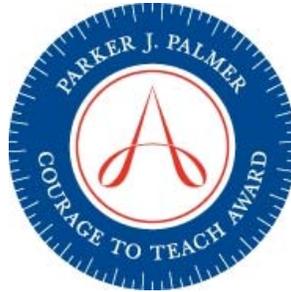


2012 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients
for Program Director Excellence



Charles B. Seelig, MD, MS, FACP

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Greenwich, CT

Nominators had this to say:

“Dr. Seelig has made major improvements in our program during his tenure. Adapting to new requests such as Requirements of Team caps, limits on daily admissions, duty hour restrictions and the like are not problems to Dr. Seelig but are opportunities for him to implement ideas he has already formulated. This unique ability to think innovatively has earned him recognition from the Yale New Haven Health System for the Sepsis Quality Performance Initiative in which he involved residents. Of the twenty quality improvement initiatives submitted by Greenwich Hospital to the 2011 Joseph A. Zaccagnino Patient Safety and Clinical Quality Conference, three were led by Dr. Seelig and his staff.”

“What truly distinguishes Chuck is his incredible generosity of spirit, passion for excellence and commitment to the educational and emotional welfare of his students and residents, a commitment that goes beyond academics. He inspires and challenges students to loftier lessons and goals. He empowers those around him to believe that they can make a difference. Patient encounters are more than just an opportunity to learn, they are an opportunity to comfort and connect in a human way, even if it is only a caring touch. He teaches that the more challenging the problem, the more rewarding the learning and the greater the chance to make a positive difference. Students soon learn the importance of knowing their patient not only in body but in mind and spirit.”