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ABMS Selects 2017-2018 Visiting Scholars

Program encourages early career physicians and scientists in their pursuit of improving patient care and furthering medical education

CHICAGO – October 16, 2017 – The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Research and Education Foundation has selected six individuals to participate in its Visiting Scholars Program for 2017-2018.

Launched in 2014, the one-year, part-time program facilitates scholarly projects relevant to physician certification that support early career physicians and scientists in their pursuit of improving patient care and furthering medical education. The program also exposes the scholars to the fields of professional assessment and education, health and public policy, and quality improvement (QI), as well as provides leadership development. For the third consecutive year, the class includes a Visiting Scholar sponsored by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS).

“The Visiting Scholars Program facilitates research and continues to be a wonderful opportunity to engage young physician leaders and researchers in the Boards Community,” noted ABMS President and Chief Executive Officer Lois Margaret Nora, MD, JD, MBA. “The research conducted by our scholars has helped inform physician assessment and professional development. In addition, the program exposes the scholars to mentors in the Boards Community and offers them the opportunity to further develop their own leadership capabilities, expand their professional network, and further their career growth.”

The 2017-2018 class members and their research projects are:

- **Regan Bergmark, MD, Gliklich Healthcare Innovation Scholar, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Eye and Ear**® – *Standardized Health Outcomes Measures: Utilization by Specialty*

- **Martin Casey, MD, MPH, Resident, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital, Elmhurst Hospital** – Variation in Charges and Revisit Rates for Emergency Department Asthma Visits
- **Souvik Chatterjee, MD, Pulmonary Critical Care Fellow, National Institutes of Health, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions** – The Human Dx Project: An Objective Assessment of Diagnostic Reasoning (Project supported by a grant to the ABMS REF from the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation.)
- **Brian Garibaldi, MD, Associate Program Director, Osler Medical Residency Program, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine** – A New Bedside Tool to Assess the Physician Exam Skills of Practicing Physicians (Project supported by a grant to the ABMS REF from the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation.)
- **Shannon Martin, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago** - Understanding Associations of Maintenance of Certification on Resource Utilization and Physician-Reported Knowledge and Experience in Consultation

“We are excited about the research being undertaken by our Visiting Scholars and the impact this program continues to have within the Boards Community,” explained David Price, MD, FAAFP, FACEHP, Senior Vice President, ABMS Research and Education Foundation. “We also are thrilled that ABOS will again sponsor a Visiting Scholar, whose research will support improvement in orthopaedic practice and performance. In addition, the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation has generously provided a grant that will support two Visiting Scholars’ research focusing on ways to improve physician diagnostic accuracy.”

For more information about the ABMS [Visiting Scholars Program](https://www.abms.org), visit the ABMS website at [www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org).

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