

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.



Mary Anne Wesner, C-TAGME

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Nominators Had This to Say:

"What sets Mary Anne apart is not her work ethic, though it is commendable. It is her heart. She shows her leadership style through her actions and everyone who knows her, knows we are better people for it."

"From a programmatic standpoint, MaryAnne has played a significant role in tackling the many challenges faced by our residency over the years. She has flawlessly assisted me in preparing for three site visits and is always on top of our annual ACGME requirements. Over the years, she has learned how to navigate two different data management systems and is now one of our health system's educators on MedHub. MaryAnne has been a leader within the APPD. She was the Coordinator Lead for the MidAtlantic Region from 2008 to 2011 and has remained active within that group, developing workshops and other learning activities for new program coordinators at a regional and national level."

"Her office reflects the personal relationships she fosters with us all, decorated with hundreds of photos, wedding invitations, Christmas cards and thank you notes from current and prior residents and faculty. Stacked in the corner, you will likely find her next arts and craft project to decorate and personalize each resident's locker, or you may find a mega sized Jenga set used to liven up our wellness days. To complete her workspace is a "Freudian" couch where residents spend time venting and silently receiving "psychotherapy." Despite the multiple meetings, scheduling needs, and paperwork she has to complete, she invariably makes the time to truly be there for whomever needs it."

“She has been a program administrator for pediatrics since 1998. To quantify this is a bit overwhelming. She has completed 23 ACGME annual updates, 23 interview seasons (thousands of medical school invitations), 23 graduations, 23 interview seasons. She has impacted the lives of over 200 pediatric resident graduates who have gone on to provide quality, passionate care throughout our community and the world. She is a true partner in leading the residency program and truly is part of the foundation that it is built upon.”