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Society of General Internal Medicine Announces
34th 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 May 4-7, 2011 at the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix Hotel in Phoenix, AZ. SGIM is proud and pleased to announce the recipients by category:

Recognition Awards

The Robert J. Glaser Award – Presented to C. Seth Landefeld, MD (University of California, San Francisco) 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 Ellen F. Yee, MD, MPH (New Mexico VA Healthcare System), 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 Somnath Saha, MD, MHP (Portland VA Medical Center) for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

David Calkins Award in Health Policy Advocacy – Presented to P. Preston Reynolds, MD, PhD (University of Virginia) in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to advocating on behalf of SGIM.

Clinical Practice Innovation Award – Presented to the Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation’s Division of General Internal Medicine. This award recognizes the organization and leadership that have developed innovative ways to engage and teach residents and/or practicing physicians the principles and implementation of practice improvement in ambulatory and/or hospital inpatient clinical practice.
ACLGIM Chiefs Recognition Award – Presented to Fredrick Brancati, MD, MPH (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine). 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 Anne K. Monroe, MD, MSPH (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine). This award is presented to young investigators to study or improve the quality of life for persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

Research Awards

John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research – Presented to Michael J. Fine, MD, MSc (VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System) 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 – Presented to Joseph S. Ross, MD, MHS (Yale University School of Medicine) 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 Christina Wee, MD, MPH (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) in recognition of mentoring activities as a general internal medicine investigator.

Best Published Research Paper – Presented to Amal N. Trivedi, MD, MPH (Brown Medical School) for the publication in the January 28, 2010 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine entitled “Increased Ambulatory Care Copayments and Hospitalizations among the Elderly,” which has made a significant contribution to generalist research.

Clinician-Educator Awards

National Award for Career Achievements in Medical Education – Presented to Judy A. Shea, PhD (University of Pennsylvania) for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education – Presented to Preetha Basaviah, MD (Stanford University School of Medicine) 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 Vineet M. Arora, MD, MAAP (University of Chicago). 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 34th 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 2011 are:

- Anjali Gopalan, MD – “The Disconnect Between Hemoglobin A1c Values And Patient Perceptions in Poorly Controlled Diabetes”
- S. Ryan Greysen, MD, MA – “Understanding Transitions in Hospital Care for The Homeless Patient: A Mixed-Methods, Community-Based Participatory Approach”
- Jeffrey T Kullgren, MD, MPH – “Non-Affordability Barriers and Access to Care For US Adults”

**Milton W. Hamolsky Junior Faculty Awards** are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the SGIM 34th 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 2011 are:

- Asaf Bitton, MD, MPH - Patient Experience With Patient-Centered Medical Homes and Associated Quality Of Care In Massachusetts, 2009
- Arun Mohan, MD, MBA - The Health of Safety-Net Hospitals after Massachusetts Healthcare Reform: Changes in Volume, Revenue and Operating Margins from 2006 to 2009
• Jason P. Block, MD, MPH - Underestimation of Calories Purchased at Fast-Food Restaurants-Who and How Much?

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SGIM is a member-based international association of almost 3,000 of the world’s leading 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.