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University of Utah School of Medicine Alumni Association
Office of Academic Affairs and Faculty Development

Dear Committee:

It is our absolute pleasure to nominate Dr. Preceptor for the Clinical Community Faculty Award. She is a phenomenal physician, educator, and person. We can think of no one more deserving than her.

Dr. Preceptor's efforts in teaching extend back to her days as a chief resident in her final year of training. Clearly this leadership and teaching spirit is a part of who she is as a physician, and although she did not choose to go into academics, it is clear she has an ongoing commitment to education. With the expansion of our clerkship to six weeks and the increase in class size, finding excellent, excited, and willing preceptors is a continual challenge. We ask each of our faculty to take at least three student rotations/year. Last year, Dr. Preceptor took a student for all but one of our rotations last year; this was eight different students, some of them for up to six weeks! She is critical to the success of our rotation.

Dr. Preceptor is one of the hardest working physicians we know and has nothing but the highest personal integrity, honesty, compassion, and sincerity. In other words, she is an amazing role model for our trainees. She is committed to our Department's educational mission.

Because this award is about teaching, we'd like to share some comments from our learners:

- Dr. Preceptor took a vested interest in my learning. She was upfront and honest with her evaluations and criticism which I greatly appreciated. She took the time to explain concepts to me and really helped me see how useful evidence based approaches really are. She was always willing to help with anything I needed and used her role to help push me to be a better future physician. I really enjoyed my time with her.
- I can honestly say that some of my most valuable experiences as a resident were spent with Dr. Preceptor. She took to the time to ensure that my classmates and I were confident in navigating national trends and policies.
- Dr. Preceptor is an incredible physician and teacher. She took every opportunity to help me improve as a student. Every day she would take the time to help me with my clinical reasoning and decision making skills and would always make sure I took an active role in clinic. She is extremely dedicated to both her patients and students. There are no areas for improvement!

Dr. Preceptor would be an ideal choice for this award. It is even more inspiring that she is also an alumna of the School of Medicine, and a graduate of the last twenty years. This is exactly what this award is designed to honor and promote.

Sincerely,

Member(s) of Department Leadership and/or Learner(s)