

# Steven H. Rose, MD, Recipient of the 2022 ASA Excellence in Education Award

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It is my great honor to announce the recipient of the 2022 ASA Excellence in Education Award – Steven H. Rose, MD. Dr. Rose is a terrific academic leader in graduate medical education and in our specialty and is an outstanding anesthesiologist and educator. He is a wonderful role model for all of us, especially those involved in medical education.

Dr. Rose completed his undergraduate studies at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and matriculated at the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine in 1977 (Rochester, Minnesota). After medical school, he was a resident in anesthesiology at Mayo Clinic, then spent a year in Cape Town, South Africa, in a trauma anesthesia fellowship. Upon returning to Mayo Clinic, Dr. Rose took on progressively important leadership roles in anesthesia and general graduate medical education. Today, he is a Professor of Anesthesiology and Emeritus Dean, Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education.

There are three key areas in education where Dr. Rose has made the greatest impact: education leadership, education at a personal level, and research in anesthesia medical education.

## Education leadership

Dr. Rose served as the program director of the Mayo Clinic anesthesiology residency in Rochester for 13 years. He also was the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine's Vice Chair for Education during that same time and a few additional years. Spring-boarding off his success as a program director, he was appointed Associate Dean for Surgery and Surgical Specialties within the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, a position he held for five years. Subsequently, he was promoted to the school's Vice Dean and became its Designated Institutional Official to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). He served as the Dean of the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education from 2012 through 2021. As Dean and Designated Institutional Official, Mayo Clinic's 180-plus accredited programs in graduate medical education had no adverse actions, a remarkable record for one of the largest schools of graduate medical education in the country. The school's programs are distributed nationally, with the majority of programs located at Mayo Clinic campuses in Rochester, Minnesota, Jacksonville, Florida, and Phoenix, Arizona.



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The ACGME has recognized his outstanding leadership by appointing him as chair of its Institutional Review Committee, a role in which he currently serves. This committee has the largest scope of responsibility within American graduate medical education and is responsible for overseeing all 850+ institutions that offer graduate medical education. Only a handful of the country's most highly respected physician educators have served as chair of this committee in its 37-year history; he is the first anesthesiologist to hold the chair position. This position is a tremendous national recognition of his contributions to graduate medical education. Dr. Rose has served in a variety of leadership roles with the ACGME, including as chair of its Healthcare Administration, Leadership, and Management fellowship.

## Education at a personal level

Dr. Rose is an outstanding educator in one-on-one interactions with health care trainees at all levels. His dedicated approach to teaching has resulted in his selection as recipient of eight Teacher of the Year awards in the Mayo Clinic Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine and an additional five in the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine and the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences. He is a gifted speaker and has been invited to present at numerous national and international meetings on both graduate medical education as well as anesthesiology-specific topics.

## Research in medical education

Dr. Rose has mentored many anesthesiology residents and medical students over

his illustrious career on projects that have resulted in peer-reviewed medical and medical education publications. He has been the primary or contributing author on more than 30 peer-reviewed articles that directly address important issues in graduate medical education, most related to anesthesiology. He has mentored 23 anesthesiology residents and medical students. Seven of his mentees have published papers related to medical education. In 2012, the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research selected Dr. Rose as a charter member of its Education Mentor Society. He currently serves as an editor of the *Journal of Surgical Education*.

## Awards and recognition in education

He is known intramurally as well as nationally for the compassion, empathy, and support he provides for his patients as well as colleagues and trainees involved in



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educational activities. Dr. Rose has been recognized with the Humanitarian Award from the Mayo Fellows' Association, and in 2016 the Association of American Medical Colleges inducted him into its Gold Humanism Honor Society.

He is a diversity champion within Mayo Clinic and nationally. The institution's Office of Diversity and Inclusion recognized him with its Diversity Champion Award. Only two awards are given annually to deserving individuals out of its 4,000-plus faculty members. Several of his medical education

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and Antonio Hernandez Conte write an article on ways to engage residents in advocacy. And I recap our successful return to Washington, D.C. in 2022 for our LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, which I encourage you all to attend next May. Each of these articles illustrates in great detail the various ways advocacy can be practiced and the positive outcomes on patients and the practice.

After reviewing these articles, consider taking the next steps to remain or to get involved: join the ASA Grassroots Network ([asahq.org/grassroots](http://asahq.org/grassroots)), complete the advocacy modules ([asamonitor.pub/2YVkd5P](http://asamonitor.pub/2YVkd5P)), stay up-to-date with the latest Washington Alerts ([asamonitor.pub/3QOe5yn](http://asamonitor.pub/3QOe5yn)), get involved with your state component society, and follow us on Twitter ([twitter.com/ASAGrassroots](https://twitter.com/ASAGrassroots)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/ASAGrassroots](https://facebook.com/ASAGrassroots)).

I hope this introduction has been informative and gives you a better idea of who we are and what we do. Remember that the Committee on Governmental Affairs is here to advocate on behalf of our patients and our profession. ■

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publications have addressed diversity challenges and issues related to academic rank in medicine and graduate medical education.

In 2016, the ACGME recognized Dr. Rose with its Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award, its highest honor for contributions to graduate medical education from designated institutional officials.

**Leadership in clinical practice**

There is more to Dr. Rose than his accomplishments in education. A master anesthesia clinician in trauma surgery and perioperative care for patients undergoing complex thoracic and spine procedures, Dr. Rose has been a major leader at Mayo Clinic in clinical practice. He is his institution's longest-serving leader on its Hospital Practice Committee, contributing his insights, wisdom, and leadership to the development of novel practices and quality initiatives. He has served at the highest levels of Mayo Clinic's leadership as a member of its Board of Governor's Administrative Committee.

Dr. Rose is an extraordinary colleague with remarkable professional achievements in graduate medical education and anesthesiology. He is a highly respected and honored education leader. His career-long efforts to improve anesthesiology and general graduate medical education make him an outstanding recipient of the 2022 ASA Excellence in Education Award. ■



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