

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While Program Coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. The Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve GME.



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Nominators had this to say:

"Ms. Brucha's mentorship, effectiveness, and creativity allow the PD [program director] to reap the fulfillment of running a program."

"She is clearly one of the residents' biggest fans. This past year, she went above and beyond asking the residency if there was anything that we needed for our resident lounge. I assumed that she was referring to office supplies or materials for our laparoscopic trainer. Another resident requested a new TV along with snacks. Diana's response was, "What size TV?" Within a few months, there was a new flat screen TV to enjoy. The joy was palpable. As the medical community's focus intensifies on wellness, they are just catching up to Diana."

"One of Ms. Brucha's most valuable traits is to think things through multiple steps into the future. One example of this took place during license renewal in 2018. The State had just changed its medical licensing process, which ultimately required our team to re-design our licensing approach. Ms. Brucha helped us to estimate the delays caused by the State's change, and to think through alternate approaches. Her assistance minimized license delay or interruption for our new and continuing residents."