

**Kim Edward Light, Ph.D.  
Professional Biography**

Dr. Light is a Professor of Pharmacology and currently holds the endowed OADAP Professorship on Alcohol and Drug Abuse within the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Dr. Light is an Indiana native who completed his MS and PhD studies in Pharmacology at the Indiana University Medical Sciences Program in Bloomington, IN and a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Physiology at Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Lubbock, TX.

He joined the faculty of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in 1979. Since then he has developed an active, funded research program exploring the mechanisms of damage to the brain induced by exposure to alcohol or other drugs of abuse during fetal development.

He has also been an innovative developer of educational programs on alcohol and other drug abuse issues targeting a wide variety of audiences including counselors, parents, teachers, law enforcement officers, and workers in many types of industries.

He initiated and developed an innovative alcohol and other drug prevention program that focuses on children in the kindergarten through fourth grade range. This program involved the creation of animated cartoon characters, along with a 20 minute fully-animated cartoon, to carry the refusal message in a format attractive and engaging to young children.

He has worked for many years as the coordinating secretary of the Arkansas Pharmacy Support Group, an arm of the State Board of Pharmacy charged with the monitoring and advocacy support of pharmacists, technicians, and interns in recovery. In February, 2006, as a result of his activities in addiction education of pharmacy students and his service with recovering pharmacy professionals he was awarded an Honary Certificate of Licensure by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, the first ever award given by this Board.