THE PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP

Morris F. Collen
RESEARCH AWARDS

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GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
In 1948, Morris F. Collen, M.D., became one of the seven founding physicians of the Permanente Medical Group. As a clinician, researcher and teacher, Dr. Collen made significant contributions to the medical group and Kaiser Permanente members. Today he is recognized internationally for his pioneering work in applying computer technology to medicine.

From 1953 - 1961, Dr. Collen served as Physician-in-Chief in San Francisco. He became Director of Medical Methods Research (now the Division of Research) in 1961, ending his tenure in 1979 when he became Director, Division of Technology Assessment.

As an author and an editor, Dr. Collen has published extensively in the areas of internal medicine, preventive medicine, health services research, multiphasic testing, technology assessment, and medical informatics. His publications include more than 180 articles in the scientific literature and 5 books.

It is Dr. Collen’s work in medical computing which garnered international recognition. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science in 1981, and served as Chair of the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Board of Scientific Counselors from 1985-1987. As an NLM Scholar-in-Residence from 1987-1993, he wrote a history of medical applications of the computer.

Since 1983, Dr. Collen has served as a Consultant with the Division of Research, and he remains an enthusiastic supporter of research and teaching in TPMG.

“Tobeagoodphysician,youhave tokeepupwithwhatisNew,which meansyouhavetobeinvolvedin researchandtraining.Sopatient careisourfirstobligation,andondermertomaintainagoodquality ofcare,wemustalsodo research and teaching. And we do.”

-Morris F. Collen, MD
The TPMG Research and Teaching awards were established in 2003 to acknowledge the extraordinary accomplishments of practicing clinicians who also excel in research and teaching.

The Morris F. Collen Research Award recognizes the efforts of TPMG physicians who make significant contributions to scientific literature, the knowledge of their colleagues, and the health and welfare of Kaiser Permanente members and our communities.

The Teaching Awards for Excellence acknowledge TPMG physicians who make significant contributions to the graduate medical education of residents and medical students, and to the continuing medical education of their colleagues.
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Allan L. Bernstein, MD, Neurology, Santa Rosa – recognized for his dedication to bridging the gap between scientific investigation and clinical practice by conducting clinical research to improve care in neurologic diseases. Over the past three decades, his research has spanned a wide range of topics, including nutrition, headache, dementia, movement disorders, stroke and pain. Dr. Bernstein has participated in clinical trials for new treatments for secondary stroke prevention, migraine, Alzheimer’s disease and epilepsy. In addition, he pioneered the Headache Clinic and the Memory Disorder Program at Santa Rosa. His current projects include evaluating novel treatments for migraine and stroke.
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Harold Farber, MD, Pediatrics, Vallejo – recognized for the article “Trial of an Asthma Education Program in an Inner-City Pediatric Emergency Department,” which evaluated the effect of an asthma education and management intervention for Medicaid-insured children. In the intervention group, the adult accompanying the child received basic asthma education, a written asthma management plan, and prescriptions for both quick-relief and long-term control medication. The control group received routine care. Data on functional severity, use of asthma controller medication and the need for crisis care were gathered. Results indicated that the intervention improved use of asthma controller medication. The intervention did not affect the rate of hospitalization and Emergency Department visits. (Pediatric Asthma, Allergy and Immunology 2004;17:107-115.) Dr. Farber’s current projects include a clinical trial of a behaviorally based cotinine-feedback intervention to reduce second hand smoke exposure for children with asthma, and a study of African Americans, asthma, genetics, and environment.
Raymond Hilsinger, MD, Head and Neck Surgery, Oakland – recognized for his contributions to Oakland’s Head and Neck Surgery Residency Program. During his tenure as program director from 1972 to 2002, the program evolved into one of the premier Head and Neck Surgery programs in the country. The program has graduated 59 residents, maintained a 100% board pass rate, and averaged in the 95th percentile nationally on the Annual Otolaryngology Examination in the last five years. Nine graduates have served as Department Chiefs at Northern California KP medical centers. Dr. Hilsinger’s willingness to devote his time to sharing his knowledge and experience, calm demeanor, and supportive tutoring have earned him the respect of residents and colleagues. Currently Dr. Hilsinger volunteers his time preparing residents for Board examinations and the annual Bay Area Resident’s Research Symposium.
Roger Baxter, MD

