

GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award



The GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award was created to honor and recognize the pivotal position that the institutional coordinator has within the institution. The ACGME congratulates the 2016 recipient of the GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award.



Cindi Trinidad-Mitchell

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Nominators had this to say:

“When Cindi applied for the position of Housestaff Office coordinator in the mid 1980’s she did so out of curiosity, not really knowing what she would find. She took on the new job as a challenge, and in her own words, “fell in love with residency education,” and the rest is history.”

“Over the years, she has seen the development of our Housestaff Council, whose charter was one of the first of its kind to improve the learning conditions of residents in our institution. She “trained” our institution’s first DIO, Dr. Robert Cefalo. At every step of the way she has been constantly available when needed, comes in early and stays late, and is always willing to do whatever is necessary to assist a resident who finds themselves in a crisis, either big or small.”

“Ms. Trinidad-Mitchell has also shepherded UNC Hospitals through periodic special challenges regarding resident education and training. One example is the development and evolution of duty hours compliance standards for our organization. Ms. Trinidad-Mitchell also showed special and steadying leadership during two important transitions: the first after the retirement of our beloved Dr. Robert Cefalo, and the second at the transition to our current DIO, Dr. Clark Denniston in 2011. That latter change was preceded by a mid-cycle consultant review, which Ms. Trinidad-Mitchell recommended and coordinated.”