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PHARMACY FACULTY ASSIST WITH MEDICATION MANAGEMENT BROCHURE

Omaha, Nebraska (February 21, 2007) --- Pharmacy Faculty members Ann Ryan Haddad and Michelle Faulkner have helped create a Medication Tracker which is now being distributed by the Greater Omaha Chapter of the National Safety Council. Last fall, the National Safety Council approached the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education (OISSE) seeking assistance from faculty and students regarding its FIRST Program which stands for Fall Interventions Reaching Seniors Together. Drs. Ryan Haddad and Faulkner volunteered, joining the Medication Management Task Force of the FIRST Program. The Task Force includes health care professionals from the Omaha Metropolitan areas including representatives from the Visiting Nurse Association, The Nebraska Medical Center, Pottawattamie County Health Department, and the National Safety Council. The goal of the Task Force is to educate older adults in greater Omaha about the impact medications have on the potential for experiencing a fall, a serious problem among older adults. The Medication Management Medication Tracker is the first major outcome of the Task Force, in which Drs. Ryan Haddad and Faulkner had a hand in developing.

The Great Omaha Chapter of the National Safety Council is offering the Medication Tracker free to the greater Omaha community. The goal is to distribute the information to as many older adults and their caregivers in the Omaha area as possible. To request a free copy, call 402-896-0454 or e-mail safety@safenebraska.org. For more on FIRST, visit: <http://www.first.org/index.html>.

