



Glen Lau, M.D. Receives 2007 Harold E. Williamson Volunteer Award

Listing all that Dr. Glen Lau has accomplished in the past 40+ years is no easy task. Just ask Lancaster County Medical Society president Dr. Lisa Rauner. It's nearly impossible! In fact, the only person who could truly list all that Dr. Lau has accomplished is Dr. Lau himself, but he's not one to seek acknowledgment—just another reason that we're pleased to recognize him with our volunteer physician award.

When COPIC announced the call for nominations for the 2007 Harold E. Williamson award, Dr. Rauner interviewed various leaders in the Lancaster County medical community to determine whom to nominate. Although many physicians were identified, Dr. Lau frequently topped the list because of his dedication to homeless and uninsured patients.

Dr. Lau's physician colleagues describe his willingness to serve as inspiring and say his dedication has impacted health care in Lancaster County. Some notable contributions include:

- Establishing a rotation system with local hospitals so that uninsured and low-income patients could receive free specialty health care services.
- Volunteering his medical services at the health department's clinic for uninsured and homeless individuals. In addition to providing care, Dr. Lau worked with community leaders to help patients afford their prescriptions. Initially, the project used grant dollars to buy the prescriptions, but through Dr. Lau's efforts it expanded into the Medical Assistance Program of Lincoln (MAP). In four years, more than 2,000 patients have saved upwards of \$8 million in prescription medication costs.
- Dr. Lau's involvement with the free clinic and his ability to recruit others brought attention to the growing need for service expansion which ultimately resulted in Lincoln qualifying for a federally-funded community health center. The People's Health Center opened in 2003, giving the uninsured in Lincoln a second option for health care.

COPIC is honored to present its volunteer physician award to Dr. Lau. The award provides a \$10,000 donation from COPIC Medical Foundation to the non-profit organization of his choice. Dr. Lau has directed this donation to the Lancaster County Medical Society Foundation. The LCMS Foundation funds select educational programs, including MAP.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Lau. We thank everyone who took the time to honor the outstanding physicians in their communities and the physicians whose tremendous contributions benefit us all.

Do you know a physician who makes your community a better place? Nominations for the 2008 award are currently being accepted. Visit <http://www.callcopic.com/volunteer-physician-award> for more information.

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