



## Press Release

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### Society of General Internal Medicine Announces 37th Annual Meeting Award and Grant Recipients

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The Society of General Internal Medicine presented numerous awards and grants during its Annual Scientific Meeting, held April 23-26, 2014 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, CA. SGIM is proud and pleased to announce the recipients by category:

#### Recognition Awards

**The Robert J. Glaser Award** – Presented to **Martin Shapiro, MD, MPH, PhD (UCLA Medical Center)** for outstanding contributions to research, education, or both in generalism in medicine. The award is supported by grants from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and individual contributors.

**Elnora M. Rhodes Service Award** – Presented to **Thomas Inui, ScM, MD (Regenstrief Institute)**, for outstanding service to SGIM and its mission of promoting patient care, research, and education in general internal medicine.

**Herbert W. Nickens Award** – Presented to **Monica Vela, MD (University of Chicago Medicine)** for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

**David Calkins Award in Health Policy Advocacy** – Presented to **Laura L. Sessums, JD, MD (Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation)** in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to advocating on behalf of SGIM.

**ACLGIM Chiefs Recognition Award** – Presented to **Laurence McMahon, MD (University of Michigan Medical Center)** This award is given annually to the general internal medicine Division Chief who most represents excellence in division leadership.

**Lawrence S. Linn Award** - Presented to **Aaron Fox, MD, MS (Montefiore Medical Center)** This award is presented to young investigators to study or improve the quality of life for persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

**The ACLGIM UNLTD (Unified Leadership Training in Diversity) Award** - Recognizes junior and mid-career faculty from underrepresented groups with proven leadership potential. Recipients of this award receive a training scholarship to attend the

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Leon Hess Leadership Institute hosted by ACLGIM. The 2013 recipients are **Nancy Marie Denizard-Thompson, MD (Wake Forest University School of Medicine)** and **Adesuwa B. Olomu, MD (Michigan State University)**.

**The Quality and Practice Innovation Award** - Recognizes general internists and their organization that have successfully developed and implemented innovative role model systems of practice improvement in ambulatory and/or inpatient clinical practice. The 2014 award was presented to **Brigham & Women's Advanced Primary Care Associates**.

### Research Awards

**John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research** – Presented to **Eliseo Perez-Stable, MD (University of California, San Francisco)** in recognition of a senior SGIM member whose innovative research has changed the way we care for patients, the way we conduct research, or the way we educate our students. SGIM member contributions and the Hess Foundation support this award.

**Outstanding Junior Investigator of the Year** – Presented to **J. Michael McWilliams, MD, PhD (Harvard Medical School)** for early career achievements and overall body of work that has made a national impact on generalist research.

**Mid-Career Research and Mentorship Award**– Presented to **Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, PhD, MD, MAS (University of California San Francisco)** in recognition of mentoring activities as a general internal medicine investigator.

**Best Published Research Paper of the Year** – Presented to **Gail L. Daumit, MD, MHS (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine)** for her publication “A Behavioral Weight-Loss Intervention in Persons with Serious Mental Illness.” This award is offered to help members gain recognition for their papers that have made significant contributions to generalist research.

**Founders Award** – Presented to **Elizabeth Dzeng, MD, MPH, MPhil, MS (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine)** for her proposal entitled “The Influence of Hospital Policies and Culture on Ethical DNR Decision Making.” The SGIM Founders Award provides \$10,000 support to junior investigators who exhibit significant potential for a successful research career and who need a “jump start” to establish a strong research funding base.

### Clinician-Educator Awards

**National Award for Career Achievements in Medical Education** – Presented to **Jeffrey Jackson, MD, MPH (Medical College of Wisconsin)** for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

**Frederick L. Brancati Mentorship & Leadership Award** – Presented to **Donna Windish, MD, MPH (Yale University Internal Medicine)**. The Brancati Award honors



an individual at the junior faculty level who inspires and mentors trainees to pursue general internal medicine and lead the transformation of health care through innovations in research, education, and practice. **John Thomas, MD (Yale University Internal Medicine)** has been named the **2014 Brancati Leadership Scholar**.

**National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education** – Presented to **Jeanette Guerrasio, MD (University of Colorado Denver)** for her individual contributions to medical education in one or more of the following categories: Scholarship of Integration, Scholarship in Educational Methods and Teaching, and Scholarship in Clinical Practice.

