

David C. Leach Award



Named to honor the ACGME's former Executive Director, Dr. David C. Leach (1997-2007) and his commitment to resident education and physician well-being, this award recognizes resident-/fellow-led projects and innovations.



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About the Project:

"Our program is located in rural northwestern Ohio and serves as a primary referral site for both urban, as well as an extremely large number of rural medically underserved communities. To address issues of inequality and disparities in health care, our residency has joined forces with the Ohio

Northern University School of Pharmacy to provide a full-service primary care mobile medical clinic. Dr. Patel became involved with our mobile medical clinic at the beginning of this academic year. He has labored tirelessly to augment the capabilities of this community care link. Dr. Patel's efforts have included:

- Obtainment of a \$45,000 community service grant for colorectal screening in our underserved urban and rural communities
- Provision of regional and nationally recognized expert education on esophageal and colorectal cancer screening to all members of the residency with initiation of a program to offer such screening in a mobile setting
- Obtainment of funding for a large community colorectal cancer education and screening event
- Obtainment of funding for a planned community esophageal cancer awareness and screening event
- Obtainment of funding for full-time outpatient social work staff to ensure that all patients seen in the mobile clinic have maximum opportunity to obtain follow-up healthcare, medications, and other appropriate community services

"In addition to the above, Dr. Patel has organized multiple educational events for fellow residents in all [residency/fellowship] programs at this facility to facilitate community health access and participation in the mobile medical clinic."