community. As a member of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice for many years, Dr. Brooker served on all the board's standing committees, chaired the board's Licensure and Complaint Review committees and served as president in 1997. She also played an instrumental role in initiating and chairing the board's taskforce on HIV HBV.

Alan E. Shumacher, M.D., is being honored for providing many years of exemplary and insightful leadership to the medical regulatory community. A member of the FSMB Board of Directors from 1995-2001, Dr. Shumacher was president of the organization in 1999-2000. In response to growing public demand for consumer-oriented information about physicians, Dr. Shumacher established the Special Committee on Physician Profiling. The resulting policy document and model consumers guide gave states a framework for how to provide personal and professional data on individual physicians to assist health care consumers in choosing a physician.

Dr. Shumacher may be best known for his invaluable contributions on behalf of medical boards to the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). He served on the USMLE's oversight body, the Composite Committee, from 1999-2005. As chair of the Committee on Irregular Behavior from 1995-2005, Dr. Shumacher was noted for his insights into the complex legal issues presented to the committee. Additionally, he currently serves as an FSMB representative to the National Board of Medical Examiners. Also very active in medical regulation in his home state, Dr. Shumacher was appointed to the Medical Board of California in 1992. Dr. Shumacher served on the board's executive committee for five years, including terms as board secretary, vice president and president.

John H. Clark, M.D. Leadership Award

Hampton W. Irwin, M.D., is being honored for the exceptional leadership he has provided to the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission during the past decade. In addition to chairing the Commission for three years, Dr. Irwin provided invaluable insight as a member of the board's policy, public affairs and impairment program committees. He also made significant contributions to the Commission by conducting in-depth research projects on key issues. These studies included a detailed analysis of the board's complaint database, which he outlined through a series of educational articles in the board's newsletter to licensees explaining why physicians drew complaints. Another research project featured a five-year study of sexual misconduct among Oregon and Washington practitioners. Additionally, Dr. Irwin has been a leader on the Commission in drafting office-based surgery rules for the state.

Clarence C. Reynolds, M.D., is being honored for nearly a quarter century of innovative leadership and service to the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts. Originally appointed to the board in 1984, Dr. Reynolds was named the board's first chief medical officer in 1988, becoming what is believed to be the first full-time chief medical officer of a state medical board. Dr. Reynolds served in this capacity until his retirement at the age of 82 in November 2007. During his tenure, Dr. Reynolds introduced Medical Staff Interviews as a format in which physicians could explain their involvement in the care and treatment of a patient. The board continues to use this process as an integral component of the board's investigative

proceedings. Dr. Reynolds also created the mailing of “Tribute Certificates” to state physicians who have 40 years of service as a way of honoring long-time physicians.

Meritorious Service Award

Guy T. Selander, M.D. and **Gerold L. Schiebler, M.D.**, are being recognized for their vision and dedication as founders of Florida’s Impaired Practitioners Program. Now called the Professionals Resource Network, this pioneering effort may have been the first official program of its kind in the United States when initially proposed by Dr. Selander and Dr. Schiebler more than 25 years ago. Thanks to their efforts and continued support, the Professionals Resource Network has positively impacted more than 8,000 licensed health care providers from nearly all health professions in Florida.

Ray L. Casterline Award for Excellence in Writing

Steven H. Shaha, Ph.D., et. al., for their article “Establishing a Culture of Patient Safety through a Low-Tech Approach to Reducing Medication Errors”, published in the *Journal of Medical Licensure and Discipline* (Vol. 92, No. 3).

Award for Excellence in Editorial Writing

Trevor Theman, M.D., registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, for his editorial “Just Culture”, published in the *Journal of Medical Licensure and Discipline* (Vol. 92, No. 3).

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national not-for-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards of the United States and its territories. FSMB’s mission is to continuously improve the quality, safety and integrity of health care by developing and promoting high standards for physician licensure and practice.