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Dennis K. Helling, PharmD, ScD (Hon), FCCP, FASHP, FAPhA is the Executive Director Emeritus, Pharmacy Operations & Therapeutics, Kaiser Permanente Colorado and Clinical Professor, University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Helling served Kaiser from 1992-2013. His Pharmacy Department, widely recognized internationally for innovative pharmacy services, employed over 900 staff at its 37 pharmacies emphasizing expanded roles for pharmacists and ambulatory clinical services.

Dr. Helling was a Founding Member and President of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. He also served as President of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and the American Pharmacists Association Foundation. Dr. Helling has been actively involved in hospice and palliative care for many years, serving on the Board of Directors of Care Synergy and as Vice-Chair of the The Denver Hospice Board of Directors. He served as Chairman of the Working Group on Pharmacy Reimbursement in the Federation of International Pharmacy. In addition, Dr. Helling currently serves on the American Pharmacists Association Board of Trustees and the Board of Pharmacy Specialties Board of Directors. Dr. Helling has been elected Fellow of ACCP, ASHP, and APhA.

He is a graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy (BS Pharm), University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy (PharmD), completed a clinical/hospital pharmacy residency at Cincinnati General Hospital and received an Honorary Doctor of Science from Mercer University. Dr. Helling completed the Kaiser Permanente Executive Program at Stanford University School of Business.

He is the recipient of numerous professional awards, including the inaugural recipient of the ACCP Paul Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy, ASHP Sustained Contribution to the Literature Award, two APhA Foundation Quality Center Pinnacle Awards for Excellence in the Individual and Group Practice categories, APhA Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award, Colorado Pharmacists Association Bowl of Hygeia Award, and the APhA Distinguished Achievement Award for Specialized Pharmaceutical Services. Dr. Helling also received the ACCP Distinguished Achievement Award in Ambulatory Care, University of Texas Robert Leonard Memorial Lecture Award, Distinguished Coloradan Award, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center Sabin Award for Exceptional Leadership and Vision, Ohio State University Milap Nahata Distinguished Lectureship Award, and the University of Arizona Coit Distinguished Lectureship Award. Dr. Helling received Distinguished Alumnus Awards from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, the University of Cincinnati and an Honorary Alumnus Award from the University of Iowa. His Department received the ASHP Best Practices Award and has twice received the Pharmacy Quality Alliance Award for Excellence in Medication Safety. In 2014 his former Department won the top ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award for its PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency and the New Preceptor Award. He has directed over 100 residents, fellows, and graduate students.

Dr. Helling's previous academic leadership positions included Professor/Department Chair/Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, University of Houston (1988-1992) and Associate Professor/Division Head of Clinical/Hospital Pharmacy, University of Iowa (1973-1988). His practice emphasis and research have been focused on documenting the impact pharmacists have on improving patient and economic outcomes. A frequent lecturer nationally and internationally, Dr. Helling was the 2013 American Pharmacist Association's Remington Honor Medalist, the profession's highest recognition.