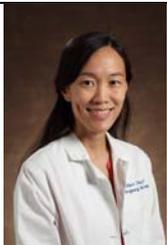


I am very pleased to announce the recipients of the Department of Emergency Medicine/UEMF 2012 Outstanding Physician Awards and the Exemplary Service Award. UEMF member physicians who are judged by the Evaluation and Awards Committees and Department Chair to have exceptional achievement for the year are eligible for the Outstanding Physician Award. The award includes a plaque and a monetary gift. I am pleased to announce that the Evaluation Committee has selected the following physicians to receive the Outstanding Physician Awards this year (in alphabetical order).

Department of Emergency Medicine/UEMF 2012 Outstanding Physician Awards



Jay Baruch, MD – Dr. Baruch, a talented writer, educator and clinician, has distinguished himself in the past year as a leading local and national voice in medical humanities and ethics. Dr. Baruch completed the prestigious Brown University Cogut Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship in 2011. His project focused on developing a medical humanities program at Alpert Medical School. Dr. Baruch continued to lead in this area as the Director the Ethics Curriculum at the medical school, and as Director of the Scholarly Concentration in Medical Humanities. His work on the Creative Physician Series has brought an interesting array of new faces and ideas in the medical arts and humanities to Brown. Dr. Baruch also spearheaded the creation of the Foundry of Arts & Humanities in our Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Baruch had a big year in terms of national speaking engagements and presentations on his own creative writing (including his award winning book “Fourteen Stories – Doctors, Patients, and Other Strangers”) and in medical humanities. In the ED, Dr. Baruch is known as a hard working, productive, and often wisecracking emergency physician and teacher. Dr. Baruch continues to be an active writer, having 3 published pieces in prestigious writing journals and magazines, such as the Hastings Center Report.



Esther Choo, MD, MPH - Dr. Choo had an outstanding year as an educator, investigator, and clinician. Dr. Choo’s primary area of research interest is the health care of women, substance use, & interpersonal violence. She was recently awarded a 5-year, \$900,000 K23 award from NIH (with a phenomenal review score) and her project will be: “Computer-based intervention for women with substances use and interpersonal violence in the ED.” Dr. Choo is making her mark on a national level in emergency medicine through organizational and committee work. This year she was the Vice President for the SAEM Academy of Women in Academic Emergency Medicine. Dr. Choo received the 2011 award for Best Innovation in Emergency Medicine Education Presentation from SAEM. Dr. Choo is the Co-Director of the newly formed Division of Women’s Health in Emergency Care in the Department of Emergency Medicine. In the clinical setting, Dr. Choo is known as compassionate, highly energetic, talented clinician who is always looking out for and helping her colleagues. She is one of our highest rated teachers of emergency medicine residents, and a favorite attending physician of patients and nurses. In her short time with our Department, Dr. Choo has become a positive force in all of the realms of our mission.



James Linakis, MD, PhD- Dr. Linakis had a stellar year in 2011, continuing his multi-faceted, high quality contributions in research, education, and clinical care. Dr. Linakis’ reach in our research realm is very broad. In addition to receiving and starting his own R21 grant - ED Based Prevention Intervention to Delay Alcohol Use by Young Adolescents (\$ 533,346) - Dr. Linakis played a key role this year in helping us to receive the PECARN grant. He is a key mentor to numerous junior faculty investigators and fellows and a strong collaborator in the Injury Prevention Center research portfolio. He has been an author on numerous peer-reviewed publications in the past year. Since 2007 Dr. Linakis has served as the Chair Rhode Island Hospital Committee on the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB) - a huge job for which Dr. Linakis has received praise from the research administration and investigators. He is also the Associate Director of the Hasbro Children’s Hospital Emergency Department. Dr. Linakis is perennially regarded as a master clinician and educator in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, with outstanding teaching evaluation scores from Pediatric Fellows, EM Residents, and Pediatrics Residents. In 2011 Dr. Linakis became just the 5th EM faculty member to achieve Professor status in an academic track at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.



Gregory Lockhart, MD - Dr. Greg Lockhart is a master educator in the realm of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, and had an outstanding year as a teacher and clinician. Dr. Lockhart serves as the Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Resident and Medical Student Education in the Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. At the Alpert Medical School he serves as Course Co-Director of the Emergency Medicine Senior Elective and Course Director of the Clinical Elective in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Dr. Lockhart's teaching evaluations have been at or near the top of the group for medical students, residents (EM and Pediatrics) and Ped EM fellows. He is a one of a select few EM recipients of the Dean's Excellence In Teaching Award from the Alpert School of Medicine. Dr. Lockhart is known as an experienced smart, creative, entertaining, educator. His caring, good-natured approach to education makes him a favorite at all levels, especially when he unveils his special Cranston accent during lectures. In the service realm, Dr. Lockhart has served as the Chairman for the Rhode Island American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Charity Golf Tournament for the past 3 years and as a Volunteer Tutor for the "Homework Club", an after-school tutoring program for under-privileged grade school children.



