
OUTSTANDING CLINICIAN AWARD

Mark A. McQuillan, M.D., F.A.C.P.

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Described by many as a renaissance man within medicine, Dr. Mark A. McQuillan has training in general internal medicine and rheumatology, as well as specialized training in geriatrics and sports medicine. A superb clinician and teacher with an exemplary record of service to the University of Michigan, Dr. McQuillan is dedicated to learning and to providing care in a number of different settings, for a great variety of conditions.

His patients speak of him in glowing terms. To many patients, he seems like part of their family – “something,” one colleague says, “that would make any dedicated primary care physician very proud.” This year, a former patient and his wife established an endowed research fund in general medicine in recognition of

Dr. McQuillan’s outstanding care.

As medical director of the Department of Internal Medicine’s Executive Care Program from 1987 to 2000, Dr. McQuillan provided superb clinical care for innumerable faculty members, their spouses and family. Over the years, Dr. McQuillan has volunteered to take care of many of our most difficult patients, displaying qualities of courage and compassion to patients with extreme social or psychiatric issues.

Dr. McQuillan has been named as one of the Best Doctors in America in the Mid-West Region five times in the past ten years, and one of the Best Doctors in America 2007 in general internal medicine.

In 1993, he was asked to help establish the Millie Schembechler Memorial Golf Classic for adrenal cancer research. For nine years, Dr. McQuillan worked on the subsequent program, was a member of the board and assisted with establishing the first Millie Schembechler Professor of Adrenal Cancer, held by Dr. Gary Hammer.

His spirit of willingness to contribute also is reflected in his list of community activities, which include more than a decade of involvement in the works of Galens Medical Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Big Brother and Big Sister/Junior Tennis Program, Toledo Zoo, United Way and Tar Wars, an elementary school anti-smoking campaign. He volunteered as a youth sports certified Catholic Youth Organization coach for six years, and was honored for his volunteer service as team physician for lacrosse for four years, covering up to 56 home and away games a year for St. John’s Jesuit High School, Toledo, Ohio.

Dr. McQuillan served as the director of the Comprehensive Clinical Skills Assessment Program at the Medical School and was assistant course director of Introduction to the Patient. He also served as a course coordinator for the physical diagnosis course for the oral surgical residency.

He has received virtually every teaching award the University offers. He was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Society in 1993, received the senior class award for outstanding teaching, the Kaiser Permanente Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching and a special teaching award for medical students in the Department of Internal Medicine.

In 2006, he received the Governor’s Award for service to the Michigan Chapter of the

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American College of Physicians. His clinical skills are recognized regionally for his participation as a Meet the Professor at the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians meeting as well as providing case-base learning in several hospitals in Southeast Michigan. His teaching skills are recognized throughout Michigan, where he is sought after as an expert clinician/teacher.

Many colleagues remark upon Dr. McQuillan's mentorship qualities as he takes new faculty members under his wing, offering advice and assistance at a time when both are needed. Colleagues are particularly impressed by the easy, graceful way he makes the transition from an attending relationship to a colleague relationship with those who came through the program after he did.

Dr. McQuillan's association with the University of Michigan began after his high school graduation. A member of one of the original Inteflex classes, he graduated with an M.D. in 1980 and then began his residency in the Department of Internal Medicine. He was an outstanding resident, winning two Galens Medical Society Bronze Beeper Teaching Awards and became chief medical resident. He went on to do a rheumatology fellowship, joined the Department of Internal Medicine as clinical instructor in 1986 and became clinical associate professor in 1998. From 1994 to 1997, he was director of the General Medicine Faculty Practice. Since 2006, he has been an attending physician in the UMHS Hospitalist Program.

Dr. McQuillan is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology.

In his free time, Dr. McQuillan loves family time, yard work, sports and exercise, (especially golf, tennis, jogging, bicycling, skating and walking), comedy – especially XM and HBO – movies, photography, and reading biographies of inspirational leaders and coaches.

He is proud to be a member of a Medical School, Hospital and Health System that is so imbued with talented, energetic individuals committed to excellence and improvement within a team concept. He says, "Nothing could make me more proud, except my daughter Maureen whose 17th birthday is today, my son Kevin who is a U-M freshman in computer science, and their mother, Dr. Anne Conklin."