

## GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award 2011



### **Mary Kathryn Poptic**

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

“Our program has been rated the number one training program in the Cleveland Clinic system for two years in a row. The ranking incorporates the satisfaction scores of the trainees with how their program is run, again in large part a reflection of her talents as a Coordinator. Her involvement extends to coordinating the Medical Physics residency, the Radiation Therapy Technology training program, as well as all current research activities of 12 medical students taking part in research with the Faculty. In summary, her performance has been truly outstanding. The fact that she is adored by the Residents

says it even more succinctly.”

“She has consistently promoted innovation and growth in the quality of the program. For example, she has worked tirelessly in developing electronic evaluation tools to facilitate the work of students and Faculty in assessing and reviewing the program, and so for the past three years we have been paperless in doing the business of the program. With the development of electronic resources, she has also worked at improving their utility.”

“Mary Kathryn frequently solicits resident and staff feedback to help understand how to make our already robust teaching program better. She encouraged us to institute "resident review" in which junior residents are given free license to ask senior residents any question of their choice, and seniors are evaluated by their peers on their teaching skills. Just a few months ago, after attending the national GME meeting, she was inspired to incorporate more consistent education in bioethics into our training, and has asked me to collaborate with her on developing a more comprehensive bioethics curriculum.”