

David C. Leach Award



In honor of former ACGME Executive Director David C. Leach, MD (1997-2007) and his contributions to resident education and well being, the ACGME created this award in 2008. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contributions to graduate medical education. The ACGME congratulates the 2018 recipients of the David C. Leach, MD Award.



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About the project:

“The team's sustained efforts and leadership has inculcated a climate of cost-consciousness into the daily activities of inpatient teams. As a result, residents, students and faculty now routinely incorporate discussions of high value care on daily ward rounds. From a learning climate standpoint, it took a portion of a curriculum (Quality Improvement), which had previously been thought of as a requirement, and made it into an opportunity for residents to immerse themselves in and drive positive change for their patients and institution. Thanks to the impact of these efforts, several more high level quality improvement initiatives have been initiated, leading to the internal medicine residency to become a major driver for clinical change within the institution.”

“Team members identified the computer-based order entry system as an appropriate target for sustainable intervention. The admission order set had allowed multiple routine tests to be ordered repetitively each day. Their iterative study included measurement of baseline test-ordering practices and then development of systems interventions on the automated order set and cost displays at order entry. The primary outcome was number of routine tests controlled for inpatient days compared to the preceding year. Secondary outcomes included cost savings, delays in care and adverse events.”