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## **Kerr Drug Receives Community Pharmacy Foundation Grant**

**Raleigh, N.C.** - Kerr Drug, one of the nation's leading regional pharmacy chains, headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., announced today it received a grant from the Community Pharmacy Foundation to assist in its medication therapy management (MtM) program. The primary purpose of the foundation is to provide community pharmacy practitioners with the resources for research and development to improve patient care.

The \$24,000 grant has been awarded to Kerr's clinical manager of diabetes services, Ron DeVizia, PharmD, who has been recognized in the past for his leadership in offering a variety of MtM and diabetes education services to patients at Kerr Drug pharmacies. DeVizia is dedicated to schooling patients about diabetes and helping them develop a healthy lifestyle to properly manage the disease.

"Receiving this grant allows me to further strengthen diabetes prevention education in our state," says DeVizia who is also a 2007 recipient of the incentive grant provided by The American Pharmacists Association. "MtM is an important component of Kerr Drug's diabetes prevention services and the more we can develop the quality of this service the better our patients will respond to our care."

The money from the grant will be used to evaluate data collection software for MtM in the community pharmacy setting. The funding will also help to provide software, collect data, and gather valuable results.

MtM consists of pharmacists reviewing patients' medications, counseling patients on proper medication use, recognizing potential medication interactions and safety issues, providing disease-specific education and working with physicians to conclude whether any changes to a patient's medication regimen should be made.

In 2000, Kerr Drug was named "National Pharmacy Chain of the Year", and in 2005 was named "New Retail Concept of the Year" for its groundbreaking community health care center concept, and received the Pinnacle Award in 2006, highest honors from the American Pharmacists' Association.

**About Kerr Drug**

Kerr Drug is one of the most recognized and respected names in the chain drug industry. With its roots in the Carolinas and headquarters in Raleigh, Kerr Drug is taking the vision of community pharmacy farther than any other drug chain. The company has placed its future on its unique ability to provide patients, the medical community, and health plan sponsors, access to the most comprehensive and convenient health and wellness offering in the industry. With a mission to be the most comprehensive provider of pharmacy and related health care services, while continuing to be the most reliable provider of health related and convenience items, Kerr is currently providing services that far exceed the traditional drug store mix. For more information, please visit [www.kerrdrug.com](http://www.kerrdrug.com).