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Noted health system pharmacist visits Southeast Georgia Campus

Paul Pierpaoli, (B.S. Pharm; M.S.), a pioneer in pharmacy practice development, recently visited the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy’s new Southeast Georgia campus in Savannah at the invitation of the new assistant dean Ray Maddox.

Now retired and living in Hilton Head, Pierpaoli toured the new facilities and met with various groups, including the UGA pharmacy residents, residency directors and Savannah faculty based on the St. Josephs/Candler Hospital campus. He spoke about current trends and opportunities in pharmacy practice as well as challenges they will face.

Students were able to share their experiences and gain Pierpaoli’s insight into their current experiences. He emphasized their responsibility as future leaders to continue to enhance Pharmacy Practice for the benefit of their patients and those practitioners, students and residents who will follow them. He also encouraged mentorship as a most lofty pursuit, both during their training while being mentored as well as in the future when they could and should assume the role as mentors.

Pierpaoli’s honors include the prestigious Harvey A. K. Whitney award presented by the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP). He was a former president of ASHP and the Connecticut Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

Other positions include Assistant to the Chief, Pharmacy Department at the National Institutes of Health (1962-1964); Director of Pharmacy, The Union Memorial Hospital (1964-1965); Co-Investigator, U.S. Public Health Services Grant, Boston City Hospital (1966-1967); Director of Pharmacy, The Norwalk Hospital (1967-1968); Director of Pharmacy, The University of Connecticut Health Center, John Dempsey Hospital (1968-1977); Director of Pharmacy Services, Medical College of Virginia Hospitals (1977-1984); Director of Pharmacy Services, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center (1984-1998); and Senior Vice President, Pharmacy Practice at McKesson Medication Management (1998-2006).

During his career Pierpaoli was responsible for the conceptualization, planning, development and initial implementation of the intravenous admixture service program at the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health. This subsequently became a standard of hospital pharmacy practice in the U.S. hospitals. He also developed residency training programs in three academic health science center hospitals, with 119 residents completing these training programs.

In addition he provided regional and nationals leadership in the development and implementation of clinical pharmacy services in hospitals and contributed to the leadership legacy of health-system pharmacy over five decades through active participation and service as an Officer and Board Member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

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