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Drug Quality and Security Hall of Fame

INTRODUCTION

There have been numerous people who have significantly contributed to drug quality and drug security throughout history. It is impossible to pay tribute to everyone, from leaders of countries and legislators to research specialists, from pharmacists to emergency room nurses and law enforcement personnel, and from wholesale distributor repackaging specialists to receiving supervisors of returns logistics providers. During my research for this book, there are a few that stand out that I would like to showcase for my readers. I do this with hope that others will be inspired to be the next-generation “hall of fame” members in drug quality and drug security.

DAVID SPARKS, FOUNDER OF PCCA

L. David Sparks worked for 22 years as the owner/pharmacist of independent pharmacies in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area (Figure 10.1). He was instrumental in introducing the compounding pharmacy to the hospice environment. He helped establish the Oklahoma Hospice Organization and was a founding director of the Hospice of Green Country in Oklahoma. According to his official bio, David deeply believes that pharmacy compounding is necessary for meeting patients’ medical challenges.