



**Jason Guardino, DO, MS Ed.**

Chief, Gastroenterology  
South Sacramento

**2016**  
Cecil Cutting  
Leadership Award

“No member of Kaiser Permanente should ever die from colon cancer.” Jason Guardino, DO, MS, has put his passion, energy and leadership skills behind his words.

Dr. Guardino’s message to everyone is “get tested” – two words that save lives – and has led numerous innovations to increase both the quality and quantity of screenings in Kaiser Permanente. Patients receive the treatment they require, without delay, and with the individualized, caring approach Dr. Guardino models.

Dr. Guardino credits his team for their steadfast dedication to the goal of eventually eliminating all colon cancer deaths. Under his leadership, their efforts have been second to none.

“*Dr. Guardino has transformed his department and influenced regional practice. There is no question that his model of care is saving lives.*”

– Richard Isaacs, MD, Physician-in-Chief