

## David C. Leach Award



Named to honor the ACGME's former Executive Director, Dr. David C. Leach (1997 – 2007), and his commitment to resident education and physician well-being, this award recognizes resident/fellow-led projects and innovations.



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#### **About the project:**

“DermLinks’ is a collaborative online home page for University of Washington (UW) dermatology residents. It makes frequently-used online resources easily accessible by situating them on a single page. DermLinks is resident-run and collaborative: residents edit DermLinks through the Google Docs interface and contribute their own useful links.

There also is a mobile-friendly version of the site, as well as a version that is accessible from VA computers. For security, some parts of DermLinks can only be accessed by members of the dermatology division, through their UW logon.”

“Because DermLinks is collaborative and self-sustaining, its users constantly evaluate and refine it. For example, one weekend, the on-call resident needed to book a consult patient for an urgent dermatology appointment but was unsure which staff member to contact at that site. As a solution, another resident added a page to DermLinks that spells out each clinical site’s protocol for booking patients for urgent outpatient evaluation. As sites change their protocols, residents update the page.”

“Dr. Leifer learned that information is powerful if it is easily accessible at the point-of-care. He now is trying to make drug pricing data easily accessible for dermatologists. He wrote a software program that calculates approximate retail prices for generic medications, and shows which drugs among a class are currently the least-expensive. He is working on adapting this program into an easy-to-use website.”