

## David C. Leach Award



Named to honor the ACGME's former Executive Director, Dr. David C. Leach (1997-2007) and his commitment to resident education and physician well-being, this award recognizes resident-/fellow-led projects and innovations.



### **Kaitlin R. Snapp, MD**

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### **About the project:**

Dr. Snapp developed and implemented a longitudinal point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) curriculum and the REACT (Rapid-Response Education and Code Training) program at the University of Cincinnati, addressing identified gaps in GME. Using Kern's six-step approach and evidence-based strategies, she created needs assessments, learning objectives, hands-on didactic sessions, and simulation scenarios to improve residents' competence and confidence in high-acuity situations. Both programs have shown measurable improvements in knowledge and confidence among participants, with sustainable integration into the curriculum and pathways for ongoing use. Dr. Snapp's work exemplifies excellence in GME by addressing gaps, improving education, and enhancing patient care outcomes, with plans to share the curriculum and resources for adoption at other institutions.

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

"Dr. Snapp's patient care philosophy is deeply humanistic, prioritizing empathy, respect, and effective communication. Her involvement in workshops focused on patient-centered care has profoundly impacted our clinical practice, fostering an environment where patients feel heard and valued. This commitment to humanism is reflected in her positive patient satisfaction scores and peer reviews, highlighting her ability to translate these values into actionable practice."