

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:

“Traditionally, the follow-up clinic at our large safety net hospital was disease-site team based and staffed by a rotating assignment of residents according to a rotation schedule and supervised by a site-specific attending. Beginning in July 2016, we improved the process so that patients were followed longitudinally by the resident who had cared for them during active radiation treatment. The goal was to improve patient satisfaction and compliance by improving personalized care and minimizing handoffs as well as improving the environment of education by each resident observing the individual long-term patient outcomes of the treatment plan they had created.”

“The project decreased patient no-show rates in the follow-up clinic, minimized handoffs between care teams, and resulted in a subjective improvement in the perceived educational experience.”

“The proposed project was a part of the structured CQI (continuous quality improvement) program at our institution and carried out with a pre-intervention study phase followed by an intervention and post-intervention study phase. The data was collected and analyzed as well as presented to our institution’s monthly quality improvement meeting.”