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Darryl K. Potyk, MD, Awarded SCMS Physician Citizen of the Year for 2015

Spokane, WA, January 25, 2016---The Spokane County Medical Society awarded Darryl K. Potyk, MD, Physician Citizen of the Year for 2015 at their annual general membership meeting held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center on January 21, 2016. A plaque was presented to Dr. Potyk by Dr. Matthew Hollon, Immediate Past President of the Spokane County Medical Society, for his outstanding contributions to the medical profession and the community.

Dr. Potyk is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. He received his medical degree from Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California in 1986, and completed his residency and fellowship at Harbor UCLA Medical Center. Potyk came to Spokane in 1994 and has served in many capacities, most currently at the University Of Washington School Of Medicine as Assistant Dean for Regional Affairs & Clinical Professor for Providence Internal Medicine Residency Spokane as Associate Program Director.

Recipients of this award are nominated by their peers, and an independent entity reviews each nomination and selects the award recipient. Nominations are based and judged on five components:

- Contribution to public understanding and appreciation of the role of medicine, and to an improved public image of the medical profession and its members
- Demonstration of high standards of competence, ethics and professionalism
- Show outstanding ability in medicine
- Work for the advancement of the medical profession
- Contribution to the betterment of our community and nation.

To quote the physician who nominated Dr. Potyk for the Physician Citizen of the Year Award, "I have immense respect and appreciation for the role he has played in making the medical community and our community a better place. We all strive to make the world a little better as a result of our presence in it. Darryl can justifiably look back and say that he has been successful in this endeavor."

A second physician added, "The key issue for me is that Darryl combines the best of what I would like to someday be: a critical thinker, a thoughtful healer, and a citizen committed to make both the medical community and the overall Spokane community a better place."

The Spokane County Medical Society is proud to award this honor to Dr. Darryl Potyk.