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Local family physician

Jay A. Zimmermann, M.D.,

Honored with 2008 Pfizer Teacher Development Award

LEAWOOD, Kans. –Charlottesville, VA, physician Jay A. Zimmermann, MD, is among a select group of physicians honored by the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation for his commitment to education in the field of family medicine. Dr. Zimmermann was selected to receive the 2008 Pfizer Teacher Development Award based on his scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and dedication to family medicine.

“As a residency program director for several years, having part-time, community-based family physician colleagues committed to teaching and mentoring residents and students was vital to our program and to our medical school. I applaud the efforts of these award winners for their dedication to the values of family medicine and to teaching the next generation of physicians. In addition, I am very thankful for Pfizer’s continued commitment in this area.”

The \$1,500 award recognizes community-based physicians who teach family medicine on a part-time basis. The award provides funding for each recipient to attend an activity of choice to further their development and teaching skills.

Dr. Zimmermann received his MD degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and is a graduate of the University of Virginia Family Medicine Residency Program, where he is currently teaching family medicine part-time. He will be recognized for this achievement during a ceremony held by his teaching center.

Dr. Zimmermann volunteers over 80 hours a year at the Charlottesville Free Clinic, and is passionate about health care for all individuals. As a Clinical Assistant Professor, he takes on third year medical students at his clinic in Louisa, Virginia and teaches Family Medicine residents in all stages of training in the Department of Family Medicine at UVA. While precepting, Dr. Zimmermann empowers residents to seek evidence based answers for their questions.

“As a young clinician, I am glad to be recognized as one of a handful of Family Medicine physicians who has integrated teaching into my busy practice. Working with students in my office for a month at a time is a challenging and rewarding experience, and I hope to inspire more students to become Family Physicians while teaching during my career,” said Dr. Zimmermann.

The AAFP Foundation, which administers the Pfizer Teacher Development Award, is the philanthropic arm of the 93,300-member American Academy of Family Physicians. The AAFP



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