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Society of General Internal Medicine Announces 35th Annual Meeting:
Promoting Generalist Values During Times of Change

Alexandria, VA--

The Society of General Internal Medicine's Annual Scientific Meeting will be held May 9-12, 2012 in Orlando, FL at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort. This meeting will showcase work in improving patient safety, measuring quality, smoothing transitions across health care settings, and adapting to changes in medical education. The collaboration, networking, mentoring, and sharing of information and ideas will demonstrate the many ways general internists can promote values of patient-centered care, outstanding medical education and research during these times of change. Members of the media are welcome and encouraged to attend all aspects of the meeting.

Meeting Highlights:

- **Leon Hess Management Training and Leadership Institute: Essential Competencies for Leaders in Health Care.** Wednesday, May 9 (8:00am-5:30pm)
- **Get Better Faster! Quality Improvement Skills for Reliable Care:** Teaching participants the structure and tools to drive rapidly-paced improvement projects. Wednesday, May 9 (8:00am-5:00pm)
- **Evidence-Based Clinical Pearls** (new this year!): Providing management skills about important clinical problems using contemporary evidence-based clinical approach. Thursday May 10 (3:00-4:30pm), Friday May 11 (11:30am-1:00pm and 3:00-4:30pm).

Notable speakers and plenary sessions:

- **Steven A. Schroeder, MD**, Distinguished Professor of Health and Healthcare, Department of Medicine; Director, Smoking Cessation Leadership Center, University of California, San Francisco. Opening Plenary Session, Thursday, May 10, 9:00-11:00am
- **Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc**, City of New Orleans Health Commissioner and Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Mayor. 2012 Malcolm L. Peterson Honor Lecture, Friday, May 11, 9:30-11:00am.

- **JudyAnn Bigby, MD**, Secretary, Health and Human Services, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Closing Plenary Session Keynote, Saturday, May 12, 9:00-10:30am.
- **Ninth Annual Distinguished Professor Program in Geriatrics** (Rosanne M. Leipzig, MD, PhD).
- **Third Annual Distinguished Professor Program in Cancer Research** (Patricia Ganz, MD)
- **Fifth Annual Distinguished Professor Program in Women's Health** (Carol S. Weisman, PhD)

Who presenters are: Doctors and other health care professionals responsible for teaching general internal medicine to the next generation of physicians. Most combine teaching with taking care of patients in clinical practices and/or research about medical treatment.

For more information on SGIM or for a schedule of the events, please visit www.sgim.org/go/am12.

SGIM is a member-based international association of over 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.