Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award

for Program Director Excellence



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents/fellows and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. The ACGME congratulates the 2015 recipients of the Courage to Teach Award.



Kenneth Zuckerman, MD

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Nominators had this to say:

Dr. Zuckerman has produced numerous innovations by creating the equivalent of today's Clinical Competence and Program Evaluation Committees 20 years ago; the first BMT outpatient rotation; a unique chemotherapy prescribing and safety training course for all fellows (with pharmacists); a novel Phase I clinical studies rotation to expose fellows to clinical, scientific, regulatory, safety and ethical aspects of phase I studies; a highly successful scholarly activities support system; (with

major fellow input) a new interactive educational conference format and fellow-maintained website with reference materials for review before each class; personalized medicine clinical and molecular research didactic training with clinical consultation service. He has directed NIH T32, K12, and K30 training grants. He created and has directed an MS degree program in Clinical & Translational Research, training nearly 50 fellows and junior faculty, including 14 Hem/One fellows.

"Under the guidance of Dr. Zuckerman, the Medical Oncology & Hematology fellowship training program at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and the University of South Florida has almost tripled in size over the past 21 years, expanding from 10 to now 28 fellows."