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## MIDLAND PHARMACIST RECEIVES INNOVATION AWARD

Midland pharmacist and business owner Kevin Roeder will receive the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award from the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) during the association's Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 29-March 2 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn.

To be deserving of this award, which is sponsored by Elan Biopharmaceuticals, a pharmacist must demonstrate an innovative pharmacy practice program that results in improved patient care.

Roeder is the owner of The Apothecary Shoppe pharmacies in Midland and Traverse City. The Apothecary Shoppe was founded in 2000 by Roeder as an outpatient pharmacy at MidMichigan Medical Center. In the years since its founding, Roeder has expanded his company to include additional pharmacies in downtown Midland and Traverse City, as well as an 8,000 square foot sterile products facility. In addition to traditional retail operations, Roeder also oversees state-of-the-art services, including providing medications for long-term care facilities, sterile medication compounding, compliance packaging and blister packaging. The Apothecary Shoppe has grown to be one of the most respected long-term care pharmacy providers in the state.

Through his innovations in the field of pharmacy, Roeder has taken his business beyond the traditional retail pharmacy. In fact, The Apothecary Shoppe was named one of the 50 Companies to Watch in Michigan in 2005. Future innovative plans include building a 40,000-50,000 square foot facility later this year to replace the current sterile products facility. The new building will feature robotics, a positive pressure clean room and automated blister packaging, as well as a larger area for long-term care, infusion and compounding. The new operation will effectively triple the size of that division of The Apothecary Shoppe, and Roeder plans to more than double the number of employees by 2009.

Roeder is a 1986 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy. Prior to opening the Apothecary Shoppe, he started and managed five different home infusion companies. Roeder has been a member of MPA since 2001.

The MPA, serving more than 3,000 pharmacy professionals, strives to be a leader in professional and scientific advancement by following its mission of encouraging and supporting its members as the professionals responsible for the delivery of patient-focused care.

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