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Pittsburgh doc named 'Exemplary Teacher of the Year'

(HARRISBURG, PA. Feb. 22, 2019) Gordon Liu, MD of Pittsburgh has been named the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians' 2019 co-Exemplary Teacher of the Year!

Liu began his medical career at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. He completed his residency training at UPMC McKeesport Family Medicine Residency Program.

Liu is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and Assistant Professor in the HIV/AIDS program, Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Pittsburgh He's also the HIV and Hepatitis C Director, HIV Primary Care Track Director, Medical Student Director, and Global Health Director at UPMC McKeesport Family Medicine Residency Program, as well as visiting faculty, Department of Infectious Diseases, at the University of the Philippines.

Those who have studied under Liu characterize him as personable and kind, with a wealth of knowledge about family medicine and how to best care for patients.

"Dr. Liu is the most enthusiastic and engaging educator I have met thus far in my medical education," said one former student who said Liu was instrumental in their consideration of a career in family medicine. "He deserves recognition for his incredible commitment to evidence based medicine and teaching, but also for modeling exceptional patient care and bedside manner.

"He is patient, encouraging, and positive. He is truly a gifted mentor and teacher," they continued. "Dr. Liu is not only an incredible educator, but an incredible physician. He is remarkably personable, and never uses medical jargon. He immediately connects with his patients, and partners with them in medical decision making. It is valuable to see an experienced physician model these behaviors, and it is also inspiring."

"He is a dedicated teacher, physician, and member of the community," said another student. "He strives to model evidence based medicine while navigating the complexity of shared decision making with patients and does so expertly. His patients speak so highly of him and remark how no other physician listens or respects them as well as he does."

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania family physicians) through advocacy and education to ensure physician-coordinated, personalized, and comprehensive quality health care for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are

the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the primary voice on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and the leader on health care issues in the community.

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