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2022 Chair's Awards

Department of Pediatrics



Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented by: Nancy McNamara, M.D.

This award celebrates an individual who has had a lifelong impact on child health at the local, national, and/or international levels.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Steven Leber, M.D., Ph.D. - Director of Neurology



- Dr. Leber is a dedicated clinician who has made profound impacts on children and their families since joining UM in the 90s.
- He is known for diagnosing myotonic dystrophy in a patient just by looking at the child's hair under a microscope or by shaking a parent's hand!
- Dr. Leber established a listserv in 2004 connecting pediatric neurologists worldwide!
- He is an Outstanding Clinician Award winner (2013) and the Medical School's "League of Excellence" Award winner (2015).

Congratulations, Dr. Leber!

Outstanding Service to the Department Award

Presented by: Jason Weinberg, M.D.

This award honors a clinical faculty member who consistently shares time and expertise in service to internal committees, task forces, and other institutional activities that make a significant impact on the missions of the Department.



Outstanding Service to the Department Award

Terri L. Stillwell, M.D., M.P.H. – Infectious Diseases

- Dr. Stillwell has led important efforts for patients during the pandemic, devoting countless hours to developing protocols that will limit impacts on patients and the institution.
- She provides service on a national level and serves on various committees contributing to guidelines surrounding infection prevention and epidemiology.

Congratulations, Dr. Stillwell!



Humanism in Clinical Care Award

Presented by: Prachi Shah, M.D., M.S.

This award honors a clinical faculty member who exemplifies the humanistic spirit of patient-centered medicine, both through clinical excellence and in outstanding compassion in the delivery of care.



Humanism in Clinical Care Award

Barbara Felt, M.D., M.S. – Developmental/Behavioral

- Dr. Felt is instrumental in development patient-centric multidisciplinary Pediatric Sleep Medicine Clinic.
- Dr. Felt always goes the extra mile to put children and families first, bringing strong empathy and compassionate care to the families we serve.
- Dr. Felt is patient, kind and thoughtful with everyone she encounters!

Congratulations, Dr. Felt!



Rising Star Award

Presented by: Lisa Prosser, Ph.D.

This award recognizes an exceptional early-career faculty member whose actions and activities consistently exemplify enthusiasm, commitment, professionalism, and leadership.



Rising Star Award

Erin Carlton, M.D., M.Sc – Critical Care Medicine



Congratulations,
Dr. Carlton!

- **Honors & Awards**

- International
 - 2021 – Society of Critical Care Medicine-STAR Research Award. Awarded to Dr. Kayla Phelps, primary mentee
- National
 - 2021 – Collaborative Pediatric Critical Care Research Network Junior Investigator Showcase
 - 2017 – Society for Pediatric Research Clinical Fellow Research Award, Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Society, San Francisco, CA
- Institutional
 - 2021 – Top Resident Research Abstracts – Pediatric Research Symposium-Health Services Research Awarded to Stephani Zakutansky-primary mentee
 - 2019 & 2020 – Top Teachers in the Department of Pediatrics
 - 2018 – Janette Ferrantino Young Investigator Award from the Department of Pediatrics
 - 2017 – Fellow Award for Clinical/Health Services Research, Annual Pediatric Research Symposium, University of Michigan

- **Mentorship:** Undergraduate Students, Pediatric Residents, and Critical Care Fellows

- Published 29 original research manuscripts
 - 12 as first-author, 1 as senior author
 - Serves as an ad-hoc peer reviewer for several journals

- **Research Funding**

- Charles Woodson Collaborative Research Award
- Percy J. Murphy, MD and Mary C. Murphy, RN Endowed Children’s Research Fund
- CHEAR Center – pilot project grant/critical illness on family financial health
- MICHR KL2
- Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Award - longitudinal impact of pediatric critical illness
- Site PI, PICS-P longitudinal cohort study (with Upenn)

- **Appointments & Service Roles**

- **2021** – Associate Program Director for Research in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Fellowship
- **2019** – Faculty Investigator with Susan B. Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center
- **2018** – Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics
- Active member national & international professional societies

Clinical Program Development Award

Presented by: John Schmidt, M.D.

This award celebrates the innovation and collaboration that are foundational to the success of the Department. It recognizes an individual or team who have partnered to create, develop, and sustain a clinical program that supports the Department's mission of providing the highest level of clinical care.



Clinical Program Development Award

Stepping Stones - Patricia Keefer, M.D.



- Dr. Keefer holds many roles, serving as the Director and provider of Stepping Stones, Adult Palliative Care Attending, and is 1 of 5 Mott “Admitting Officers of the Day”.
- Dr. Keefer has strong leadership skills and was quick to adapt during the pandemic, creating daily huddles, newsletters and even recruiting two new faculty members!
- She is currently merging the Palliative Care and Complex Care programs and serves on the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for the hospital.
- In the community, she works as a Pediatric Hospice Physician and Medical Liaison for Wish-Upon-A-Teen.

Congratulations, Dr. Keefer!

Outstanding Contributions in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award

Presented by: Denise Alton - Lead Coordinator, Pediatric Fellowship Programs

This award honors a faculty member who has made sustained contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion at the division, department or health system level.



