

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Valerie Briggs

Senior Director, External Communications and Marketing Outreach

(703) 838-2686

valerie.briggs@ncpanet.org

Richard Logan Receives 2009 NCPA Prescription Drug Safety Award

New Orleans, LA (October 19, 2009) - The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) announced today that Richard Logan, owner of L & S Discount Pharmacy in Charleston, MO, has been awarded the 2009 NCPA Prescription Drug Safety Award. The announcement was made at the association's 111th Annual Convention and Trade Exposition held October 17-21 in New Orleans, LA.

The Prescription Drug Safety Award, sponsored by Purdue Pharma, L.P., recognizes pharmacists who have reached out in their communities to provide education on the benefits of the correct use of prescription drug products and the hazards associated with their misuse.

"Richard Logan is a terrific recipient for the NCPA Prescription Drug Safety Award, because of his heart-felt and continuous focus on keeping patients educated about prescription drugs," said Holly Whitcomb Henry, RPh, NCPA President and Seattle pharmacy owner. "It is that care and concern that maximizes the health outcomes for patients and also prevents the other side of that coin – the abuse of prescription drugs."

Logan is a member of the county sheriff's department and owns L & S with his business partner Ken Seiler, RPh, and also works at the Medical Arts Pharmacy in nearby Sikeston. The two communities, with a local population of about 4,000, are located in the southeast corner of Missouri in the upper Mississippi River Delta region.

"It's a very low-income area," Logan told *NCPA-Pfizer Digest* in 2006. "Despite that, people here have a community pride that is remarkable and infectious. I grew up in the community and came back. Both of my sons grew up here and came back. People who come to visit can't believe the sense of community, concern for each other, and friendliness our little corner of the world has to offer."

"We want to thank Richard Logan for his dedication to the health and well being of the people in his community," said Steve Seid, Executive Director of National Accounts & Trade Relations for Purdue. "Pharmacists are on the front line of health care and play an increasingly critical role in helping patients understand the appropriate use of medications."

The National Community Pharmacists Association, founded in 1898, represents the nation's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 pharmacies. The nation's independent pharmacies, independent pharmacy franchises, and independent chains dispense nearly half of the nation's retail prescription medicines. To learn more go to www.ncpanet.org.

Purdue Pharma L.P. and its associated U.S. companies are privately-held pharmaceutical companies known for pioneering research on persistent pain. Headquartered in Stamford, CT, Purdue is engaged in the research, development, production, and distribution of both prescription and over-the-counter medicines and hospital products. Additional information about Purdue can be found at www.purduepharma.com. ###