

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. The Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve GME.



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Nominators Had This to Say:

"LaToya has been program coordinator for our Diagnostic Radiology Residency since October 2010. The relationship between LaToya and her program director exemplifies our idea of an effective partnership between these two key positions. Our Diagnostic Radiology program is large enough that LaToya supervises additional administrative support personnel, thereby consistently demonstrating her skills in both leadership and personnel management. LaToya has continuously pursued professional development, and her extensive knowledge of GME requirements and policy have been recognized with certification and re-certification by the National Board for Certification of Training Administrators of GME (TAGME)."

"As our highest-level program coordinator at UTSW, LaToya assists with planning and delivery of institution-level program coordinator development and related activities, delivers guidance and mentorship for other levels of GME Program Coordinators as well as GME Program Directors, and collaborates with colleagues within and outside the university and becomes active in related national organizations. For example, she's been involved not only in numerous UTSW committees, but also with the Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology as a board member and in other capacities, and she has presented at the Association of University Radiologists, the ACGME Annual Educational Conference, the American Academy of Neurology, and the Association of Hospital Medical Education."

"I've had a close working relationship with LaToya for the past two years as chief resident and I could not think of another program coordinator who would be more deserving of such a

distinction. She has been actively involved in every facet of the UT Southwestern (UTSW) Diagnostic Radiology program for the past decade including credentialing, scheduling, GME policy, recruitment, and accreditation. To accomplish all of these complex tasks for one of the largest radiology programs in the country requires a level of organization and dedication that I truly believe very few individuals possess.”