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The TPMG Research & 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 Awards recognize the efforts of TPMG physicians who make significant contributions to scientific literature 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 continuing medical education of their colleagues and the graduate medical education of residents and medical students.

2007 MORRIS F. COLLEN RESEARCH AWARD

PEDIATRICS



Arnd Herz, MD

Arnd Herz, MD Pediatrics, GSAA –

recognized for his groundbreaking work, reported in “Changing Epidemiology of Outpatient Bacteremia in 3-36 month-old Children After the Introduction of the Heptavalent-Conjugated Pneumococcal Vaccine.” (The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal 2006; 25:293-300).

Dr. Herz’s idea for the research that led to this article came after a colleague asked him to speak to residents about how to use the “Rochester Criteria” (RC) for evaluating infants with fever. Dr. Herz had a hunch that the RC was no longer a useful tool because the bacteria it screened for in 1991 was less prevalent following the introduction of the Pneumococcal Vaccine.

His findings demonstrated a dramatic reduction in the kind of bacteria found in populations of children who had received their vaccinations. However, he also found something of great interest - that while pneumococcal bacteremia had decreased, E. coli, Salmonella, and Staphylococcus had increased in relative importance. Dr. Herz reported: “The use of white blood cell counts alone to guide the empiric use of antibiotics is not indicated. New guidelines are needed to approach the previously healthy febrile toddler in the outpatient setting.”

“Dr. Herz’s contribution to the medical literature has wide applicability to many clinical settings, including the medical office, emergency department, and inpatient hospital setting.”

Michael A. Horberg, MD
Chair, TPMG/KPNC
Central Research Committee

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Raji Ayyar, MD



David Baer, MD



Louis Fehrenbacher, MD



Peter Gordon, MD



Tim Grennan, MD



Alfredo Lopez, MD



Lisbeth Suyehira, MD

Oncologists Raji Ayyar, MD, Santa Clara • David Baer, MD, Oakland • Louis Fehrenbacher, MD, Vallejo • Peter Gordon, MD, Oakland • Tim Grennan, MD, Sacramento • Alfredo Lopez, MD, San Francisco • Lisbeth Suyehira, MD, Walnut Creek –

recognized for their leadership of the Kaiser Permanente Oncology Clinical Trials Program (KPOCT). The oncologists have among the highest number of patient enrollments in clinical trials within TPMG — over 100 patients each — contributing greatly to the success of the clinical trials program in Northern California.

More than 100 TPMG physicians and 40 research personnel facilitate participation in clinical trials. There are approximately 40 trials open for patient accrual at any given time. Since its inception 15 years ago, KPOCT has administered 264 clinical trials, enrolling more than 3700 patients. Currently, there are over 1700 Kaiser Permanente patients receiving treatment or on active follow-up for twelve different types of cancer.

Among 200 US and Canadian institutions, KPOCT is the largest contributor to the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP), which includes large-scale trials for the treatment and prevention of breast cancer.

In 2007, KPOCT received the American Society of Clinical Oncology's Clinical Trials Award in recognition of its dedication to the advancement of cancer treatments through clinical trials. Each year, more than 300 Northern California Kaiser Permanente patients enter clinical trials, enabling them to receive promising new treatments prior to FDA approval.

“The KPOCT physicians honored exemplify the best in terms of knowledge, energy, and effort to ensure that KPNC patients with cancer receive the highest quality treatment and the best chances for survival.”

Michael A. Horberg, MD
Chair, TPMG/KPNC Central
Research Committee

2007 TEACHING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION



Robin Field, MD

Robin Field, MD Ob/Gyn, San Francisco –

recognized for his outstanding contributions as Director of KPSF Ob/Gyn Residency Program since 1998, a program that has gained a national reputation for superior quality under his leadership. Dr. Field is also the recipient of many local and national awards for his teaching.

Former residents and medical students describe Dr. Field as a brilliant and compassionate teacher under whose mentorship their own careers have thrived. Dr. Field has instilled in his students the excitement and passion that fueled his development as a clinician and educator.

A beneficiary of great mentors, Field says that the best teachers inspire their students to become life-long learners.

Dr. Field's zeal for teaching and learning is contagious. Nearly half the residents who pass through Kaiser Permanente's Ob/Gyn residency program join The Permanente Medical Group, and many have taken positions of leadership in KP medical centers.

"I have seen many gifted educators in my 20 years at Kaiser Permanente. Robin Field is beyond gifted: teaching is his life."

Steven Masters, MD
Chief of Ob/Gyn, TPMG

2007 TEACHING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION



Elizabeth S. Menkin, MD

Elizabeth S. Menkin, MD, Palliative Care, San Jose –

recognized for her tireless commitment to deliver an innovative curriculum that improves best practices among physicians who treat patients with advanced illnesses. A Master Facilitator for the Education for Physicians on End-of-Life-Care (EPEC) Project, Dr. Menkin is a passionate advocate for patient-centered care.

Dr. Menkin is a highly regarded teacher who has taught both KP and non-KP physicians in a variety of conference settings. Doctors often recall her classes as a life-changing experience that provides them with new insights and skills to care for critically-ill patients. Her novel approaches integrate the small-group format of the EPEC curriculum with game-based exercises that facilitate discussion and reflection.

One method pioneered by Dr. Menkin is the use of cards in a game called “Go Wish” that triggers a conversation in which the patient is able to express what is most important if the remaining time is short. Dr. Menkin’s approach helps physicians get a real sense of what their patients are experiencing, to help them make the best decisions going forward.

“Dr. Menkin has a unique genius for creating a learning experience that allows the physician to profoundly experience the patient perspective.”

Jann Dorman, Director
Center for Health Care Delivery
Care Management Institute

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Allan L. Bernstein, MD, Neurology, Santa Rosa – recognized for bridging the gap between scientific investigation and clinical practice by conducting research to improve care in neurologic diseases. He participated in clinical trials for new treatments for secondary stroke prevention, migraine, Alzheimer’s disease and epilepsy. His current projects include evaluating novel treatments for migraine and stroke.

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. (Pediatric asthma, allergy and immunology 2004; 17:107-115.)

Teaching Award for Excellence in Continuing Medical Education

Roger Baxter, MD, Infectious Diseases, Oakland – recognized for his dedication to educating TPMG physicians about infectious diseases. Since 1990, 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.

Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

Raymond Hilsinger, MD, Head and Neck Surgery, Oakland – recognized for his contributions as Oakland’s head and neck surgery residency program director. From 1972 to 2002, the residency program evolved into one of the premier programs in the country. By 2006, it had graduated 59 residents, maintained a 100% board pass rate, and averaged in the 95th percentile nationally on the annual otolaryngology examination.

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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 was Director of the Program in the 1990’s and helped provide oversight 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, 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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William Durston, MD, Emergency, South Sacramento – for research on the role of ultrasound in the Emergency Department. He published “Comparison of Quality and Cost-Effectiveness in the Evaluation of Symptomatic Cholelithiasis with Different Approaches to Ultrasound Availability in the ED.” (American Journal of Emergency Medicine; May 2001;19:260-269)

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.

2003



“To be a good physician, you have to keep up with what is new, which means you have to be involved in research and training. So patient care is our first obligation, and to maintain a good quality of care, we must also research and teach. And we do.”

-Morris F. Collen, MD

Morris F. Collen, MD

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.

Dr. Collen's work in medical computing garnered international attention. 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.

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