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Society of General Internal Medicine Announces
32nd Annual Meeting Award and Grant Recipients

Washington, DC--

The Society of General Internal Medicine presented numerous awards and grants during their Annual Scientific Meeting, held May 13-16, 2009 at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, FL. SGIM is proud and pleased to announce the recipients by category:

Recognition Awards

The Robert J. Glaser Award – Presented to Wendy S. Levinson, MD, FRCPC (University of Toronto) 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 James C. Byrd, MD (Brody School of Medicine) 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 Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, MD, MPH, MS (University of Minnesota) for a demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity in medicine.

David Calkins Award in Health Policy Advocacy – Presented to Mark Liebow, MD, MPH (Mayo Clinic) in recognition of his extraordinary commitment to advocating on behalf of SGIM.

Clinical Practice Innovation Award – Presented to the University of Chicago Primary Care Group. 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.

ACGIM Chiefs Recognition Award – Presented to Ann B. Nattinger, MD, MPH (Medical College of Wisconsin). This award is given annually to the general internal medicine Division Chief who most represents excellence in Division leadership.

Research Awards

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John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research – Presented to Mary Tinetti, MD (Yale School of Medicine) 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 Ashish K. Jha, MD (Harvard School of Public Health) 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 Ralph Gonzales, MD, MSPH (University of California, San Francisco) in recognition of mentoring activities as a general internal medicine investigator.

Best Published Research Paper – Presented to Elbert S. Huang, MD, MPH (University of Chicago) in recognition of his paper, “The Effect of Comorbid Illness and Functional Status on the Expected Benefits of Intensive Glucose Control in Older Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: A Decision Analysis” which has made a significant contribution to generalist research.

Clinician-Educator Awards

National Award for Career Achievements in Medical Education – Presented to Michael Elnicki, MD (University of Pittsburgh) for a lifetime of contributions to medical education.

National Awards for Scholarship in Medical Education – Presented to Sara B. Fazio, MD (Harvard Medical School) and Kathlyn E. Fletcher, MD, MA (Medical College of Wisconsin) for their 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 Jeff Wiese, MD (Tulane University). This award recognizes the mentoring activities of general medicine educators who are actively engaged in education research and mentorship of junior clinician educators.

SGIM Grants

SGIM/ACGIM/ASP T. Franklin Williams Scholar’s Award in Geriatrics – Alison Huang, MD (University of California, San Francisco). This grant supports the professional development of junior physician-scientists in divisions of General Internal Medicine who are conducting research that seeks to improve the understanding of important health care problems of older adults. This award is supported by a generous grant from the Atlantic Philanthropies and the John A. Hartford Foundation through the Association of Specialty Professors.

Founders Award – Presented to Madhav Goyal, MD, MPH (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine). This award supports research by SGIM full or associate members who are junior investigators.

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 32nd 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 2009 are:

- Shoshana J. Herzig, MD (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center), “Acid-suppressive Medication Use and the Risk for Hospital Acquired Pneumonia”
- Clemons S. Hong, MD (Harvard University), “The Relationship between Physician Quality Measures and Patient Panel Characteristics in a Large Academic Health Care” System
- Amy S. Kelley, MD (University of California, Los Angeles), “End of Life Preferences and Planning Among Older Latinos”

Milton W. Hamolsky Junior Faculty Awards are presented to the scientific presentations considered most outstanding by junior faculty during the SGIM 32nd 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 2009 are:

- Adam J. Rose, MD, MSc (Boston University), “Treatment Intensification Improves Blood Pressure Control both in Adherent and Non-Adherent Patients”
- J. Michael McWilliams, MD, PhD (Harvard University), “Medicare Spending for Previously Uninsured Adults”
- Muriel Jean-Jacques, MD (Northwestern University), “Changes in Healthcare Disparities Following the Implementation of a Multifaceted Quality Improvement Initiative”

Best Innovation in Medical Education Award was presented to Venkat Kalidindi, MD (University of Miami) for his presentation “Standardized Training of Bedside Procedures and Use of Ultrasound Improves Trainee Confidence and Competence and Decreases Complication Rates”.

Best Innovation in Practice Management award was presented to Lisa Shieh, MD, PhD (Stanford University Medical Center), for “Reducing Iatrogenic Pneumothorax: Making Central Venous Catheter Placement Safer”.

Best Vignette Awards were presented to:

- Swati Arora, MD (Allegheny General Hospital), “A Million Dollar Work Up”
- Fawad Aslam, (Baylor College of Medicine), “Trepopnea in a Diabetic Patient”
- Aditya M. Sharma (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital), “Myocardial Infarction: An Extremely Rare Complication Of Foam Sclerotherapy”

The SGIM Distinguished Professor in Geriatrics program presented several awards to outstanding trainees and junior faculty members, acknowledging the best geriatrics-based oral and poster presentations at the annual meeting. Awardees are:

- Anne M. Walling, MD (University of California, Los Angeles), “Quality of End of Life Care in the Hospital”
- Seema Parikh, MBBS (Brigham and Women’s Hospital), “Statin Utilization in Nursing Home Patients After Cardiac Hospitalization”
- Shoshana J. Herzig, MD (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center), Acid-suppressive Medication Use and the Risk for Hospital Acquired Pneumonia
- Amy S. Kelley, MD (University of California, Los Angeles), End of Life Preferences and Planning Among Older Latinos
- William G. Weppner, MD (University of Washington), “Use of Shared Medical Record Among Older Patients with Diabetes”
- Lucille M. Torres (Mount Sinai School of Medicine), “Primary Care Utilization of Frequent Geriatric Users of the Emergency Department”.

Regional Resident Presentation of the Year Awards- presented to recognize resident research across all seven SGIM regions based on outstanding presentations in either abstracts or clinical vignettes. The 2009 recipients are:

- Midwest Region – Amy Dichiara, MD (University of Cincinnati)
- Southern Region – Deepa Bhatnagar (University of Alabama, Birmingham)
- Mid-Atlantic Region – Vishnu V. Oruganti (Temple University)
- New England Region - Eirini Iliaki, MD, MPH (Cambridge Health Alliance, Harvard Medical School)
- Mountain West Region – Sandipan Pati, MD (St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center)
- Northwest Region - Jennifer B. Kearsley (Providence Health System)
- California Region – Marc C. Kaneshiro (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center)

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.