

GME Program Institutional Excellence Award 2013



The ACGME is proud to announce the recipient of the *GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award*. This award was created to honor and recognize the pivotal position that the institutional coordinator has within the institution. Congratulations to this year's recipient!



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Nominators had this to say:

“Ms. Eckart is a familiar face on the national scene. She is a regular at AAMC, ACGME, and AHME meetings. She is, in fact, the incoming President-Elect of the latter organization where she has served as a member of its Board of Directors from 2007 through the present time, Co-Editor in Chief of the AHME ‘Guide to Medical Education in the Teaching Hospital’ in 2005-2007, Chair of its member councils during the same time period, and faculty member of the AHME Academy (2003-present) and AHME Spring Institute (1999-present). She has presented on a wide range of GME topics including, but not limited to ‘Improving House Staff Orientation’, ‘Institutional Review’, ‘Duty Hour Compliance’, ‘Residency Program Report Cards’, ‘Preparing for a Site Visit’, and ‘The GME Office’.”

“Carrie has been instrumental in shaping several institutional initiatives in Buffalo. She invigorated our Residency Program Coordinators training sessions with detailed accreditation updates and increased frequency. She introduced a new process for conducting Internal Reviews that displayed data relevant to all RRC requirements, Internal Review recommendations, and prior citations on a grid for easy reference by the review team. The new Internal Review reports, also in grid format, facilitate tracking each recommendation and concern until resolution. She designed and implemented an electronic annual program report to enhance oversight of compliance with accreditation standards. Carrie enhanced site visit preparation by mentoring two GME staff members in reading and revising program information forms and organizing a more extensive Mock Site Visit program.”