

GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award Winners

Sherry Berka

Internal Medicine

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Nominators had this to say:

Sherry deftly coordinates the largest and most complex program on our campus with over 150 residents while providing support to fellowship programs serving over 120 fellows. She is the “go to” person for other coordinators, administrators and GME personnel because of her vast experience, unequalled job knowledge and willingness to address difficult issues. Sherry has been the Internal Medicine Residency Program Administrator for a total of 23 years and has been attending Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM) meetings for over 10 years. In addition, she is currently the Chair of the APDIM Program Administrators’ Advisory Council (PACC) and in this capacity; she sits on the APDIM council.

Ms. Berka possesses outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, and provides leadership in the office, among administrators of other programs on campus, and as a resource to GME. Sherry’s residents, colleagues and employees have good morale and not only respect Sherry, but enjoy working with and for her. She is fair and treats everyone equally. No one ever leaves her office feeling like they have asked a stupid question. She’s never defensive or condescending and appears able to resolve conflicts with little fanfare.

In addition to being an effective program administrator, Sherry serves as a role model and confidant. She strives for balance between her professional and personal life and is open about the challenges of being a mother, grandmother, wife, friend and professional colleague in today’s medical environment.