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**WSU Health Sciences Vice Provost and Pharmacy Dean Appointed to HSSA Board**

SPOKANE, Wash. – The **Health Sciences & Services Authority** (HSSA) of Spokane County has announced that Washington Governor Christine Gregoire has appointed **Gary Pollack, Ph.D.** to the Health Sciences and Services Authority (HSSA) Board of Directors.

“We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Pollack join the HSSA Board given his extensive research and administrative experience,” said Nancy L. Isserlis, HSSA Board Chair.

Gary Pollack is the Vice Provost of Health Sciences and Dean of Pharmacy at Washington State University, which he joined in August 2010. He spent several years in ascending positions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he most recently served as the Executive Associate Dean, School of Pharmacy. He held a dual appointment in both the School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy.

As Vice Provost of WSU Health Sciences, Dr. Pollack will lead the expanding health sciences mission at the Spokane campus and will facilitate efforts to take an increasingly interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research in the field.

Dr. Pollack has a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and psychology from Knox College in Galesburg, IL, and a Ph.D. in pharmaceuticals, with a concentration on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics from SUNY, Buffalo, NY. The majority of Dr. Pollack’s career has been focused as an independent scientist on issues related to the central nervous systems pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics. He is widely published on his laboratory work in blood-brain barrier, substrate distributions with the brain, and drug action on CNS targets. He also has extensive experience as a principal investigator, co-investigator, and consultant on numerous research projects.

Dr. Pollack will serve a four-year term on the HSSA Board that concludes in 2015.

#### About Our Board:

In addition to Nancy Isserlis, Partner, Winston & Cashatt and HSSA Board Chair, HSSA Board Members are Earl F. “Marty” Martin, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Gonzaga University and HSSA Board Vice Chair; Michael Wilson, Chief Executive, Providence Health Care and Grants Committee Chair; Jason Thackston, Vice President of Energy Delivery, Avista Corp. and Finance Committee Chair; Dr. Jeff Collins, Medical Director, Providence Health Care; Kelsey Gray, Partner, Spectrum Group; Kevin Oldenburg, Ph.D., President, MatriCal Bioscience, Inc.; David J. Vachon, Ph.D., CEO/Founder, Iasis Molecular Sciences, and Gary Pollack, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Health Sciences, Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy.

#### About HSSA:

The **Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County** was established in 2007 by the Washington legislature, authorized county-wide by Spokane County in late 2008 to promote bioscience-based economic development, and began operating in 2009. Its mission is to advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease and to promote public health. HSSA invests funds to create and support a nationally competitive health sciences research cluster in Spokane County, and works to catalyze higher education research and the health sciences industry to lead to higher wage jobs, long-term sustainability and economic diversification. For more information, visit our website at [www.hssaspokane.org](http://www.hssaspokane.org), or contact Susan Ashe, Acting Executive Director at 509.358.2113 or [info@hssaspokane.org](mailto:info@hssaspokane.org).

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