

David C. Leach, MD Award Recipients

Christopher Young, MD

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Project: *A self-initiated follow-up survey of all past graduate fellows*

Nominators had this to say:



Chris has only been in our fellowship for one year, but he has already had an impact on the future of this program. Chris had a novel idea to improve the quality of the neonatology fellowship training program at the University of Florida and took the initiative to survey past program graduates to help "diagnose" areas of concern within the program and make suggestions for improvement. After requesting and receiving approval for this project from the faculty, he proceeded without further prodding. He compiled results on his own and has designed and started to implement a plan to improve some of the areas identified by his study as needing improvement.

Chris is not new to the improvement process, however. He was active in his residency in improving education and patient care. He participated in the Housestaff Advisory Committee, in which he helped guide curriculum development as well as evaluation and improvement of the residency program. He helped establish the current lecture schedule that is used in the pediatric residency program while serving on that committee. He was recognized as resident of the month and has received multiple "Key Awards" from the hospital in recognition for his outstanding performance.