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“Dr. Ludmerer is recognized for his commitment to training residents and for serving as an ambassador for medical education. With an eye on historical context, he has holistically chronicled and shared the residency experience. He has received several teaching awards, including the Washington University Clinical Teacher of the Year Award, amplified the message of clinician well-being, and had a vital role in the development of the current ACGME Common Program Requirements.”

“In addition to his work with the ACGME, Dr. Ludmerer has held many other national leadership roles in medical education. He served on the board of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the Editorial Board and Journal Oversight Committee of Academic Medicine at the National Council of Harvard Medical School, and as a consultant to many foundations and professional organizations. Widely sought after as a speaker and visiting professor, he has delivered over 200 invited lectures nationally and internationally.”

Dr. Ludmerer is also the author of three books on medical education: Learning to Heal (1985) examined the creation of America’s system of medical education, Time to Heal (1999) examined the evolution of American medical education from the Flexnerian period to the era of managed care, and Let Me Heal (2014), which gave an account of the residency system and focuses on the experience of being a resident.”