2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Best Phase 1 Preceptor

Name of Nominee Dr. Robert Lam

It is with great pleasure that I strongly recommend Dr. Robert Lam for the Golden Stethoscope Award in the category of Best Phase 1 preceptor. As a first-year medical student, assigned to a preceptorship in the emergency room at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, I have been lucky enough to have Dr. Lam as my first preceptor, teacher, and mentor.

During our time together, Dr. Lam has shown me that he is dedicated not only to the medicine he practices, but to teaching what he knows in a clear, straightforward manner. I have been especially impressed by how well Dr. Lam integrates didactic learning with clinical skills. This is exemplified by him teaching me to read ECG's and expanding my depth of knowledge with each patient and integrating it with clinical heart exams and possible differential diagnoses. Another example is his thorough explanation of the Glasgow Coma Scale while evaluating a woman who sustained a cerebellar hemorrhage and was slowly deteriorating. Dr. Lam has gone above and beyond to make sure I am involved in each new and interesting case entering the emergency room during my shift, even if he is not the attending on the case. Through his dedication to teaching, he has given me an in-depth understanding of each case. His exemplary teaching skills combined with his friendly and approachable manner makes me look forward to each of my preceptorship days.

In addition to the clinical evaluation, I especially appreciate that Dr. Lam makes sure I am learning hands-on skills. With one patient, he guided me through a FAST exam and when a patient required a central line, he clearly explained and demonstrated the technique and instructed me on how to suture the line in place. His outstanding instruction gave me both knowledge and confidence.

I recommend Dr. Lam for the Golden Stethoscope Award in the category of Best Phase 1 preceptor without reservation because I cannot imagine a more devoted, knowledgeable, or deserving preceptor.

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