

Denver, CO – October 7, 2011

One hundred and thirteen of the Rocky Mountain Region's top hospital-based providers were recognized for their work at the 9th Annual Rocky Mountain Hospital Medicine Symposium (RMHMS) held in the Korbel Ballroom at the Colorado Convention Center on October 7, 2011. The Peak Performers Awards recognize clinical excellence among hospitalists, physician subspecialists, nurses, pharmacists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Online voting was made available to over 100,000 providers who were asked to vote for their colleagues that embodied the characteristics of "team-based care, professionalism and clinical excellence." "The goal of the Peak Performers Awards, now in its third year" explained Dr. Jeff Glasheen, RMHMS Course Director, "is to recognize excellence among those who work primarily in the hospital setting and do so much to enhance and ensure that quality care is delivered in the Rockies." Peak Performers were honored in front of over 650 colleagues during a special ceremony at the RMHMS. You can learn more about the Peak Performers Awards by visiting this website <http://thececonsultants.com/peakperformersawards.html>.

The following providers were recognized (*indicates multi-time winner):

Boulder Community Hospital:

Annette Montoya, NP	Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner
Colleen Ryan, MD	Hospital Medicine

Denver Health Medical Center:

Randee Brown, RN	Nursing
Marisha Burden, MD	Hospital Medicine
Jill Chisolm, RN	Nursing
Henry Salzman, NP	Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner

Good Samaritan Medical Center:

Sarah McKinley, MD	Intensive Care Medicine
Celeste Swanson, RN	Nursing

Littleton Adventist Hospital:

Joseph Morroni, MD	Infectious Diseases
Eric Smith, PharmD	Hospital Pharmacy
Anne Torkelson, NP*	Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner
Dave Vansickle, MD	Neurosurgery

Lutheran Medical Center:

Norman Fujita, MD*	Infectious Diseases
Joel Strohecker, DO	Hospital Medicine
Mark Watts, MD	Neurosurgery

Memorial Hospital:

Thomas Baesl, MD	General Surgery
Carolyn Carroll Flynn, RN	Nursing
Amy Curran, MD	Hospital Medicine
Paul Grabb, MD	Neurosurgery
Robert Kiley, MD	Intensive Care Medicine
Mindy Siegel, MD	Orthopedic Surgery
David Nash, PharmD	Hospital Pharmacy

Leigh Shapleigh, MD Hospital Medicine

North Suburban Medical Center:

Aaron Baxter, MD Orthopedic Surgery
James Joseph Marr, MD Emergency Medicine
Suzanne May, PharmD Hospital Pharmacy
Jose Pacheco, MD Cardiology

Parker Adventist Hospital:

Joan Eldridge, MD* Cardiology
Rick Feret, MD* Hospital Medicine
Katherine Hodgins, MD* Intensive Care Medicine
Derek Johnson, MD Orthopedic Surgery
Margie Kubowicz, MD* Hospital Medicine
Sean Markey, MD Neurosurgery
Phillip Mitchell, MD Emergency Medicine
Christine Rogness, MD General Surgery
Ravi Shah, MD* Neurology
Shelley Wood, RN Nursing

Penrose-St Francis Hospital:

Gil Porat, MD Hospital Medicine
Erik Van Os, MD Gastroenterology

Porter Adventist Hospital:

Leslie Dawid, RN Nursing
Paula Dennen, MD Intensive Care Medicine
Cory Garten, DO Hospital Medicine
Krystina Kimminau, RN Nursing
Dianna Lehman, RPh Hospital Pharmacy
Kelly Taubeneck, PA Hospital-Based Physician Assistant
Daniel Vernon, MD* Hospital Medicine
Adam Wolff, MD Neurology

Presbyterian/St Luke's:

Scott Bentz, MD Emergency Medicine
Raymond Blum, MD* Infectious Diseases
Thomas Crisman, MD* Cardiology
Kristen Gipper, RN Nursing
Edie Lindeburg, NP* Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner
Trevor McNutt, MD Neurology
Ted Parks, MD* Orthopedics
Monica Schlatter, NP* Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner
Jeffrey Schwartz, MD* Intensive Care Medicine
Graham Sellers, MD General Surgery
Matthew Terra, MD* Infectious Diseases
Amy Timmons, RN Nursing
Thomas Trouillot, MD* Gastroenterology

Rose Medical Center:

Jill Anderson, RN	Nursing
Erin Andreas, RN	Nursing
Carrie Megan Austin, MD	Hospital Medicine
Hal Crane, MD	Orthopedic Surgery
Marisa Echaniz, MD	Hospital Medicine
Danielle Grayeb, MD	Hospital Medicine
Kenneth Greenberg, DO*	Infectious Diseases
John Hammer, MD	Infectious Diseases
Kimberly Houkal, PA	Hospital-Based Physician Assistant
Donald Leftkowitz, MD	Emergency Medicine
Jennifer Moss, MD	Gastroenterology
William Plaus, MD	General Surgery
Ralph Round, MD	Neurology
Lauren Sarnat, MD	Hospital Medicine
Elaine Schwartz, MD	Intensive Care Medicine
Michael Schwartz, MD	Intensive Care Medicine
Stephen Shogan, MD	Neurosurgery
Jeffery Stroup, RPh	Hospital Pharmacy
Vijay Subbarao, MD	Cardiology
Janice Thomas, NP	Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner
Benjamin Young, MD	Infectious Diseases
Andrew Ziller, MD*	Emergency Medicine

Sky Ridge Medical Center:

Samantha Barrett, RN	Hospital Nursing
----------------------	------------------

Southwest Memorial Hospital:

Dave Mortenson, RPh	Hospital Pharmacy
---------------------	-------------------

St Anthony Hospital:

Jeffrey Cross, MD	General Surgery
Josi Khokani, PharmD	Hospital Pharmacy
Jeffrey Sippel, MD*	Intensive Care Medicine

St Anthony Summit Medical Center:

Marshall Denkinger, MD	Emergency Medicine
Mark Norden, MD	Hospital Medicine
Dawn Sculco, RN*	Nursing

St Joseph Hospital:

Ruth Nauts, MD	Orthopedic Surgery
----------------	--------------------

St Mary-Corwin Medical Center:

Martha Dunlap, RN	Nursing
-------------------	---------

Swedish Medical Center:

Ira Dauber, MD	Cardiology
Frederick Lewis, MD	Gastroenterology

University of Colorado Hospital:

Tracey Anderson, NP*	Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner
Michelle Barron, MD*	Infectious Diseases
Todd Bull, MD*	Intensive Care Medicine
Dora Cheung, PharmD*	Hospital Pharmacy
Ethan Cumbler, MD*	Hospital Medicine
Lawrence Hergott, MD*	Cardiology
William Jones, MD*	Neurology
Ike Kim, PharmD	Hospital Pharmacy
Kevin Lillehei, MD*	Neurosurgery
Shelly Limon, RN*	Nursing
Clark Lyda, PharmD	Hospital Pharmacy
Gregory Misky, MD*	Hospital Medicine
Brian Richlik, RN	Nursing
Laura Rosenthal, NP*	Hospital-Based Nurse Practitioner
Anna Ver Hage, RN	Nursing
Nichole Zehnder, MD	Hospital Medicine

Veterans Affairs Medical Center:

Dennis Ahnen, MD	Gastroenterology
Mel Anderson, MD*	Hospital Medicine

All honorees were awarded a certificate commemorating their achievement. Voting for the 2012 Peak Performers Awards will commence in early summer and winners will be announced at the 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Hospital Medicine Symposium in Denver, CO.