

Dear Awards Committee

It is my honor to nominate Dr. Renato Roxas for the Lawrence M. Weiner award. Dr. Roxas is a specialist in Medicine-Pediatrics, and is recognized by his peers as a phenomenal teacher, clinician and academician. In addition to his busy clinical responsibilities, he also serves as the Interim Division Chief for General Internal and Director of Services at Detroit Receiving Hospital. He is known as a "front-line" leader who puts himself out in every possible way for the good of his department. This willingness to sacrifice has not been lost on those of us in the department who know that he is currently doing the work of three people. It has certainly endeared him to us as the "leader-in-chief". Everyone in the department is more willing to go the extra mile because he is, by far, the hardest working among us. Despite this grueling schedule, this husband and father of four makes a point of being at almost every departmental meeting or function. His sense of humor and laid-back personality are usually evident. He does, however have a temper that can be seen as well as felt when he feels that his colleagues are being abused. His compassion toward his patients is legendary. I support Dr. Roxas' nomination, because he represents the best that WSUSOM and University Physicians Group has to offer in that he is a model physician who really cares about his patients, students, and residents.

Sincerely,

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Dr. was born and raised in the Metropolitan Detroit area, and have been a Detroit supporter all of his life. He attended the University of Michigan and received his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering then went to University of Cincinnati for medical school. He returned to Detroit to do my Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency at WSU/ DMC from 1999-2003 and stayed another year as Pediatric Chief Resident at Children's Hospital of Michigan in 2003-2004. He joined the faculty at Wayne State in 2004.

Dr. Roxas served as the Associate Program Director for the Combined Internal Medicine/ Pediatrics Program at WSU/ DMC program from 2004 to 2016. He has been teaching and mentoring medical students and residents in both internal medicine and pediatrics in the inpatient and outpatient settings. He was the Children's Hospital of Michigan Assistant Professor Teacher of the Year in 2007, and was the recipient of a WSUSOM College Teaching Award in 2008. He was inducted in to the Gold Humanism Honor Society in 2009.

Dr. Roxas has been devoted to providing quality primary care services to underserved populations, including intellectually and physically disabled adults with conditions of pediatric origin as well as those with substance use disorders. In 2006 he was Co-chair of the CHM Workgroup on Transition Care, and has been Co-director of the Transition Care Clinic at Children's Hospital of Michigan that helps prepare young adults and their families for the transition to the adult health care system. He also is a waived buprenorphine prescriber which he incorporates into his primary care practice.

Dr. Roxas also began serving as the Service Chief of Internal Medicine at Detroit Receiving Hospital since 2012, and actively represents the Department's interests as it relates to the hospital's operations. In 2015, he was also named Interim Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine of the Wayne State University Physician Group.



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Administrative Title

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Narrative Bio

Dr. Roxas was born and raised in the Metropolitan Detroit area, and has been a Detroit supporter all of his life. He attended the University of Michigan and received his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering. He then went to University of Cincinnati for medical school. He returned to Detroit for his Med- Peds residency here at WSU/ DMC from 1999-2003, and stayed another year as Pediatric Chief Resident at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

He joined the faculty here at WSU/ DMC because of the culture of the Med-Peds program, caring for vulnerable patients while also caring for each other. Most importantly, he also saw patients who desperately wanted someone they could call their doctor, but had little opportunity to have such. His professional calling is to be the best primary care doctor that he can, to show residents and students the value in being one for underserved patient populations, including those who have substance abuse/dependence issues, and to develop transitional care services for those adults with chronic conditions of childhood.

When not at work, he spends his time with his wonderful children. He currently serves as the Chief of Medicine at Detroit Receiving Hospital and the Interim Division Chief of Hospital Medicine for Wayne Health/ WSUSOM.

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Presentations

School of Medicine

Med Peds

- Kabashneh S, Alkassis S, Choksi B, Roxas R, Weinberger J, Levine DL, Singh M: "Superior Vena Cava Syndrome Due to Fibrosis." ACP Michigan Chapter Virtual Scientific Meeting; October 15-18, 2020.
- Khalid M, Obaidat D, Faidallah S, Roxas R: "Khalid M, Roxas R: "Pericardial Effusion and Pulmonary Embolism as the Initial Presentation of Metastatic Lung Cancer." ACP Michigan Chapter Virtual Scientific Meeting; October 15-18, 2020.
- Park K, Evans K, Roxas R: "Correctional Infrastructure as Healthcare Barrier." ACP Michigan Chapter Virtual Scientific Meeting; October 15-18, 2020

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