The GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award honors and recognizes the crucial role that program coordinators play in the success of a residency/fellowship program. The ACGME congratulates the recipients of the 2015 GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award.

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Nominators had this to say:
“Several years ago we were struggling with oversight of the fellowship programs in the Department of Internal Medicine at our institution. Each program had, and still has, a fellowship program coordinator. However, due to the relatively small size of the programs the coordinators had many responsibilities outside of GME. Each program had its own way of handling fellowship issues and due to time limitations the coordinators were not able to develop significant expertise in graduate medical education. The solution that we agreed upon was to appoint a super coordinator and Mary Rich was assigned this role. In this capacity Mary has responsibility for oversight of all of the fellowship programs in Internal Medicine and of the coordinators of each of these programs. She is the glue that holds the programs together. Mary serves as the liaison between the fellowship programs and the Office of Graduate Medical Education. She is a role model, mentor, advisor, and teacher of the coordinators.”

“Mary has implemented several of our EIP Resident Best Practices to our fellowships. Most recently she has begun working with the Subspecialty Program Directors to implement and establish the milestone project using MedHub.”