



ALLIANCE OF INDEPENDENT  
ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS

*Weinberg Award Application Form*

Name of Nominee:	Brian Owens _____
Nominee Title:	Director of Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official
Institution:	Virginia Mason _____
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*Contact Information for Individual Completing This Application:*

Same as above; skip to question 1 -OR-

Your Name: Lynne Chafetz \_\_\_\_\_

Your Job Title: SVP and General Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

Your Institution: Virginia Mason \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Please describe the nominee's leadership in academic medicine, both locally and nationally:

Dr. Owens has led the Graduate Medical Education Program at Virginia Mason for over 10 years. He is the past chair of the AIAMC and has been active in the AIAMC National Initiatives. Other leadership activities include:

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

Residency Review Committee for Anesthesiology, Specialist Site Visitor. 2000-present

Board of Appeals Panel for Anesthesiology, Member, 2007 to present

American Board of Anesthesiology, Associate Oral Board Examiner, 1993-2003

AIAMC

National Initiatives: Improving Patient Care Through GME, Participant, 2007 to present

Designated Institutional Official Forum, Co-Chairperson, 2007 to March 2009

Board of Directors, 2008 to present; Board Chair

Board Committee on the Integration of Academics and Quality, 2008 to present

Annual Meeting Program Chairperson, March 2009 to March 2010 and March 2010 to March 2011

Executive Committee beginning March 2010

2. How has the nominee served as an advocate for the independent academic medical Center (IAMC)?

Dr. Owens has served as an advocate for the IAMC both in his role as DIO at Virginia Mason and in his role as a board member of AIAMC. He has been a tireless advocate for the role of residents in driving quality and safety and participated on the AIAMC's Committee on the Integration of Academics and Quality (CIAQ). He has been actively engaged as a director and officer of AIAMC in the development and successful conclusion of several of the National Initiatives, as well as engaged at Virginia Mason in advocating for and leading the integration of residents in patient safety and quality. He has also spoken nationally on the integration of quality and GME, presenting in 2011 at the AAMC Integrating Quality Meeting on "The AIAMC National Initiative: Improving Patient Care Through Graduate Medical Education and in 2013 at the ACGME Annual Educational Conference on "Strategies to Engage Residents in Patient Safety and Quality Improvement."

3. Please describe how the nominee has articulated his/her vision for the future of academic medicine in the IAMC:

Dr. Owens has been instrumental in shaping the Virginia Mason GME Strategic Plan which reflects his vision for the future of academic medicine in the IAMC: We will shape the future of health care by transforming medical education - - attracting and developing the best residents and faculty; relentlessly pursuing the highest quality educational outcomes; creating an extraordinary learning environment and being leaders in educational innovation. Virginia Mason, as one of the first health care organizations in the nation to adopt the Toyota Production System and adapt it to health care as the Virginia Mason Production System has a long history of working to integrate GME into institutional operations, including quality improvement and patient safety efforts. This has led to numerous innovations and the explicit recognition of the powerful role that resident can play when GME goals align with those of the institution. As Dr. Owens has reflected, "We continue work in this area which aligns well with Virginia Mason's initiative to provide every member of the workforce with increased opportunity to enhance their competence in their chosen area of expertise. Who better than our residents to help us improve processes to deliver care?"

4. Has the nominee received national recognition for his/her contributions to academic medicine?

Yes       No

If yes, please describe:

[AIAMC Innovation Award in recognition of innovative approaches to medical education which result in better patient outcomes.](#)

5. If chosen for this award, will the nominee be present to receive it at the AIAMC 2015 Annual Meeting, to be held March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans?

Yes       No       Not Sure