

2017 C. LOCKARD CONLEY AWARDEE

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Dr. Thomas Finucane is a Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Co-Director, Home-Based Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview. He graduated from Harvard University and earned his medical school degree at Emory University. He then completed his residency at George Washington University. He is board certified in both internal medicine and geriatrics. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

He was Co-Director of the Chronic Disease and Disability clerkship at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where students are taught how to perform physical exams and conduct interviews with patients with chronic co-morbidities and disabilities while remaining cognizant of relevant issues, such as cultural competency and patient beliefs. At the Johns Hopkins Bayview residency program, Dr. Finucane has led many formal didactics and clinical reasoning sessions, served as the attending on the wards, and contributed to discussion at Grand Rounds and other venues. He has also written numerous publications in his outstanding career.

However, the reasons why the residents at Johns Hopkins Bayview nominated Dr. Finucane for the C. Lockard Conley Award was his ability to be the model teacher and mentor with an expertise and willingness to provide guidance which extends far beyond the classroom. Dr. Finucane has contributed tremendously to improving the skills of his residents and students in clinical medicine, patient care and critical reasoning during his last 30 years in practice. As some of the residents commented, “We all know now to always ask the question – why?”

Here are just a sampling of the comments made by some of his residents and students:

“Dr. Finucane is a phenomenal teacher – his calm, collected manner, his capacity for Introspection, and his adeptness at simplifying complex subjects without making them inappropriately simplistic makes him an extraordinary physician.”

“He is simply a brilliant, witty, and well-rounded individual who brings the best of all worlds to the practice of medicine.”

“Dr. Finucane is an incredibly warm, receptive individual, and it is these qualities that allow him to demonstrate a compassionate bedside manner and make students feel that their opinions are respected and appreciated.”

When our Maryland ACP developed the C. Lockard Conley award, we certainly had physicians such as Dr. Finucane in mind to receive this outstanding honor. We are very proud to have Dr. Finucane in the ranks of the Conley Award recipients.