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| **Project Leader Nominee Contact Information**  **(project leader MUST be a *current* resident or fellow)**  **Name:** Click here to enter text.  **Address:** Click here to enter text.  **City, State, Zip:** Click here to enter text.  **Phone Number:** Click here to enter text.  ***(Provide a direct number; awardees will be notified by phone****)*  **Email:** Click here to enter text.  **Name of Sponsoring Institution:** Click here to enter text. | **Nominator Contact Information**  **Name:** Click here to enter text.  **Address:** Click here to enter text.  **City, State, Zip:** Click here to enter text.  **Phone Number:** Click here to enter text.  **Email:** Click here to enter text.  **Name of Sponsoring Institution:** Click here to enter text. |
| **Name and Address of Program (if different than above):**  Click here to enter text. | **Program 10-Digit Code** (as noted in the ACGME Accreditation Data System):Click here to enter text.  **Specialty/Subspecialty:** Click here to enter text. |
| Letters of Support*Letters must be 500 words or less (including comments from group members but excluding salutations and signature blocks) and must be signed.**(Include name, title, and affiliation, e.g., hospital, medical school, university)*  1. Program director: Click here to enter text. 2. Department’s/institution’s director/chief of patient safety and quality:Click here to enter text. 3. Faculty member: Click here to enter text. 4. Additional faculty member or other institutional leader: Click here to enter text. | **Name(s) and Position(s) of Project Team Member(s) (if applicable) in the Program (residents/fellows, faculty members, nurse, program coordinator, etc.)**  *Note: add rows as needed.*  **1.** Click here to enter text.  **2.** Click here to enter text.  **3.** Click here to enter text.  **4.** Click here to enter text.  **5.** Click here to enter text.  Click here to add additional team members as needed. |
| **Program’s Current Accreditation Status**: Click here to enter text. **(the program MUST have a status of Continued Accreditation for the nomination to be considered)** | |

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| **The current[[1]](#footnote-2) resident/fellow[[2]](#footnote-3) (or resident/fellow team[[3]](#footnote-4)) must have demonstrated exemplary skills in:**   1. **Leading a project or program to improve education in patient safety for clinicians** 2. **Implementing strategies to improve the understanding of patient safety in the Sponsoring Institution or residency/fellowship program** |
| **Describe the role of the resident(s)/fellow(s) in this project:** Click here to enter text. |
| **Describe how the project or program was conducted (evaluated/measured and results obtained):** Click here to enter text. |
| **Describe how the project or program improved patient safety:** Click here to enter text. |
| **Describe the project’s specific and measurable outcomes in patient safety:** Click here to enter text. |
| **Describe the project’s current status, and whether the improvement is sustainable:** Click here to enter text. |
| ​**Describe the replicable potential of this project for other programs/institutions and how this could be adopted:** Click here to enter text. |

**Email the nomination form and letters of support in one PDF file (portable PDF files are not acceptable) to DeLonda Bonasera:** [**dbonasera@acgme.org**](mailto:dbonasera@acgme.org)**.**

All nominations must be submitted before **5:00 p.m. Central on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.**Nominations received after the deadline and/or submitted piecemeal will not be considered.

**Checklist for Nomination Materials**

**Eligibility Requirements**

​☐ A current resident/fellow in an ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship program with a status of Continued Accreditation

**Criteria for Selection**

1. The project or program (led by a *current* resident or fellow) must demonstrate innovation and leadership in the following areas:

educational outcomes

reducing non-educational burden in programs to improve patient safety and quality

improving communication and caregiver team collaboration in education and patient care within the Sponsoring Institution and/or program

advancing humanism in the patient care environment and among caregivers with demonstrable improvement in patient care and safety

1. Improving caregiver team communication with patients and their families, and empowering and encouraging those patients and their families to be engaged in their care.

*Note: Past recipients of the David C. Leach Award or a* Back to Bedside *grant are not eligible.*

**Examples of Projects and Programs**

* A resident or fellow developing and implementing an improved system of communicating within the program and with other caregivers that has led to measurable improvements in patient care and safety.
* A team of faculty members, residents, and others collaborating to identify and assess sustainable educational outcomes for the program that will improve patient safety.
* A team improving patient care processes and implementing sustainable patient-centered care changes with measurable improvements in patient safety and quality metrics.
* A resident or fellow, or resident/fellow team using poems, music, or art to teach the skills of the heart (courage, honesty, humility) and self-reflection to improve patient care and resident/fellow well-being, improving caregiver team communication and patient care and safety.

**Nomination Instructions**

Two components are required for nomination and must be compiled in the following order (*do not include a cover letter*):

A completed nomination form (pp.1-2 of this document)

Four **signed** letters of support (**each letter is limited to 500 words**)

NOTE: If applying as a team, a resident or fellow must be designated Team Leader. This individual is responsible for the project and will receive the award on behalf of the team.

**About the Letters of Support**

* Letters should be addressed to the ACGME Awards Committee.
* Letters must be from the program director, department’s/institution’s director/chief of patient safety and quality, other faculty member, and an additional faculty member or other institutional leader.
* Comments from a group (e.g., faculty members) should be compiled into one “group letter.” No more than four letters of support for each nominee/team will be accepted.
* Letters should describe how the project or program improves patient safety at the institution, including the nominee’s leadership role in its implementation.
* Do not include a cover letter.

**Refer to the Lewis Blackman Award FAQs, located on the** [**Lewis Blac****kman Patient Safety Award page**](https://www.acgme.org/initiatives/awards/lewis-blackman-patient-safety-award/) **of the ACGME website, for additional information.**

1. Residents or fellows currently in the program at the time of nomination submission (“current” as identified by the ACGME and its Review Committees, *not* by the program) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Both residents and fellows are eligible [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Resident team may include: resident(s); fellow(s); faculty member(s); nurse(s); social worker(s); program coordinator(s); etc. (each team must include at least one resident or fellow as the Project Leader) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)