2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Demonstrating Leadership

Name of Nominee Dr. Stephanie Sandhu

I have had a wonderful experience working with Dr. Sandhu at STRIDE Community Health Center and am nominating her because of the leadership she demonstrates at STRIDE.

Dr. Sandhu is passionate about working with diverse communities and improving the care that they receive. This is evident by the time she takes during visits to make sure that patients are connected to the correct resources in the community. In particular she identifies resources that are affordable for her patients, so that cost is not a barrier to obtaining the care that they need.

Dr. Sandhu's dedication to making healthcare more equitable for diverse, low-income populations goes beyond her individual patient interactions. In addition to her clinical role, Dr. Sandhu leads quality improvement projects for STRIDE. One of the projects that I specifically saw implemented aims to improve the rates of colorectal cancer screening within the low-income population that STRIDE serves. In addition to improving the overall rates of colorectal cancer screening, Dr. Sandhu noticed that there is a gap in rates of screenings between English speaking and non-English speaking patients. Her goal is to reduce this gap. To accomplish these two screening goals, Dr. Sandhu and her team have created one-page instructional materials for medical assistants, the team members primarily responsible for educating patients on how to complete the FIT test at home. She also implemented new processes within Epic to help providers keep on top of screenings. I am excited to see the progress Dr. Sandhu and her team make in the coming months!

I believe Dr. Sandhu is most deserving of the leadership award for both her dedication to her patients and her Quality Improvement work. She embodies the teamwork, collaboration, and systems level thinking that we have been taught in our curriculum.

Thank you for being my preceptor this year, for being a great role mode, and for the time you have taken to teach me!

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