Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award

While program coordinators’ titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is actively involved in the program’s ACGME-related functions. The Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve GME.

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Nominators had this to say:

“The internal medicine residency program is our largest training program hosting more than 160 residents annually. The department also supports 14 additional accredited subspecialty programs. Bethany was chosen by the department to co-lead a Self-Study Task Force for all of the accredited programs in the Medicine Department. This was a daunting task which required in-depth knowledge of program requirements, organizational skills, and the ability to mentor and manage a diverse group of program leaders. At the time, no other program had navigated the self-study process. Bethany’s expertise as a leader, national speaker, and mentor was invaluable to the success of this effort.”

“Bethany is a great leader because she leads by example. Whenever complex situations arise, such as multiple simultaneous parental leaves or visa issues with international medical school graduates, Bethany is always available to help residents develop plans that are compliant with requirements while still meeting resident needs. She helps to coordinate with three different departments to ensure that enough off-service rotators are present to staff Medicine services while balancing the demands of their own services.”