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**Society of General Internal Medicine Announces
36th 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 April 24-27, 2013 at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Denver, CO. SGIM is proud and pleased to announce the recipients by category:

Recognition Awards

The Robert J. Glaser Award – Presented to **David Bates, MD, Msc (Brigham and Women’s Hospital)** 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 **Carol Bates, MD (Harvard Medical School)**, 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 **Gbenga Ogedegbe, MD (New York School of Medicine)** for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

David Calkins Award in Health Policy Advocacy – Presented to **Oliver Fein, MD (Weill Cornell Medical College)** in recognition of his extraordinary commitment to advocating on behalf of SGIM.

ACLGIM Chiefs Recognition Award – Presented to **Katrina Armstrong, MD, MSCE (Massachusetts General Hospital)**. 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 **Joanna Starrels, MD, MS (Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore)**. This award is presented to young

investigators to study or improve the quality of life for persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

Mary O’Flaherty Horn Scholarship – Presented to **Jessica Campbell, MD (Denver Health Hospital Medicine)**. This three year grant is presented to outstanding junior medical school faculty to promote scholarship, advocacy and creativity in the balance of work, family and social responsibility.

Quality and Practice Innovation Award – Presented to **Priya Radhakrishnan, MD and the St. Joseph’s Hospital & Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ**. The award will recognize leaders of practice innovations who have improved care within the “quality” domains of the 2000 IOM Crossing the Quality Chasm report: safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency and equality, or the Patient Centered Medical Home goals of accessible, coordinated, patient centered, team based, and comprehensive care.

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 2013 recipients are **Phyllis Nsiah-Kumi, MD, MPH (University of Nebraska Medical Center)**, **Erik A. Wallace, MD, FACP (University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine)** and **Ana Palacio, MD, MPH (University of Miami Miller School of Medicine)**.

ACLGIM Leadership Award – Presented to **April Fitzgerald, MD (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine)**. This award recognizes skills in leadership in any number of areas of academic medicine, including clinical, educational, research or administrative efforts for faculty members within their first ten years of appointment.

Research Awards

John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research – Presented to **Rod Hayward, MD (Ann Arbor VA & University of Michigan)** 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 **Monica Peek, MD, MPH (University of Chicago)** 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 **Louise Walter, MD (University of California, San Francisco)** in recognition of mentoring activities as a general internal medicine investigator.

Best Published Research Paper – Presented to **Alexander Smith, MD, MS, MPH (University of California, San Francisco)** for his publication “Half of Older Americans Seen in Emergency Department In Last Month of Life; Most Admitted to Hospital, And Many Die There.” *Alexander K. Smith, Ellen McCarthy, Ellen Weber, Irena Stijacic Cenzer, John Boscardin, Jonathan Fisher and Kenneth Covinsky. Health Affairs, 31, no.6 (2012):1277-1285.* This award is offered to help members gain recognition for their papers that have made significant contributions to generalist research.

Founders Award – Presented to **Melissa B. Weimer, DO, MPH (Oregon Health & Science University Department of Medicine)** for her proposal entitled “Evaluating a Chronic Opioid Therapy Dose Reduction Policy in Primary Care”. 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 **Patricia Thomas, MD (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine)** for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

National Award for Scholarship in Medical Education – Presented to **Reena Karani, MD (Mount Sinai 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 **Monica Lypson, MD (University of Michigan Medical School)**. 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 36th 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 2013 are:

- **Shreya Kangovi, MD** (Philadelphia Veteran Affairs Medical Center) “A Randomized Control Trial of a Community Health Worker Post-Hospital Care Transitions Intervention for Low Socio-economic Status Patients”
- **Jonathan Lee, MD** (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) “National Trends in Processes and Outcomes of Care for Elderly Patients Hospitalized for Pneumonia”
- **Christine Kolehmainen, MD** (William Middleton Veteran’s Hospital) “Gender and Leadership in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation”

Milton W. Hamolsky Junior Faculty Awards are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the SGIM 36th 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 2013 are:

- **Donna Zullman, MD** (Stanford University and VA Palo Alto Division of GIM) “Multimorbidity and Healthcare Utilization Among High-cost Patients: Implications for Care Coordination”
- **Jeffrey Kullgren, MD, MS, MPH** (University of Michigan) “Trends in and Correlates of Awareness of a Prediabetes Diagnosis Among US Adults”
- **Jacinda Nicklas, MD, MPH, MA** (University of Colorado School of Medicine) “The Balance After Baby Pilot RCT”

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, **Kavel Visrodia, MD (Mayo Clinic Rochester)**, won for the presentation entitled “A Puzzling Case of Nausea ad Nauseum”

Best Cancer Research Oral Presentation Award – recognizes the top ranked and reviewed abstract presentation in the cancer research track at the annual meeting. This year’s recipient, **Nancy Rigotti, MD (Massachusetts General Hospital)** won for her presentation “Promoting Smoking Cessation after Hospital Discharge: The Helping HAND Randomized Controlled Comparative Effectiveness Trial”.

Best Cancer Research Poster – Presented to **Richard Hoffman, MD, MPH (New Mexico VA Health Care System)** for his poster “Poorly Informed Decision Making for Cancer Screening: Results from a National Survey”.

Outstanding Quality/Patient Safety Oral Presentation Award - recognizes those who present 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 recipient, **Gina Kruse, MD, MS, MPH (Massachusetts General Hospital)** won for her presentation "Overuse, Underuse, and Misuse of Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests".

Best Geriatrics Abstract Award – Presented to **Rebecca Sudore, MD (University of California, San Francisco)** for her abstract "A Novel Website to Prepare Diverse Older Adults for Decision Making and Advance Care Planning: A Pilot Study".

Best Geriatrics Poster – Presented to **Rebecca Eskin (Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons)**, for her poster "Status of Advance Directive and Goals-of-Care Discussions in a University-Affiliated Community Hospital".

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.