Travel Awards/Travel Grants/Honors:

- **Dr. Aatish Patel** served as our Chief Fellow for the 2016-2017 academic calendar year.

- **Drs. Aatish Patel** (representative) and **Ayokunle Abegunde** (alternate) were selected by their peers to represent them on the Resident Council.

- **Dr. Aatish Patel** received a travel award to attend the KU Medical Center GI Fellows Course, Kansas City, KS April 7-8, 2017.

- **Dr. Sultan Mahmood** received a Travel Award to attend the ACG 2nd Year Fellow’s Endoscopy Course in Washington, D.C., January 13-15, 2017.

- **Dr. Hussein Bitar** received a Travel Award to attend the Rocky Mountain Interventional Endoscopy Course in Denver, CO, February 9-10, 2017.

- Gastroenterology fellows, **Drs. Sultan Mahmood and Ayokunle Abegunde**, both had abstracts selected for presentation (all expenses paid) at the 27th annual North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows (NACGF) at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, FL, March 17-19. Attendance at the conference is limited to up to forty fellows and “by invitation only”. This was an honor to have two of our fellows abstracts selected as winners!

  **Sultan Mahmood.** Tube Feed APP: A Novel Smart Phone Application for Enteral Nutrition.

  **Ayokunle T. Abegunde,** Taseen Syed, Daniel Zhao, Allshine Chen, William Tierney, Javid Fazili. Association of Baseline $\gamma$ -Glutamyl Transferase (GGT) Activity with HCV RNA and FIB-4 Score: Preliminary Results from the Hepatitis C Treatment Outcome Registry (HeCTOR).

- **Dr. George Salem** was an invited speaker for the Arkansas Oklahoma Endoscopy Society (AOES) in Dallas, TX on June 10, 2017.

Meetings Attended:

- **Drs. Molly Disbrow, George Salem and Kelsey Able** all attended the ASGE 1st Year Fellows Endoscopy Course in Chicago, IL on July 29, 2016, August 1, 2016 and August 5, 2016 respectively.

- **Drs. Molly Disbrow and Kelsey Able** both elected to attend the AASLD 2016 in Boston, MA November 11-15, 2016.
  - Of special note, Dr. Disbrow has since elected to hold a weekly liver specialty clinic at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Thursday’s beginning with the 2017-2018 academic calendar year.

- **Dr. George Salem** elected to attend the ACG 2016 Meeting held in Las Vegas, NV October 14-19, 2016.

- **Drs. Mahmood, Bitar, Patel, Abegunde and Parava** all attended Digestive Disease Week 2017 in Chicago, IL May 6-9, 2017.

- **Drs. Patel, Abegunde and Parava** all attended the Practice Management Seminar held by the OUHSC Graduate Medical Education Office on December 14, 2016.

- **Drs. Patel and Abegunde** both attended the Resident Council Retreat on July 27, 2017.

- The GI Fellowship Professional Development Retreat was held on February 24, 2017. The focus of this year’s retreat was on “Physician Burnout”. Dr. Tierney provided a list of pre-conference reading assignments:
The retreat consisted of a presentation by Dr. Tierney followed by a discussion on the reading assignments and ended with a round-table discussion. Afterwards, the GI Fellows all headed to TOPGOLF for food and fun.

- **Our first year fellows, Drs. Disbrow, Able and Salem** all attended the Olympus 1st Year Fellow’s Hands on Experience held at the OU Medical Center endoscopy lab on September 16, 2017. Senior fellows were invited to attend when schedules allowed.

### COMMENDATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CARE AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT:

- **Dr. Molly Disbrow** received the following commendation for Dr. Steven Crawford, M.D., Professor and Chair, OU Family Medicine: At our July Family Medicine M&M conference, your name was mentioned as providing excellent service to our patients and our team. Thank you so much for your dedication and service to helping us provide superb care to our patients and education to our learners. (September 16, 2017).

- **Drs. Hussein Bitar and Sultan Mahmood** (among other awardees) and the education community received the following from Dr. Elisa Crouse, MD, MS, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education: I want to thank all of you for your contributions to, support of, and participation in our first Graduate Medical Education Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Day held on April 12th. It was a great day with outstanding abstract and poster presentations. We should be very proud of the efforts that our trainees have made to improve our learning and working environment. The winners include:
  - **First Place Abstract: Hussein Bitar, MD, Sultan Mahmood, MD, Wenyi Luo, MD, Jordan Morton, MD, Jesse Conner, MD, Morgan Bonds, MD. Colorectal Cancer: Universal Screening for Lynch Syndrome: A Quality Improvement Project.**