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ACGME Awards Program

2015 Award Recipients

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award honors designated institutional officials (DIOs) who have demonstrated excellence in overseeing residency/fellowship programs at their sponsoring institutions. DIOs have authority and responsibility for all graduate medical education programs in a teaching hospital, community hospital, or other type of institution that sponsors such programs. The ACGME congratulates the recipients of the 2015 Courage to Lead Award.

Miriam Bar-On, MD

Designated Institutional Official
University of Nevada School of Medicine
Las Vegas, NV

Roseanne C. Berger, MD

Designated Institutional Official
University at Buffalo
Buffalo, NY

Thomas A. Blackwell, MD, FACP

Designated Institutional Official
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Galveston, TX

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award

for Program Director Excellence



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents/fellows and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. The ACGME congratulates the 2015 recipients of the Courage to Teach Award.

Anthony C. Arnold, MD

Program Director for Ophthalmology
Stein Eye Institute, David Geffen School of
Medicine at UCLA
Los Angeles, CA

Bashar M. Attar, MD, PhD

Program Director for Gastroenterology
Cook County Health and Hospitals System
Chicago, IL

Samuel H. Borden, MD

Program Director for Medicine-Pediatrics
Baystate Medical Center
Springfield, MA

Kalli J. Doyle, MD

Program Director for Pediatrics
Beaumont Health System; Oakland University
William Beaumont School of Medicine
Royal Oak, MI

Karl C. Golnik, MD, MEd

Program Director for Ophthalmology
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH

E. Ann Gormley, MD

Program Director for Urology
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Lebanon, NH

Kevin M. Means, MD

Program Director for Physical
Medicine/Rehabilitation
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, AR

LTC Matthew W. Short, MD, FAAFP

Program Director for Transitional Year
Madigan Healthcare System
Puyallup, WA

Christopher K. Varley, MD

Program Director for Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry
University of Washington
Seattle, WA

Kenneth Zuckerman, MD

Program Director for Hematology and Oncology
University of South Florida and H. Lee Moffitt
Cancer Center
Tampa, FL

David C. Leach, MD Award



In honor of former ACGME Executive Director of the ACGME (1997-2007) David C. Leach, MD and his contributions to resident education and well being, the ACGME created this award in 2008. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contributions to graduate medical education. The ACGME congratulates the 2015 recipients of the David C. Leach, MD Award.

Prathit A. Kulkarni, MD

Pediatrics
Baylor College of Medicine
Lawrence Towns, NJ

Kenneth E. Remy, MD

Critical Care
The National Institutes of Health; Clinical Center
Bethesda, MD

GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award



The GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award was created to honor and recognize the pivotal position that the institutional coordinator has within the institution. The ACGME congratulates the 2015 recipient of the GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award.

Paul F. Johnson

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
New York, NY

GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award 2015



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.

Alicia M. Crispin, C-TAGME

Family Medicine
Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners/Michigan State University
Grand Rapids, MI

Denise Mussehl, MS

Anesthesiology
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Madison, WI

Cynthia Neal

Family Medicine
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
Long Beach, CA

Mary Rich, M.Ed

Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
University of Cincinnati Medical Center/College of Medicine
Cincinnati, OH