2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Best Phase 2 Preceptor

Name of Nominee Dr. Eric Wu

Dr. Wu has been an outstanding teacher and mentor through the entire 2-years I have known him. He dedicates his time and energy both at work and outside work to help ensure his students stay engaged, excited and motivated about medicine. Without a doubt, he is THE best phase 2 preceptor at this school.

In the emergency department, Dr. Wu is known as a highly efficient, proficient and effective physician. His speed-walk between rooms and concise dictation between encounters can be dizzying and leave students, advanced practitioners and fellow physicians alike out of breath trying to keep up with him. However, this speed BETWEEN encounters is all part of the plan, and allows him to downshift while in a patients room and truly engage with them and their problems.

This downshift is also how he deals with his students. Before and after each procedure, encounter or order, he stops, explains his reasoning, asks for input and understanding, and provides critical context and feedback for any suggestion or input a student may have. Once a student has shown they are engaged and motivated, he sets them loose. Alone and unafraid they enter into patients rooms, taking histories, practicing physical exams, presenting patients, differentials and diagnostic plans. Between trauma bays, he stops everything to listen carefully to the student's reasoning and provides meaningful input more as a colleague than a superior.

When COVID-19 pushed us all out of the hospitals, Dr. Wu brought the hospital to us. Through text chains and emails he presented interesting cases step-by-step, probing his group of proteges to develop a differential, request tests and explain their reasoning. From priapism to sickle-trait patients in crisis at altitude, we stayed excited, engaged and motivated to keep at the books and push through the dark days of SARS-CoV-2.

Whether seeing patients in the county ED, a freestanding clinic, or side-by-side with family care and sports medicine doctors at the base of Winter Park, Dr. Wu made his students a part of the clinical team. Late nights and early mornings spent reviewing student notes and crafting interesting cases showed he truly cares. We are better for it, and will be better doctors because of it.

I give Dr. Wu my full fledged and unqualified support and nomination as the best Phase 2 preceptor.

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