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Society of General Internal Medicine Announces
38th 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 22-25, 2015 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto, ON, Canada. SGIM is proud and pleased to announce the recipients by category:

Recognition Awards

The Robert J. Glaser Award – Presented to **Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH (Assistant Secretary, US Health and Human Services Preparedness and Response)** 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 **Susana Morales, MD (Weill-Cornell Medical College)**, 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 **Donna Washington, MD, MPH (VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System UCLA)** for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

David R. Calkins Award in Health Policy Advocacy – Presented to **Carolyn Clancy, MD (Interim Under Secretary for Health for the Department of Veterans Affairs)** in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to advocating on behalf of SGIM.

ACLGIM Division Chief's Recognition Award – Presented to **Julia Arnsten, MD, MPH (Albert Einstein/ Montefiore 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 **Michael Reid, MD, MA (University of California, San Francisco)**. 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 Leon Hess Leadership Institute hosted by ACLGIM. The 2015 recipients are **Milda Saunders, MD, MPH (University of Chicago)** and **Elizabeth Leilani Lee, MD, MBS (Temple University)**.

The ACLGIM Leadership Award is given to a member of the ACLGIM at the junior faculty level who inspires and mentors trainees to pursue general internal medicine and lead the transformation of healthcare through innovations in research, education, and practice. The 2015 recipient of this award is **Aleem Bharwani, MD (University of Calgary)**.

The Quality and Practice Innovation Award - This award recognizes leaders of practice innovations who have improved care within the “quality” domains of safety effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency, and quality, or the Patient-Centered Medical Home goals of accessible, coordinated, patient centered, team based, and comprehensive. The 2015 award was presented to the **Continuous Care Initiative, Massachusetts General Physicians Organization, represented by Ryan W. Thompson, MD, MPH**.

Research Awards

John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research – Presented to **Nancy Rigotti, MD (Massachusetts General Hospital)** 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 **Benjamin Sommers, MD, PhD (Harvard School of Public Health)** 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 **Michael Steinman, MD (University of California – San Francisco/San Francisco VAMC)** in recognition of mentoring activities as a general internal medicine investigator.

Best Published Research Paper of the Year – Presented to **Richard Saitz, MD, MPH (Boston University/Boston Medical Center)** for his publication “Screening and Brief Intervention for Drug Use in Primary Care: The ASPIRE Randomized Clinical Trial”. This award is offered to help members gain recognition for their papers that have made significant contributions to generalist research.

Founders’ Grant – Presented to **Kevin Riggs, MD, MPH (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine)** for his proposal entitled “Surgeons’ Attitudes about Pre-Operative Medical



Evaluations.” 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 **Thomas Beckman, MD, FACP (Mayo Clinic)** for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

Frederick L. Brancati Mentorship and Leadership Award – Presented to **Vineet Arora, MD, MAPP (University of Chicago)**. 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. **Valerie Press, MD (University of Chicago)** has been named the **2015 Brancati Leadership Scholar**.

National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education – Presented to **Carla Spagnoletti, MD, MS (University of Pittsburgh)** 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 Education Mentorship Award – Presented to **Hollis Day, MD, MS (University of Pittsburgh)**. 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 38th annual meeting. The award winners for 2015 are:

- **Maggie K. Benson, MD (University of Pittsburgh)** “The Hidden Curriculum in High Value Care Education: Resident Perceived Barriers to Practicing High-Value Care in a Training Environment.”
- **Aaron L. Schwartz (MD, PhD Candidate - Harvard University)** “Low-Value Services in Year 1 of the Pioneer ACO Program.”
- **Melissa Y. Wei MD, MPH (BIDMC/Harvard Medical School Medicine)** “Multimorbidity and Mortality in Community-Dwelling Women: Simple Disease Counts, the Charlson Index, and A Novel Multimorbidity Weighted Index.”

Milton W. Hamolsky - Junior Faculty Awards are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the SGIM 38th annual meeting. The award winners for 2015 are:



- **Jennifer P. Goldstein, MD, MSc (Christiana Care Health System)** “High Quality Transitions of Care Reduce Hospital Readmissions among Patients with PCI and CABG.”
- **Marc R. Larochelle, MD, MPH (Boston University School of Medicine)** “Opioid Prescribing After Nonfatal Overdose and Association with Repeat Overdose.”
- **Mitesh S. Patel, MD, MBA, MS (University of Pennsylvania)** “Workplace Wellness Incentives for Weight Loss - A Randomized, Controlled Trial.”

SGIM Clinical Vignette Oral Presentation Award - Recognizes the best clinical case presented by medical students, internal medicine residents or GIM fellows (not faculty) at the SGIM National Meeting. This year’s recipient is **Sweny Gulati, MD (University of Florida College of Medicine)** “A Rare yet Emerging Cause of Severe Myocarditis and Cardiomyopathy.”

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 awardees are **Jennifer Cai, MD, Emily Campbell, MD, and James Richter, MD** for their presentation, “Evaluation of Discordant Upper Endoscopy in Outpatients with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disorder.”

Best Geriatrics Research Oral Abstract – Lillian Min, MD (University of Michigan) "Net Harms of Aggressive Blood Pressure Control on Cardiovascular Events and Fall Injury in Older American Adults".

Best Geriatrics Research Poster Presentation – Ngoc-Phuong Luu, MD (Johns Hopkins University) "Social Support and Its Relationship to Advance Care Planning".

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.