GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award

While Program Coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. The GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve GME.

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Nominators had this to say:

“Diane is a highly respected administrator at the Partners HealthCare teaching institutions. She came to her home in the dermatology almost 40 years ago. In recognition of her abilities, she ascended the ranks, holding several positions before ultimately being promoted to her current position. As the program coordinator for one of the few Harvard Wide GME programs at Harvard Medical School, Diane has been entrusted with and successfully managed one of the most complex residency programs in the country. With six training sites, including 4 large academic teaching hospitals, ever changing standards, department chairs, and faculty, Diane has been present, not only in title but as a highly visible, steadying force. In just the time I have served as the DIO, Diane has worked with three program directors. During each of the selection processes and transitions, candidates remarked that Diane's presence was one of the determining factors in feeling comfortable applying for the position. Similarly, during program reviews, trainees consistently commend Diane regarding her professionalism and the quality of support she provides.”