

## GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award



While Institutional Coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the Designated Institutional Official, manages the day-to-day operations of the GME Office, and is actively involved in the ACGME-related functions of the institution. The GME Institutional Coordinator Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates in-depth knowledge of GME and skillfully manages the multiple roles of administrator, counselor, enforcer, coordinator, organizer, and scheduler.



### **Jennifer M. Rodgers, MS, C-TAGME**

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#### **Nominators Had This to Say:**

“Jennifer is the most outstanding coordinator I have ever worked with. She began with the title of Institutional GME Coordinator. As her talents and skills became apparent, her level of responsibilities expanded and her role was renamed as Director of GME.”

“In our institution, program coordinators function within the state Civil Service System. None are hired or supervised directly by the GME office. For the past several years, Jennifer has been working with human resources and clinical department administrators to ensure that coordinators are in appropriate medical education job classifications, with compensation and professional development opportunities (such as TAGME certification) commensurate with their responsibilities. She developed the SIU Outstanding Coordinator of the Year award. This allows us to recognize individual talents, provide a small cash award and increase the visibility of our coordinators among SOM and hospital leadership. Under her tutelage, our PC meetings have evolved from an intermittent networking meeting to a robust quarterly professional development forum. As true leaders and mentors do, she recently mentored a GME team member to build a QI component into the educational program and track the outcome measures of PC TAGME certification and turnover.”

“Jennifer is a great communicator with those within the GME community on all levels. She makes sure program coordinators and directors are well informed and that their wellbeing is

taken care of so they feel valued and supported. She always strives to help others become the best they can be. Her communication skills are top notch, always keeping us in the loop of important changes, deadlines, and requirements. Working closely with six employing hospitals, which are spread across central and southern Illinois, she ensures their employment requirements are met.”