ASCP Choosing Wisely Champions Program to Recognize the Leaders Driving Innovation in Health Care

Choosing Wisely Champions Highlights Exemplars in Effective Test Utilization

Chicago, IL (PRWEB) February 14, 2017 -- The American Society for Clinical Pathology’s (ASCP) Choosing Wisely Champions program is seeking to recognize individual clinicians, as well as pathologists, laboratory professionals, and clinical teams for their commitment to the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Foundation’s Choosing Wisely Campaign.

Since ASCP joined the Choosing Wisely Campaign in 2013, many of its members have been working to advance the campaign’s ideals, which are intended to reduce test overuse and to encourage clinicians and patients to question which tests are really necessary to reduce test overuse and improve the nation’s healthcare system.

“The Choosing Wisely Champions program seeks to recognize individual clinicians for their contributions to the campaign, inspire clinicians seeking to implement Choosing Wisely in their own practice, and demonstrate how clinicians are driving change in health care,” said Lee H. Hilborne, MD, MPH, DLM(ASCP)CM, FASCP, Chair, ASCP Effective Test Utilization Subcommittee. “Clinicians can learn from one another by highlighting exemplars.”

When nominating an ASCP Choosing Wisely Champion, some areas to consider include individuals or teams that have:

- Advanced Choosing Wisely in their practice
- Played a major role in development of ASCP Choosing Wisely recommendations
- Helped educate ASCP members about Choosing Wisely and/or recommendations
- Conducted measurement of the Choosing Wisely recommendations
- Validated research of importance of the Choosing Wisely recommendations
- Demonstrated leadership of a localized Choosing Wisely effort
- Served as a spokesperson for ASCP or its Choosing Wisely campaign

Nominations should include a brief description of how clinicians are implementing Choosing Wisely and examples of how those contributions are advancing the goals of the campaign. Because the Choosing Wisely campaign is focused on evidence-based findings, please provide any data, metrics, articles, and impact reports, if they are available.

The deadline for submitting nominations is April 27. For more information, contact Edna Garcia, MPH, Senior Manager, Scientific Engagement and Research, ASCP Institute of Science, Technology and Policy, at edna.garcia(at)ascp(dot)org. To learn more about Choosing Wisely, go to www.ascp.org/choosingwisely.

About ASCP
Founded in 1922 in Chicago, ASCP is a medical professional society with more than 100,000 member board-certified anatomic and clinical pathologists, pathology residents and fellows, laboratory professionals, and students. ASCP provides excellence in education, certification, and advocacy on behalf of patients, pathologists, and laboratory professionals. To learn more, visit www.ascp.org. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ascp_chicago and connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ASCP.Chicago.
About the ABIM Foundation
The mission of the ABIM Foundation is to advance medical professionalism to improve the health care system. We achieve this by collaborating with physicians and physician leaders, medical trainees, health care delivery systems, payers, policy makers, consumer organizations and patients to foster a shared understanding of professionalism and how they can adopt the tenets of professionalism in practice. To learn more about the ABIM Foundation, visit www.abimfoundation.org, connect with us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

About Choosing Wisely®
First announced in December 2011, Choosing Wisely® is part of a multi-year effort led by the ABIM Foundation to support and engage physicians in being better stewards of finite health care resources. Participating specialty societies are working with the ABIM Foundation and Consumer Reports to share the lists widely with their members and convene discussions about the physician’s role in helping patients make wise choices. Learn more at www.ChoosingWisely.org.
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