

2024 ACGME Award Recipients

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2024 ACGME Awards, shining a spotlight on their remarkable commitment, innovation, and valuable contributions to the graduate medical education (GME) community. The winners will be honored during the 2024 ACGME Annual Educational Conference in Orlando, Florida, March 7-9, 2024.

John C. Gienapp Distinguished Service Award

Honoring individuals who have dedicated their careers to GME and made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of residency and fellowship education and ACGME accreditation activities, the John C. Gienapp Distinguished Service Award is presented to **Linda Rubin Archer, PhD**, of Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS). The first non-physician leader to receive this award, Dr. Archer is recognized for her contributions to the enhancement of resident and fellow education and training over 40 years at EVMS, where she now serves as Vice Dean for Graduate Medical Education and designated institutional official. At EVMS, Dr. Archer has developed several educational programs including a Well-Being Coaching Program; GME Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee; standardization and transformation of the ACGME accreditation processes; and much more. Dr. Archer completed her PhD at Florida State University and has received several honors, including being recognized as an EVMS Wonder Woman in 2018. She served as an ACGME CLER Field Representative from 2015 to 2018. In 2008, she received the ACGME Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award.

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

The Barbara Ross-Lee, DO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award honors ACGME-accredited sponsoring institutions and programs, as well as specialty

organizations working to diversify the underrepresented physician workforce and create inclusive workplaces that foster humane, civil, and equitable environments. The 2024 recipients are:

- American Board of Emergency Medicine (Specialty Organization)
- Baylor College of Medicine, Henry JN Taub Department of Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medicine Residency (Program)
- Indiana University School of Medicine (Sponsoring Institution)
- University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine (Sponsoring Institution)

David C. Leach Award

The David C. Leach Award recognizes residents and fellows who have fostered innovation and improvement in their programs, advanced humanism in medicine, and increased efficiency and emphasis on educational outcomes. The 2024 recipient is:

- Jaymin Bakul Patel, MD; Mercy Health–St. Rita's Medical Center; Lima, Ohio; Internal Medicine

Team Members: Sean Masi, DO; Jaya Chandra, MD; Michael Rush, PharmD; Joseph J. Sreenan, MD; Eric S. Kirschner, MD

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award

The Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award is given to program coordinators in recognition of their in-depth understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects to improve residency and fellowship programs. The 2024 recipients are:

- Maria C. Oliveira, EdD; Brigham and Women's Hospital; Boston, Massachusetts; Internal Medicine
- Graceann Endicott; Cooper University Health Care/Cooper Medical School of Rowan University; Camden, New Jersey; Emergency Medicine
- Kristen Estrada, C-TAGME; University of Kansas Medical Center; Kansas City, Kansas; Family Medicine

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- Victoria (Vicky) Lee Norton, C-TAGME; University of Maryland, Department of Orthopaedics; Baltimore, Maryland; Orthopaedic Surgery
- Kino Williams, MS, PHR, CPHQ, C-TAGME; SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University; Brooklyn, New York; Radiation Oncology

GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award

The GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes institutional coordinators who demonstrate in-depth knowledge of graduate medical education and the process for internal review. These people skillfully manage the multiple roles of administrator, counselor, enforcer, coordinator, organizer, and scheduler. The 2024 recipients are:

- Donna C. Guidroz, C-TAGME; Ochsner Clinic Foundation; New Orleans, Louisiana
- Krista Lombardo-Klefos, MBA; Cleveland Clinic; Cleveland, Ohio
- Essie Silva; San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services; San Mateo, California

Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Award

Being awarded for the first time this year, the Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Award recognizes residents and fellows who have worked to implement strategies to improve the understanding of and show demonstrable improvement in patient safety in their Sponsoring Institution or residency/fellowship program. The inaugural recipients are:

- Leslie Chang, MD; Johns Hopkins University; Baltimore, Maryland; Radiation Oncology
- Elaine M. Griffith, MD; Mayo Clinic; Rochester, Minnesota; Surgery

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award

The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award honors designated institutional officials who have demonstrated strong leadership and astute resource management, and encouraged innovation and improvement in residency and fellowship programs and their sponsoring institutions. The 2024 recipients are:

- Gregory K. Unrah, MD; Kansas University Medical Center; Kansas City, Kansas

- Manuel C. Vallejo, MD, DMD; West Virginia University; Morgantown, West Virginia
- John B. Waits, MD, CPE, FAAFP; Cahaba Medical Care; Centreville, Alabama

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award

The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award recognizes program directors who have fostered innovation and improvement in their residency/fellowship programs and served as exemplary role models for residents and fellows. The 2024 recipients are:

- Odaliz E. Abreu Lanfranco, MD; Henry Ford Health; Detroit, Michigan; Internal Medicine
- John W. Engstrom, MD; University of California, San Francisco; San Francisco, California; Neurology
- Patricia M. Franz, MD; Beaumont Health, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; Royal Oak, Michigan; Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Alfred Thomas Frontera Jr, MD; University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine; Tampa, Florida; Neurology
- Eric Hsieh, MD, FACP; USC/Los Angeles General Medical Center; Los Angeles, California; Internal Medicine
- Michael A. Malone, MD, FAAFP; Tideland Health with MUSC Health; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Family Medicine
- Laura Minikel, MD, FACOG; Kaiser Permanente—Oakland; Oakland, California; Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Jennifer K. O'Toole, MD, MEd; University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; Cincinnati, Ohio; Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
- Lindsay K. Sonstein, MD, FACP; University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; Galveston, Texas; Internal Medicine
- Gopala Krishna Yadavalli, MD, FACP; Boston University Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine; Boston, Massachusetts; Internal Medicine

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