

David C. Leach, MD Award



In honor of former ACGME Executive Director of the ACGME (1997-2007) David C. Leach, MD and his contributions to resident education and well being, the ACGME created this award in 2008. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contributions to graduate medical education. The ACGME congratulates the 2015 recipients of the David C. Leach, MD Award.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Prior to its [Academy of Resident Educators] development, the main teaching opportunities for our residents consisted of bedside teaching and passing along clinical pearls. Since the inception of the program a little over a year ago, the number of residents who actively participate in teaching sessions outside the residency program has quadrupled. Additionally, residents are utilizing different teaching skills than those used in a clinical setting.”

“To become a "Distinguished" Resident Educator, trainees must complete a teaching portfolio of 50 hours of education related activities which includes personal development, direct teaching, and educational leadership or the development of written scholarly materials. These hours are in addition to the required core teaching sessions and activities that are a regular part of our training program. The idea for the Academy grew from a group of residents who were passionate about teaching. One of the first activities the residents created was regularly scheduled evening teaching sessions to prepare the pediatric clerkship students for their shelf exam. This effort was so popular the two residents who initially developed the sessions were both recognized for their outstanding teaching activities by the medical students. The educational activities have grown exponentially over the past year and the residents have been active in educational leadership locally and nationally.”