

2011 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

for Program Director Excellence



Vijay Rajput, MBBS, FACP

Internal Medicine

UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (Camden)/Cooper University
Hospital Program
Camden, NJ

Nominators had this to say:

"During his first match, he had 100% match rate -which is a first for our medicine program, and the match results have continued to excel. For the past five years, he has had 100% board pass rate. Dr. Rajput's excellence in education has been recognized by many groups. Locally, he was recognized as the attending of the year by both residents and medical students on numerous occasions. Once more, the graduating medicine students singled him out as the attending of the year for 2010. He was the recipient of the UMDNJ Foundation Award for excellent in medical student teaching in 2003. In 2004, he received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Society of Hospital Medicine. In 2005, he was inducted into UMDNJ's Master Educator Guild. Finally, he received the prestigious Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2006."

"In addition to his prominent role in the education of the house staff; Dr. Rajput has used his background in ethics and professionalism to instill all residents with "emotional intelligence." He devised an entire curriculum of noon conferences dedicated to providing the house staff with experience dealing with complex ethical issues."