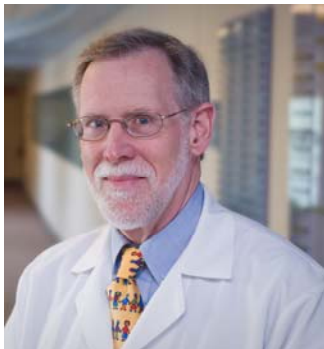


Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients
For Program Director Excellence 2014



The ACGME is proud to announce the ten recipients of the 2014 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award, which honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. Parker J. Palmer is the author of the book *The Courage to Teach* and whose promotion of the concept of "living divided no more" has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



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Nominators had this to say;

"Dr. Gospe completely reorganized the Pediatric Neurology training program. His success led to the expansion of the program to six trainees, and establishment of an outstanding national reputation. He negotiated guaranteed residency positions in the Department of Pediatrics for all of the people accepted into his program (a challenging accomplishment). He is deeply committed to constant quality improvement, and pursues this tenaciously."

"One resident noted that "Dr. Gospe takes outstanding care of patients with complex neuromuscular disorders and has strong bonds with their families, all while running a busy residency program. He also stays active in research, which on top of all his other obligations is nothing short of astonishing!" Despite the many demands of his job, Dr. Gospe always has time for us. For one resident, this was apparent from the very beginning: "My first impression of Dr. Gospe was of him personally walking me back to my shuttle during my interview day. Other program directors had arranged for office colleagues or tour guides to do this fairly menial task, but it pleasantly surprised me that he would do this himself. It told me: this distinguished, well-respected, and very busy man goes out of his way to help and guide people (sometimes literally!)"