The Society of General Internal Medicine is the principal professional society of academic general internists and is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in teaching and research in primary care internal medicine. The benchmarks for identifying extraordinarily successful clinical educators are often subtle, obvious only to the trainees who benefit from their teaching. Accordingly, excellent clinical educators may struggle to gain recognition from promotions committees and their own colleagues. In an effort to identify these educators, members of the Southern Society of General Internal Medicine have developed rigorous criteria to recognize outstanding clinical educators. An outline of these criteria and instructions for submission of an application follow.

Candidates will be judged according to the following criteria:

1) Must be a current member of SGIM, residing in the Southern Region.
2) Must have graduated from medical school no more than 12 years prior to nomination, or must have had an academic appointment for no more than 8 years.
3) Proven excellence as a teacher of General Internal Medicine, demonstrated by at least three of the following:
   a) Development and evaluation of innovative teaching programs within the institution.
   b) Excellence as a general internal medicine educator in the clinical setting, with ratings by trainees which are in the excellent category and which are meaningfully above typical ratings for other faculty members in the institution.
   c) Excellence as an educator of general internal medicine in the nonclinical setting, (e.g. lecture, seminar, workshop, CME) as demonstrated by ratings from attendees which are in the excellent category and which are meaningfully higher than those of other faculty in the institution.
   d) Enthusiasm for medical education in general internal medicine as demonstrated by service in regional and/or national SGIM programs or projects as a medical educator.
   e) Skills demonstrated in medical education research relevant to general internal medicine.
4) Demonstrated scholarship in the education of general internists as demonstrated by at least one of the following:
   a) Publicatio of high quality scholarly treatises or investigations.
   b) Presentation at regional or national meetings (invited or otherwise selected by peers) involving education research, innovative teaching programs or educational workshop leadership.

Submissions must include:

1) A current CV
2) A letter from the nominator, who must be a member of SSGIM.
3) A one or two page description of the candidate’s teaching activities and accomplishments, including: teaching activities (e.g. clinical teaching courses, CME), teaching innovations (new curricula, new courses, educational materials), collated summary of evaluation of teaching (include numerical scores and comments from peers, house staff, students, others).

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A NOMINATION:

1) Please visit www.sgim.org, and provide your member login (top of the page)
2) Upon login, click on “Award Nomination & Applications” (left-hand side)
3) Proceed to click on “Click here to Nominate a Member for an Award”
4) Then, click on the “Add” button
5) Select “Southern SGIM Clinician Educator Award” from the drop down box
6) Upload the required documents and click on “Post Changes” to submit your nomination.

All nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 11:59 pm CST / 12:59 am EST

All nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee. Award nominees will be notified of their status in February 2013. We look forward to the continuation of the annual recognition of prominent leaders in our field, and hope your institution identifies candidates for nomination.

Please contact Dr. Steven Haist, Southern CE Award Chair (shaist@nbme.org) or Danielle Josef, SGIM Regional Coordinator (JosefD@sgim.org) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!