2024-2025 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Outstanding MSTP Preceptor

Name of Nominee Dr. Lynn Hassman

Dear Golden Stethoscope Selection Committee:

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Dr. Lynn Hassman for the Outstanding MSTP Preceptor Award. As both a clinician, researcher and a mentor, Dr. Hassman embodies the ideal combination of scientific rigor, clinical insight, and humanistic care that this award seeks to recognize.

One of Dr. Hassman's most remarkable strengths is her integration of evidence-based medicine into training. In the complex field of uveitis, she not only taught the principles of clinical care but grounded her instruction in the landmark studies that define standards of care. Her ability to contextualize day-to-day clinical decisions within the framework of pivotal research elevated my understanding in how decisions of clinical care are made and trained me to think critically about the data that guide our actions.

Equally impressive was Dr. Hassman's passion for translational research and her gift for bringing science to life through clinical relevance. She frequently shared how the research questions she pursued were born directly from the needs she observed in clinic. This perspective provided incredible opportunities for dialogue around experimental design, study innovation, and the evolving landscape of clinical research. Specifically around the applications for sequencing based techniques and machine learning. For a physician scientist in training who is learning to link the worlds of medicine and research, Dr. Hassman modeled how to bridge them meaningfully and with purpose.

Above all, Dr. Hassman demonstrated profound compassion for her patients. In research, one can become detached from the individuals behind the samples or data points. Dr. Hassman knows each of her patients in extraordinary detail: their stories, struggles, setbacks, and triumphs. Her unwavering commitment to patient care served as a golden example of how to maintain humanity in the analytical world of translational research. To me this stood as a firm reminder that our work, at its core, is about people.

Dr. Hassman has made a lasting impact on my development as a physician-scientist. She is an outstanding clinician, scientist, and mentor. I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition.

Sincerely,
Brandon Hilliard

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