

## David C. Leach, MD Award Recipients 2014



In an effort to honor the former Executive Director of the ACGME (1997 – 2007), David C. Leach, MD, 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 contribution to graduate medical education. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



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### **Nominators had this to say:**

“The purpose of the project was to determine the effect of a collaborative clinical education initiative on appropriate utilization or screening cervical spine computed tomography (CT) in the institution’s emergency department. The goal was to improve adherence to the American College of Radiology (ACR) Appropriateness Criteria through both clinical education and raised awareness amongst ordering clinicians. This would not only improve patient care by reducing the amount of unnecessary CT exams, thus reducing patient costs and radiation exposure, but also further educate clinicians (staff, residents, and physician assistants) regarding appropriateness criteria.”

“The project successfully improved the appropriate use of imaging (cervical spine CT) and increased the clinical effectiveness of those studies by engaging clinicians in the use of evidence-based clinical guidelines (e.g., ACR Appropriateness Criteria), through raised awareness and clinical education programs. The improvement was evidenced by both a reduction in over-utilization according to the ACR Appropriateness Criteria, as well as increased radiation detection rates amongst the imaged patients. These improvements not only reduce the financial burden to patients and the healthcare system, but also reduce the radiation burden to a significant number of patients.”