

RICHARD FLEMING, MD

INTERNAL MEDICINE, NAPA/SOLANO

2007 Sidney R. Garfield, MD
EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Hallway conversations helped evolve the local community volunteer work Richard Fleming, MD, was doing into Volunteers in Public Service – a program designed to make it easy for TPMG physicians to volunteer their services.

In 2005, he created VIP's, an organization that assesses a non-profit's need for physician volunteers, ensures a safe environment, and arranges volunteer schedules.

Currently, Dr. Fleming and other volunteers commit a half a day every other month to provide education, training, or clinical services at six community agencies. Everybody wins: the agencies benefit from the support; the physicians find fulfillment in the work; and the community recognizes KP as an important partner.

Dr. Fleming is working to expand VIPS to other medical centers and to introduce retired TPMG physicians into the program.

