

## David C. Leach Award



In honor of former ACGME Executive Director David C. Leach, MD (1997-2007) and his contributions to resident education and well-being, the ACGME created this award in 2008. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contributions to graduate medical education. The ACGME congratulates the 2017 recipients of the David C. Leach Award.



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### **About the project:**

“This project was aimed at improving communication and collaboration in patient care within the institution (number 4). The project was to develop and Accountable Care Unit (ACU) for adult inpatients on Baird 4 with the family medicine inpatient teaching service. An ACU is a model developed by Dr. Jason Stein and Emory Health Care. An ACU is defined as a geographic area consistently responsible for the clinical service, cost and outcomes it produces.”

“Prior to initiation of the ACU the family medicine inpatient service (FMS) admitted patients on 7 floors of the hospital. Work was scattered, communication with patients, families, the attending, nursing and case management/social work was often hit and miss and often on the fly. Work was in silos and hierarchical. Care was not coordinated and there was much redundant work and questions for the patients.

“Since initiation of the ACU 11/1/15 the FMS service is 90% of the family medicine adult patients are on Baird 4. The team (residents and attending) round (SIBR) 7 days a week at 10 am with the charge nurse, the bedside nurses and the nurse case manager. SIBR rounds are completed on every patient every day. Our HCAPS (patient satisfaction scores have doubled in some areas) and our readmission rate has plummeted and our staff (resident, faculty, nursing) satisfaction scores have gone up by as much as 150% in some areas!”