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ACGME announces 2004 Parker Palmer award recipients
Annual award honors program directors for dedication to teaching

CHICAGO, Nov. 4., 2003 – The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education has named 10 residency program directors from across the country as the 2004 Parker J. Palmer award recipients.

The annual award honors medical residency program directors for their commitment to teaching and development of innovative approaches for educating physicians in training. The award is named after Parker J. Palmer, PhD, a noted educator, sociologist and author of *The Courage to Teach*. The award winners, selected at the ACGME's fall Board of Directors meeting from 115 nominees, will be honored at the ACGME's winter Board of Directors meeting next February. They will also be invited to attend a retreat at the Fetzer Institute in Kalamazoo, Mich., next summer.

David C. Leach, MD, the ACGME's executive director, praised the Parker Palmer award recipients for their dedication to teaching and nurturing residents as they move along the path toward becoming caring, highly competent physicians.

“Good learning requires that the whole person shows up,” said Dr. Leach. “The awardees have demonstrated their capacity to be fully present to residents and patients, thereby providing a model for all of us.”

The 2004 Parker G. Palmer winners are:

- William L. Bockenek, MD, physical medicine and rehabilitation, Carolinas Medical Center/Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, Charlotte, N.C.
- Carol Carraccio, MD, pediatrics, University of Maryland Medical System, Baltimore, Md.
- Carlyle Chan, MD, psychiatry, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Paul H. Gerst, MD, general surgery, Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, N.Y.
- DuPont Guerry IV, MD, hematology-oncology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
- J. Peter Harris, MD, pediatrics, Golisano Children’s Hospital at Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, N.Y.
- John B. Jeffers, MD, ophthalmology, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Catherine K. Lineberger, MD, anesthesiology, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.
- Gordon E. Schutze, MD, pediatrics, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Little Rock, Ark.
- Eric Walsh, MD, family practice, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, Ore.

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