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Award Winners from the SGIM 38th Annual Meeting

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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* was 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.

The *Elnora M. Rhodes Service Award* was 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 (GIM).

The *Herbert W. Nickens Award* was presented to Donna Washington, MD, MPH (VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System UCLA), for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

The *David R. Calkins Award in Health Policy Advocacy* was 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.

The *ACLGIM Division Chiefs' Recognition Award* was presented to Julia Arnsten, MD, MPH (Albert Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center). This award is given annually

to the GIM division chief who best represents excellence in division leadership.

The *Lawrence S. Linn Award* was 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 (Association of Chiefs and Leaders in General Internal Medicine 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 GIM and lead the transformation of health care through innovations in research, education, and practice. The 2015 recipient of this award is Aleem Bhawani, MD (University of Calgary).

The *Quality and Practice Innovation 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 care. The 2015 award was presented to the Continuous Care Initiative, Massachusetts General Physicians Organization, represented by Ryan W. Thompson, MD, MPH.

Research Awards

The *John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research* was 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.

The *Outstanding Junior Investigator of the Year* was 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.

The *Mid-Career Research and Mentorship Award* was presented to Michael Steinman, MD (University of California, San Francisco/San Francisco VAMC), in recognition of mentoring activities as a GIM investigator.

The *Best Published Research Paper of the Year* was 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.

The *Founders' Grant* was presented to Kevin Riggs, MD, MPH (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine), for his proposal titled "Surgeons' Attitudes about Pre-Operative Medical Evaluations." The SGIM Founders Award provides \$10,000 in support to junior investigators who exhibit significant potential for a successful

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research career and who need a “jump start” to establish a strong research funding base.

Clinician-Educator Awards

The *National Award for Career Achievements in Medical Education* was presented to Thomas Beckman, MD, FACP (Mayo Clinic), for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

The *Frederick L. Brancati Mentorship and Leadership Award* was 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 GIM 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.

The *National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education* was 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.

The *Mid-Career Education Mentorship Award* was 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

The *Mack Lipkin, Sr., Associate Member Awards* are conferred to the

scientific presentations considered most outstanding by students, residents, and fellows during the SGIM 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”

The *Milton W. Hamolsky Junior Faculty Awards* are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the SGIM 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”

The *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), for the presentation “A Rare Yet Emerging Cause of Severe Myocarditis and Cardiomyopathy.”

The *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, and 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.”

The *Best Geriatrics Research Oral Abstract* was awarded to Lillian Min, MD (University of Michigan), for “Net Harms of Aggressive Blood Pressure Control on Cardiovascular Events and Fall Injury in Older American Adults.”

The *Best Geriatrics Research Poster Presentation* was awarded to Ngoc-Phuong Luu, MD (Johns Hopkins University), for “Social Support and Its Relationship to Advance Care Planning.”

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