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## PRESS RELEASE

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Society of General Internal Medicine Announces  
35th Annual Meeting Award and Grant Recipients

Alexandria, VA--

The Society of General Internal Medicine presented numerous awards and grants during its Annual Scientific Meeting, held May 9-12, 2012 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando, FL. SGIM is proud and pleased to announce the recipients by category:

### Recognition Awards

**The Robert J. Glaser Award** – Presented to **Stephen D. Fihn, MD, MPH (Department of Veterans Affairs, Seattle)** 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 **Valerie Ellen Stone, MD, MPH (Massachusetts General Hospital)**, 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 **Olveen Carrasquillo, MD, MPH (University of Miami)** for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

**David Calkins Award in Health Policy Advocacy** – Presented to **Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH (United States Department of Health and Human Services)** in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to advocating on behalf of SGIM.

**ACLGIM Chiefs Recognition Award** – Presented to **David E. Kern, MD (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.

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**Lawrence S. Linn Award:** Presented to **Oni Blackstock, MD (Yale Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program)**. 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 2012 recipients are **Crystal Cené (UNC – Chapel Hill), Cheryl Clark (Brigham and Women’s Hospital) and Monica Vela (University of Chicago)**.

### **Research Awards**

**John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research –** Presented to **John Z. Ayanian, MD, MPP (Harvard University Medical School)** 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 **Rebecca Sudore, MD (University of California, San Francisco)** 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 **Cary Gross, MD (Yale School of Medicine)** in recognition of mentoring activities as a general internal medicine investigator.

**Best Published Research Paper –** Presented to **Lawrence J. Appel, MD (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine)** for his publication “Comparative Effectiveness of Weight-Loss Interventions in Clinical Practice.” This award is offered to help members gain recognition for their papers that have made significant contributions to generalist research.

**Founders Award –** Presented to **Tanner J. Caverly, MD (University of Colorado School of Medicine)** for his proposal entitled “Basic Clinician Numeracy-Validation of a Measure.” 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 **Dennis Novack, MD (American Academy on Communications in Healthcare)** for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

**National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education** – Presented to **Lisa L. Willett, MD, MPH (University of Alabama at Birmingham)** 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 **Eva Aagaard, MD (University of Colorado)**. 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 35th 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 2012 are:

- Jeffrey T. Kullgren, MD, MS, MPH (Philadelphia VA Medical Center) “A Randomized Controlled Trial of Financial Incentives to Promote Weight Loss Among Obese Employees”
- Jennifer Zhu (NYU School of Medicine) “Association Between Food Insufficiency and Mortality: Joint Effect with Income on All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality”
- Leah Zallman, MD (Cambridge Health Alliance, Harvard Medical School) “Do Immigrants Subsidize the Health Care of the US-Born Through Medicare?”

**Milton W. Hamolsky Junior Faculty Awards** are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the SGIM 35th 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 2012 are:

- Benjamin D. Sommers, MD, PhD (Harvard School of Public Health) “The Effect of State Medicaid Expansions on Mortality and Insurance Coverage Among Non-Elderly Adults”
- Seth A. Berkowitz, MD (University of California, San Francisco) “Low SES is Associated with Increased Risk for Hypoglycemia in Type 2 Diabetes Patients: Results from the Diabetes Study of Northern California (DISTANCE)”

- Valerie G. Press, MD, MPH (University of Chicago Medical Center)  
“Comparative Effectiveness of Hospital-Based Educational Intervention of Patients with COPD or Asthma”

**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, **Cliff W. Hampton, MD (University of Colorado, Denver)**, won for his presentation entitled “Difficulty Getting Up in the Morning” (Thyrototoxic Periodic Paralysis).

**Clinical Practice Innovation Award** is given to the highest rated oral or poster presentation of a clinical practice innovation presentation recognizing outstanding improvements in the delivery of healthcare in outpatient, inpatient, or community-based settings. This year’s award recognizes **James L. Wofford, MD, MS (Wake Forest University Health Sciences)** for his presentation of “Maintaining Connections Between Hospitalized Patients and the Primary Care Practice at a Teaching Community Health Center” *James L. Wofford, Claudia Campos; Kirsten Feieriesel; Carolyn R. Pedley; Ramon Velez; Robert E. Jones.*

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SGIM is a member-based international association of over 3,200 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.