Outstanding Contributions in DEI Award

Folafoluwa Odetola, M.B., Ch.B., M.P.H – Critical Care Medicine

- Dr. Odetola presented the first presentation of the newly created Fairness, Inclusion, Respect, and Equity (FIRE) Rounds.
- He challenges others to think differently and brings awareness to problems that surrounds all of us.
- Dr. Odetola is passionate about his work and provides information and data that will ignite change in others.



Congratulations, Dr. Odetola!

Excellence in Clinical Research Award

Presented by: Michael Quasney M.D., Ph.D

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to child health-related research.



Excellence in Clinical Research Award

Heidi Flori, M.D. – Critical Care Medicine

- Dr. Flori's contributions to the understanding of pediatric acute respiratory distress syndrome (pARDS) epidemiology, risk factors, and management have influenced clinical practice around the world.
- Many of Dr. Flori's more than 130 publications are dedicated to her pARDS work.
- Dr. Flori is a tireless champion for clinical research across the PCCM division. For the past 6 years, she has organized the annual multidisciplinary Clinical and Translational Research Symposium, which allows trainees, nurse practitioners, and faculty to present their work for valuable feedback and discussion.



Congratulations, Dr. Flori!

Excellence in Quality Improvement Award

Presented by: Jill Noble, M.D.

This award recognizes an individual or a team who has made significant contributions to child health-related quality improvement.



Quality Improvement Award

UMMG Quality Improvement Team

- This team, led by Dr. Stephanie Goodson, has worked together to improve testing rates for Chlamydia.
- The pandemic hindered testing as supplies were diverted for COVID-19 testing. To adapt to the surplus, the QI team created workflow algorithms and recommendations for clinics on how to address these challenges.
- The QI team worked with MiChart to change the BPA to make it more user friendly and accurate. They continue to meet monthly to review data and work towards improving screening rates
- **Congratulations to Dr. Goodson, Dr. Neesha Patel, Dr. Emily Rassel, Dr. Sara McLaughlin, Michelle Neeley, Shikynia Brown, MA, Hannah Rozanski MA, and Ayaka Yajima, MSN, RN-BC**



Stephanie Goodson, M.D.



Neesha Patel, M.D.



Emily Rassel, M.D.



Sara McLaughlin, M.D.



Michelle Neeley, MA



Shikynia Brown, MA



Hannah Rozanski, MA



**Ayaka Yajima, MSN,
RN-BC**

Outstanding Mentorship Award

Presented by: John Schmidt, M.D.

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in mentorship and sponsorship of students, research trainees, house officers, and/or faculty.



Mentorship Award

Jocelyn Schiller, M.D. – Hospital Medicine



- Dr. Schiller joined the Department of Pediatrics in 2004, holding multiple roles and committee positions.
- Dr. Schiller created monthly Peer Mentoring meetings and initiated research meetings, both of which encourage professional development and mobilize the skills and talents of our division.
- She has served as an APEX faculty, mentoring junior Pediatric Hospital Medicine Faculty, volunteers at the Hope Clinic and speaks at local school and church functions.
- Leading by example, Dr. Schiller consistently fills the gaps and provides wisdom to the department.

Congratulations, Dr. Schiller!

Outstanding Staff Member Award

Presented by: John Barks, M.D.

This award recognizes an administrator, professional or support staff member who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and exceptional performance. Has a documented record of achievement in creating a positive and productive work environment for employees and be recognized as a positive force and team-builder.



Outstanding Staff Member Award

Shannon Vandervennet – Administrative Assistant, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

- Shannon has a long history with Michigan Medicine dating back to 2007 where she began her career as a unit clerk.
- Shannon is a trusted and organized colleague, dedicated to making her division thrive!
- She supports 16 faculty, 30 advanced practice providers, 8 fellows and a research coordinator all who have a range of needs. Shannon approaches all tasks as a partner who is invested in seeing our division operate smoothly and effectively.



Congratulations, Shannon!

Philanthropy Award (New!)

Presented by: Maria Bertram, Brenda Wehrli, Alex Kamer

This award recognizes a faculty or staff member who demonstrates outstanding commitment to donors and contributes to building a culture of philanthropy.



Philanthropy Award

Meera Meerkov and Patricia Keefer – Little Victor's League Team

- The Little Victors Team cares deeply for the Little Victors they serve, going above and beyond.
- The team created a holiday card with photos of Little Victors dressed for the season to share with the donors.
- The Team works closely with donors, answering questions, and providing examples of how impactful the care coordination program is.
- **Congrats to the LVL Team:
Meera Meerkov M.D., Patricia Keefer M.D., Brittany Shupe-Sawyer LMSW,
Jessica Pelletier MSN, RNC-NIC, CNL, and Kristen Lake-Davison, RN!**



Meera Meerkov, M.D



Patricia Keefer, M.D.



Brittany Shupe-Sawyer, LMSW



**Jessica Pelletier,
MSN, RNC-NIC, CNL**



Kristen Lake-Davison, RN