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## ***2021 NCSBN Awards Ceremony - 2020 Award Recipient – Carmen Catizone*** **Video Transcript**

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### **Event**

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### **Presenter**

NCSBN Awards Committee

♪ [music] ♪ - [Woman] 2020 Founders Award. Dr. Carmen Catizone's profound commitment to public safety was a hallmark of his long and impactful career as executive director of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy or NABP. He is known as a collaborator extraordinaire for his ability to work within his own profession as well as other healthcare disciplines.

He has collaborated with his peers in nursing, medicine, psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and social work to collectively identify regulatory research gaps. This resulted in the publication of an analysis of the occupational licensure literature that highlighted a number of strengths and weaknesses that needed to be addressed.

His work along with the CEOs of Federation of State Medical Boards and NCSBN led to the development of the Tri-Regulator Collaborative and the subsequent biennial Tri-Regulator Conference, an idea that has been mirrored in a number of states across the nation. Carmen has always been keenly aware of emergent and evolving issues, explored them with vigor, and formulated proposals to the pharmacy community and other disciplines.

Constantly looking for opportunities to amplify impact through bringing disciplines together to speak in harmony, he has been a leader and innovator throughout his entire career. In the late 1990s, he explored tele-pharmacy, and more recently the development, implementation, and widescale adoption of the prescription monitoring program Data InterConnect.

This system provides a service to all prescribers and is essential in the fight against the opioid crisis. His work on the dangers of internet pharmacies has led to changes at the national and global levels, making healthcare safer for both patients and prescribers. As a prolific speaker around the globe, he has provided expert testimony to the DEA, individual states, and Congress.

Carmen is a regular contributor to both FDA and DEA training and policy sessions. He is also the author of multiple book chapters and articles and makes regular media appearances. He has fearlessly asked the

difficult questions that must be tackled if public safety is to remain at the forefront of care both in the U.S. and around the world. Carmen dedicated his professional life not only to NABP but also to the wider community of health practitioners and for-patient-centered teams.

Significantly, he has been an enduring ally to NCSBN for many decades and across a range of issues. It is for that reason that Carmen joins an exclusive group of honorees who have been given the Founders Award.

- [Carmen] Good afternoon, NCSBN board of directors, staff, and members. My special thanks to the NCSBN board of directors, the staff, and individuals responsible for bestowing on me this prestigious and meaningful award. I was fortunate to know and work with NCSBN's first executive director, Eileen Dvorak, and every NCSBN executive director since up to and including NCSBN's present-day CEO, David Benton.

What a pleasure and incredible learning experience those relationships, collaborations, and friendships have been to me. Dr. Dvorak, when reflecting on the founding of NCSBN, noted that an important part of that future are the relationships the national council develops with other organizations.

That statement aptly describes how I personally and NABP as an organization were able to work with and grow together with the NCSBN. It was an impetus to the founding of the tripartite collaboration between NCSBN, the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), and NABP.

I sorely miss my interactions with the NCSBN and the talented and dedicated leadership of the NCSBN board of directors and staff with whom I've had the pleasure of interacting with on a regular basis. Individuals such as Lori, and Cathy, and Philis, and Gloria, Vera, Joyce, Julie, and so many others.

And of course, David. Since NCSBN's founding in June of 1978, the organization has grown under the steady leadership of the board of directors, staff, and watchful eyes of its dedicated members. What was once the dream of a taskforce of devoted volunteers is now a gold standard for regulatory and competence assessment organizations.

While I was at NABP with every major issue that we undertook, one of the first questions we always ask is, "What are the nurses doing?" It was an is a question that recognizes the quality and standing of NCSBN in the regulatory and practice environments and your dedication to the protection of the public health.

Once again, my sincere and awestruck thanks for selecting me for this unheralded award. I will treasure it and my memories with NCSBN forever. Thank you.