Rachel Fowler, MD, MPH - Dr. Fowler is a highly regarded clinician and educator who also contributes a great deal in the service realm. As a clinician, Dr. Fowler is known as an astute and productive emergency physician and a highly valued bedside teacher. Her EM resident teaching evaluations have been near the top of the group since she started as an attending physician. About 2 years ago, Dr. Fowler took over the Department of EM's involvement in the Rhode Island Free Clinic program and now directs all EM participation in the RI Free Clinic. She has orchestrated and motivated a large group of EM residents, fellows, and attending physicians to provide volunteer clinical work at the RIFC, and has created an acute care clinic which we staff. Dr. Fowler also recently organized a follow up program for ED patients at RIFC. Dr. Fowler has also been very active in the international EM realm, primarily in Liberia where she has worked with the HEARTT program to provide ED care and education at the JFK Hospital in Monrovia. She received the Certificate of Appreciation for Promoting Healthcare for Africans in RI at the African Health Summit in 2009. Dr. Fowler's selfless and tireless approach to providing exceptional clinical care, teaching, mentoring, and service makes her a key role model for students, residents, fellows, and peers.



Todd Seigel, MD - Dr. Seigel has had a big impact across many fronts in the past year. As Co-Director of the RIH and TMH Stroke Centers Dr. Seigel has done the hard work of analyzing and improving stroke care in our ED's by creating new, consistent order sets, trouble shooting impediments to expedient, high quality stroke care, and making sure we could be fully accredited at each site. His work was a big part of the TMH Stroke Center receiving the Fain Quality Award from Lifespan. Dr. Seigel's critical care fellowship training makes him the ideal liaison with our ICU's. Dr. Seigel has also been active and productive in the research realm. He was awarded a UEMF Junior Faculty Research Development Grant to assess patterns of mechanical ventilation management by emergency physicians. He published three original research publications in critical care/EM in the past year. Dr. Seigel is an outstanding educator in the ED's, ICU, and is a favorite lecturer in our departmental conferences. This past May he traveled to HaEmek Regional Hospital, in Afula, Israel where he presented 3 lectures on critical care topics. Dr. Seigel also had a big role in creating and gaining approval for a new Brown undergraduate course - Introduction to Conducting Clinical Research which has just started. Across the board, Dr. Seigel's irrepressible energy, enthusiasm, and intelligence makes him a great asset to our department.

The Department of Emergency Medicine and UEMF honors one physician member each year with the Exemplary Service Award. This award is given to the member who demonstrates outstanding service and leadership in the Department, organization, or community. The Exemplary Service Award includes a plaque and monetary award. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Lewander on receiving this meaningful recognition.

Department of Emergency Medicine/UEMF Exemplary Service Award

William Lewander, MD



Dr. Lewander, Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, has provided exemplary service for the Department of Emergency Medicine for the past year and indeed for pediatric emergency medicine at Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital since 1985. An iconic figure both locally and nationally in academic pediatric emergency medicine, "Dr. Bill" is the founder of our Pediatric Emergency Medicine Section, the Ped EM fellowship, and has been the catalyst and steward of amazing growth in clinical volume, educational impact, and research development at our institution over the past 25 years. Dr. Bill's greatest service to the community has been his tireless work to improve the care of children with acute illness and injury in Rhode Island and the region by constructing a high functioning academic ED that can handle both the sickest infants and children, and at the same time serve over 50,000 patients per year with the myriad of other pediatric emergency presentations. Dr. Bill has been responsible for recruiting and fostering the careers of many pediatric EM physicians and for putting together a diverse faculty who regularly receive teaching awards and conduct cutting edge, high impact, funded research. Outside of the ED, Dr. Lewander has provided service as a member of the Medical Staff, of the Special Olympics since 1985 and he received the Special Olympics Ten-Year Leadership Commitment Award. Dr. Bill's commitment to service and pursuit of quality, his gentle perseverance, his kindness, and his team building-approach has been a major factor in the successful development of Pediatric Emergency Medicine in Rhode Island and the region.