MEDICINE AWARDS SHOWCASE TALENT

Every year the Department of Medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General celebrates its hard-working, talented and dedicated members through the ZSFG Medicine Service Awards. These awards are an opportunity for the department to express gratitude for faculty commitment to the hospital and department’s goals.

Their peers, through comments, provided nominations.

JOHN MURRAY, MD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE
Lisa Winston, MD
Professor, Vice Chief of Inpatient Medical Services and Hospital Epidemiologist

The John Murray, MD Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine, established in 2003, intends to highlight a faculty member that demonstrates “excellence in academic medicine and dedication to the humanitarian mission” of ZSFG.

DOM peers awarded Dr. Lisa Winston the 2017 honor.

“It is special because we all talk about this being a mission-driven place and that is really true,” she said. “It’s something that attracts our trainees to be here and, you know, I’ve been here for quite a while now and I’ve spent a lot of time trying to move things forward and provide excellent care for all of our patients. It’s really a lovely thing.”

HENRY F. (CHIP) CHAMBERS, MD MEDICINE SUBSPECIALTY CONSULTANT AWARD
Antonio Gomez, MD
Assistant Professor, Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine

As recognition for a faculty member’s “contributions and assistance to the medical services at ZSFG,” the award, established in 2004 and renamed in 2013, is named after esteemed Dr. Henry (Chip) Chambers.

For 2017 winner, Dr. Antonio Gomez, the name Dr. Henry Chambers on award is overwhelming.

“It’s hard to put into words,” Gomez said. “It feels like an accomplishment. It’s recognition of the time that I’ve put in here. The dedication that we all have put into the hospital. Every winner knows what it is like to work here at ZSFG. It has that added benefit, it is a recognition that feels like a cherry on top in some respect.”

Peer comments included: “Antonio is a powerhouse of critical care knowledge, a consummate teacher, and also shares an intuitive understanding of how we in primary care feel about our patients.”

PERFORMANCE (QUALITY) IMPROVEMENT AWARD
Seth Goldman, MD
Assistant Professor, Division of Hospital Medicine

The Performance (Quality) Improvement Award, established in 2014, recognizes a faculty member’s contributions to performance improvement (quality, efficiency, access) of the ZSFG medical services. The 2017 recipient is Dr. Seth Goldman.

Updating the hospital’s systems is important work, Goldman said.

“This is the quiet work of clinical orderset design, clinical documentation platform implementation, and workflow redesign to improve existing processes,” he said. “This effort supports and improves the clinical care we provide to our patients.”

In nominating Dr. Goldman, his peers wrote: “He has executed numerous quality improvement initiatives through health information technology for example computer provider order entry, tap and go, and coordinating IT efforts associated with the move to Bldg 25.”

CLINICAL FELLOW AWARD
Jeremy Tietjens, MD
Clinical Fellow, Cardiology

Established in 2015, the ZSFG Department of Medicine Clinical Fellow Award highlights the work of a fellow who “most embodies” the ZSFG mission of providing high-quality and compassionate care to vulnerable and underserved patients. This year, peers chose Dr. Jeremy Tietjens as the recipient.

“It’s a great honor, honestly,” Tietjens said. “It means a lot And this fellowship is a great opportunity.”
to sort of be recognized for my work and also that the residents had a good educational experience with me.”

Nominating comments included: “Jeremy’s tireless efforts on behalf of our patients, including come (sic) in several times in the middle of the night to help out with critically ill patients even when they are not directly under his responsibility - is appreciated by patients’ families, house staff, and faculty.”

JANE BAILOWITZ, MD VOLUNTEER MEDICINE FACULTY AWARD

Joe Roll, MD
Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, Richard Fine People’s Clinic

The Volunteer Medicine Faculty Award, named after Dr. Jane Bailowitz and established in 2010, recognizes volunteer faculty for their “outstanding contributions and assistance to the Medical Service” of ZSFG. Candidates for this award include: Community and ambulatory site preceptors; medicine service volunteer attendings; or faculty not “fully appointed” in the department.

For his work at the Richard Fine People’s Clinic, Dr. Joe Roll was chosen by his peers.

Dr. Roll was surprised by the recognition. “I don’t really think I deserve any special award, I certainly appreciate it,” he said. “I’ve been here a number of years, I’m pretty aware that our residents are a lot smarter than I am. ... I’m just very grateful that people see something I have.”

In nominating Dr. Roll, his peers commented: “We feel incredibly fortunate that Dr. Roll continues to precept in our clinic and believe that he is especially deserving of this recognition.”

DISTINCTION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AWARD

Sharad Jain, MD
Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine

In its second year, the ZSFG Distinction in Medical Education recognizes the faculty member who has “advanced medical education” at the hospital. Winners lead through “curricular innovation” and exceptional trainee mentorship. For his strong relationship with his residents and trainees, Dr. Sharad Jain was recognized by his peers.

“I think part of it is that I like to be on the ground with my learners,” he said. “I work with a large group of people that are interested in the same things that I am – and that's treating patients at San Francisco General.”

In nominating Dr. Jain, peers said, “Sharad has not only furthered this program’s national reputation for its unique focus on training leaders in care of the underserved, but has also served as an advisor, mentor, and confidante for a generation of residents.”

MENTORING AWARD

Ann Bolger, MD
Professor, Cardiology

The ZSFG DOM’s Mentoring Award, in its inaugural year, aims to highlight a faculty member that has given “exemplary contributions in mentoring students, postgraduate trainees or faculty members. This mentoring could take place in all three of the department’s main pil- lar: education, clinical or research.”

For her work in training students, staff and fellows, Dr. Ann Bolger was chosen as the recipient.

“Success as a mentor means so much to me because it reflects what I have been given in the countless interactions with exceptional students, peers and senior colleagues, who have been my own mentors along the way,” Bolger said. “… To be recognized for this at ZSFG, where our community is so rich in collegiality and support for one another is truly an honor.”

In nominating Dr. Bolger, Dr. Priscilla Hsue said she “epitomizes bidirectional mentoring.” “To each interaction, she brings not only the wealth of knowledge and experience that she possesses, but also compassion and empathy that form the bedrock of good mentoring,” Hsue said.

ROBERT LULL, MD NON-INTERNAL MEDICINE CONSULTANT AWARD

Christina Wang, PharmD
Department of Pharmacy Services

Established in 2004, the Robert Lull, MD Non-Internal Medicine Consultant Award recognizes a non-Medicine consultant that’s dedicated to providing great patient care and teaching at ZSFG. Christina Wang was chosen as the 2017 recipient.

Nominating letters highlighted Dr. Wang’s work in the cardiology division.

“Christina is a wonderful asset to the cardiology division,” according to the letter. “She attends rounds with the cardiology service every day and provides such tremendous help to the medical students, residents, fellows, and attendings on the service.”

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