**Mid-Career Mentorship in Education Award** – Presented to **Jada Bussey-Jones, MD (Emory University School of Medicine)**. This award recognizes the mentoring activities of general medicine educators who are actively engaged in education research and mentorship of junior clinician educators.

#### **Presentation Awards:**

**Mack Lipkin, Sr. - Associate Member Awards** are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by students, residents and fellows during the SGIM 37th annual meeting. Awards are made based on participant evaluations of the presentations and are endowed by the Zlinkoff Fund for Medical Education. The award winners for 2014 are:

- Efrain Talamantes, MD (UCLA Medical Center) “Community College Pathways: Improving the US Physician Workforce Pipeline”
- Marc Larochelle, MD (Harvard Medical School) “Impact of Introduction of Abuse-Deterrent Oxycontin on Opioid Overdose Rates”
- Sonali Saluja, MD (Harvard Medical School) “Financial Barriers to Care Among the Insured in Massachusetts after Health Care Reform: Disparities by Race, Income and Health Status”

**Milton W. Hamolsky - Junior Faculty Awards** are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the SGIM 37th annual meeting. Awards are made based on participant evaluations of the presentations and are endowed by the Zlinkoff Fund for Medical Education. The award winners for 2014 are:

- Glen Taksler, PhD. (Cleveland Clinic Medicine Institute) “Association of Influenza Vaccination Coverage in Younger Adults with Influenza Illness in the Elderly.”
- Jeffrey Kullgren, MD, MS, MPH (Ann Arbor VA and University of Michigan) “Financial Incentives for Completion of Fecal Occult Blood Tests among Veterans: A 2-Stage Pragmatic Cluster Randomized, Controlled Trial.”
- Melissa Wachterman, MD, MPH, MSc (Brigham & Women’s Hospital) “Mistrust, Misperceptions, and Miscommunication: A Qualitative Study of Preferences About Kidney Transplantation Among African-Americans.”



**SGIM Clinical Vignette Oral Presentation Award** - Recognizes the best presented clinical case by a medical students, internal medicine residents or GIM fellows (not faculty) at the SGIM National Meeting. This year's recipient, **Jason P. Williams, MD (University of California Los Angeles)**, won for his presentation entitled "The Perfect Storm: A Febrile Anaphylactoid Reaction".

**Outstanding Quality & Patient Safety Oral Presentation Award** recognizes the most outstanding oral abstract presentation related to quality assessment, gaps in quality of care, medical errors, quality improvement or patient safety in the inpatient or outpatient setting at the SGIM National meeting. This year's awardee is **Harry Reyes Nieva, BA (Brigham & Women's Hospital)** "Comparing Clinicians' Perception of Their Own and Their Peers' Antibiotic Prescribing to Actual Antibiotic Prescribing for Acute Respiratory Infections in Primary Care."

**Best Cancer Research Oral Presentation - Tanvir Hussain, MD, MSc (Johns Hopkins University)** "Care Fragmentation and Survival for Patients with Stage III Colon Cancer".

**Best Cancer Research Poster Presentation - Jenny Lin, MD, MPH (Mount Sinai Medicine)** "Association of Illness Beliefs and End-of-life Treatment Preferences Among Lung Cancer Patients".

**Best Geriatrics Research Oral Presentation – Jennifer Kraschnewski, MD, MPH (Penn State Hershey Medical Center)** "Is Strength Training Associated with Mortality Benefits? A 15-year Cohort Study of Older US Adults"

**Best Geriatrics Research Poster Presentation – Meera Sheffrin, MD (University of California San Francisco)** "Weight Loss Associated with Cholinesterase Inhibitors in Patients with Dementia in a National Healthcare System".

**Best Geriatrics Oral Clinical Vignette Presentation – Yevgeniy Mikityanskiy, MD (Winthrop University Hospital)** "The Indelible Directive: A Case Series Report of Patients with DNR Tattoos."

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SGIM is a member-based international association of over 3,500 of the world's leading academic general internists, who are dedicated to improving access to care for vulnerable populations, eliminating health care disparities and enhancing medical education. The members of the Society advance the practice of medicine through their commitment to providing comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective care to adults, educating the next generation of outstanding physicians, and conducting cutting-edge research to improve quality of care and clinical outcomes of all patients.

