

GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award 2013



The ACGME is proud to announce the recipients of the *GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award*. This award was created to honor and recognize the very crucial role that program coordinators play in the success of a residency program. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



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Nominators had this to say:

"Her role in the overall improvement of the program can be seen through the progression of site visit results. The first site visit in 2004 resulted in a warning and a 1 year cycle. After the second site visit in 2005 the ACGME required the separate Hematology and Medical Oncology programs to combine, and the program was given a 2 year cycle. At that time, Lisa was only coordinating the Medical Oncology Fellowship Program. She took on the challenging and complicated task of combining the programs and reapplying for accreditation. With the programs combined, Lisa became the coordinator for all fellows, nearly doubling her workload. This is now the largest fellowship program in our institution. The program is now running successfully as a combined Heme/Onc Fellowship."

"As fellows, we are in a profession that puts patients' needs before our own, and so it is enormously reassuring to know there is someone like Lisa, who actively and reliably, in ways small and large, seen and unseen, prioritizes our needs. An example provided by a fellow recalls the time that, 'Lisa realized that taking overnight call for the outpatient clinics while on the inpatient leukemia service [was] a significant area of potential improvement after she took the time to hear about our experiences.' Taking this information to the fellowship body, administrators, and the department leadership, these two responsibilities were ultimately separated, enabling optimal learning from both opportunities while minimizing the potential for development of fellow fatigue."