infectious diseases
Roger Baxter, MD, Infectious Diseases, Oakland –
recognized for his dedication to educating TPMG physicians and other
clinicians about the ever-changing field of infectious diseases. In his role as
clinical lead for the Northern California Seasonal Flu Campaign, for example,
he sends weekly updates during flu season about incidence, diagnosis
and treatment of influenza. As Chair of the Chiefs of Infectious Diseases,
Dr. Baxter serves as the infectious disease expert for regional conferences.
For the past 16 years, he has provided formal presentations to physicians,
residents, medical students, nurses and laboratory personnel; engaged in
informal educational activities such as consultations; and authored a variety
of written reports.
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Donald Dyson, MD, Ob/Gyn, Santa Clara – for prolific and highly regarded research contributions over the past 20 years, particularly in the field of maternal-fetal medicine. He also created the Pre-Term Birth Prevention Program at Santa Clara, which received the James A. Vohs Award for Quality and has been implemented regionwide.

Randy Bergen, MD, Pediatrics, Walnut Creek – for research that established the safety of cold-adapted trivalent intranasal influenza virus vaccine (CAIV) in children over three years of age and adolescents. Based on the results, the Food and Drug Administration recommended the nasal flu vaccine be used only in children five years of age and older and called for further studies in children under five. (Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal 2004; 23:138-44)

Teaching Award for Excellence in Continuing Medical Education

Nazir Habib, MD, Critical Care, Vallejo – for his instrumental role bringing Fundamentals of Critical Care Support Certification to TPMG’s hospital-based physicians. This certification, part of the criteria used by the Leapfrog Group for evaluating hospitals, established TPMG as a leader in critical care support.

Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

John Husokowski, MD, Ob/Gyn, Oakland – for contributions to the Oakland KP Ob/Gyn Residency Program. He helped provide oversight for the program when hospital care for Ob/Gyn moved from the Oakland Medical Center to Alta Bates Hospital in 1997. He also implemented “Critical Review of the Literature,” a new course for residents.
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Arthur Klatsky, MD, Cardiology, Oakland (retired) – for research he conducted throughout his career as a full-time clinical cardiologist. A world-renowned expert on alcohol and cardiovascular disease, his work includes 91 presentations in 18 countries; and 120 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters and editorials. He is currently an Adjunct Investigator with the Division of Research.

Daniel Klein, MD, Infectious Diseases, Hayward – for research on the effects that HIV and protease inhibitors, and other HIV medications have on coronary artery disease and myocardial infarction. Key articles published in the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome include “Review of medical encounters in the 5 years before a diagnosis of HIV-1 infection: implications for early detection” (2003;32(2):143-152) and “Do protease inhibitors increase the risk for coronary heart disease in patients with HIV-1 infection?” (2002;30(5):471-477).

Teaching Award for Excellence in Continuing Medical Education

David J. Witt, MD, Infectious Diseases, San Rafael – for his invaluable expertise in educating physicians about the emergent threats of smallpox and other bioterrorism agents, and West Nile virus and SARS. He also advises about more common infectious disease challenges, such as community acquired pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

Gus Garmel, MD, Emergency, Santa Clara – for his role as co-founder and co-director of the Stanford/Santa Clara Kaiser Permanente Emergency Medicine Residency Program, and daily involvement in resident education. He has received numerous teaching awards, including the 2001 “Award for Excellence in Teaching,” presented by the National Emergency Medicine Resident Association.
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**Barry Rasgon, MD**, Head and Neck Surgery, Oakland – for research in otolaryngology. His article, “Use of Low Dose Technetium Tc99m Sulfur Colloid to Locate Sentinel Lymph Nodes in Melanoma of the Head and Neck: Preliminary Study,” describes a technique for localization of tumors that results in a high percentage of complete tumor removal. (Laryngoscope; 2001;111:1366-1372)

Teaching Award for Excellence in Continuing Medical Education

**Dzung Trinh, MD**, Medicine, Fresno – for long and active involvement in CME, including the creation and presentation of the Medicine Case-Conference Series, and for contributions as a mentor to many new physicians.

Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

**Tim Grennan, MD**, Oncology, Sacramento – for the quality of his teaching, consistent commitment to students, residents and fellows, and for the mentoring of numerous TPMG physicians during their residencies.