



2025 AWARD CEREMONY

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Anchorage, AK

2025 Laureate Award Winner



Gail Pokorney, MD, FACP

Gail Pokorney, MD, FACP, is a board-certified general internist in Soldotna, a UW clinical associate professor, and the program director of the UW AK IM RRP. She received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School and completed her primary care residency at University of California, San Francisco. She started dreaming about primary care in rural Alaska after hearing about Soldotna as a medical student, then solidified her interest in rural medicine with an IHS rotation in Gallup, NM, while in residency. After completing her training in 2013, she came to CPIM to cover for somebody going on a one-year sabbatical, and she enjoyed the work so much that she never left.

During her many years of practice in Soldotna, Dr. Pokorney has embraced the clinical adventures that come with managing a panel of complex (and adoring) primary care patients, interpreting cardiac stress tests, and pulling occasional night shifts on hospitalist service. She jumped into clinical teaching as soon as she arrived in Alaska and loves to precept UW medical students and IM residents on their WWAMI rotations. A passionate believer in the value that general internists bring to rural communities, she has been working since 2017 to develop an AK-based IM rural training program (the first rural track program in Internal Medicine!) and is thrilled that the UW AK IM RRP has launched at last. She and her residency team recruited their first class in 2024, and welcomed their first class to the Alaska-based portion of their training in summer 2025.

Outside the office, Dr. Pokorney enjoys hiking, camping, playing the violin, attending community events, and reading novels (when she can stay awake for it). She and her husband Rob, who co-owns a local IT business, are parents to two high-spirited elementary-aged girls who keep them humble and on their toes.

The Alaska Chapter of the American College of Physicians is delighted to present Dr. Gail Pokorney with the 2025 Alaska ACP Laureate Award.

