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ABMS Selects Four Visiting Scholars for 2019-2020 Class

Four physicians receive financial awards for research in physician education, assessment, and continuing professional development

CHICAGO – October 14, 2019 – The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) has selected four outstanding individuals to participate in its 2019-2020 Visiting Scholars Program. This year, each Scholar will receive a \$12,500 financial award to support the direct costs of research and travel expenses associated with program participation.

Launched in 2014, the one-year, part-time Visiting Scholars Program supports early career physicians and researchers in scholarship and leadership development in the fields of physician education, training, and assessment, continuing professional development, quality improvement, and federal health policy. To date, 29 Visiting Scholars have participated in the program.

“If we are to improve patient care, physician assessment, and professional development, it is critical to actively engage physician leaders and researchers in the ABMS community,” stated Richard E. Hawkins, MD, ABMS President and Chief Executive Officer. “The Visiting Scholars Program helps these individuals conduct cutting edge research while encouraging them to develop their leadership capabilities, expand their professional network, and further their career growth.”

During the yearlong program, ABMS Visiting Scholars remain at their home institutions and participate in monthly interactive webinars with national leaders in medical education, practice regulation, and policy. They attend three in-person leadership meetings, ultimately presenting their research findings before a national audience at the annual ABMS Conference.

The 2019-2020 Visiting Scholars and their areas of interest are:

- **Rachel Frank, MD**, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado (Denver, Colorado)— Is there a Ceiling Effect in Virtual Reality Orthopaedic Surgical Simulators? A Prospective Clinical Trial (co-sponsored by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery)

- **Maya Iyer, MD, MEd**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Nationwide Children’s Hospital (Columbus, Ohio)—The Procedural Practice Perspective of General Pediatricians
- **Laura Kim, MD**, Health Professions Education Evaluation and Research Fellow, VHA National Simulation Center (SimLEARN) (Orlando, Florida)—Exploration of How MOCA Simulations Can Impact Future VA Educational and Policy Efforts (co-sponsored by the Office of Academic Affiliations, Veterans Health Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)
- **Trisha Marshall, MD**, Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellow, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati, Ohio)—Developing Tools to Identify Diagnostic Uncertainty in the Electronic Health Record (co-sponsored by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation)

“We are very grateful to the forward-thinking organizations that recognize the value of this innovative research program and provide their support, including the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, the Veterans Health Administration, and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation,” said Hawkins. “Their investment in this research today will yield big benefits to society for years to come.”

Applications for the 2020-2021 Visiting Scholars Program will be available January 2020 on the ABMS website at www.visitingscholars.abms.org.

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