

David C. Leach, MD Award Recipients 2011



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Nominators had this to say:

“Dr. Itri and his group have created a novel method and system that has identified clinically difficult/challenging cases and turned them into engaging teaching material without threat or embarrassment to housestaff who may have made a questionable interpretation on those cases. This educational tool directly tracks the results of the educational effort by documenting group performance on subsequent clinical cases. In addition, the program directly links the quality of patient care and housestaff education in a mutually beneficial and efficient fashion.”

“In this quality-based project, the group used a series of missed case conferences over a span of several months to work to improve misreads related to musculoskeletal radiology.”

“From the improvement in documented missed cases, this approach appears to be quite successful. I commend the team for their initiative in taking what might have been seen negatively from their perspective—the reporting of their errors—and instead viewing it as an opportunity for learning, and for carrying out the necessary planning and implementation to create a richer learning environment for them all, and one that will result in improved patient care as these residents progress.”