

**Allan L. Crimm, MD, Presented with Laureate Award by  
The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians**

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians was honored to select Allan L. Crimm, MD as the 2010 recipient of the College's prestigious Laureate Award from the Southeastern Region. Dr. Crimm was chosen in recognition of his exceptional service to his patients, community and profession.

The Laureate Award honors Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

The College recognized Dr. Crimm for his leadership efforts in the area of the Patient Centered Medical Home, an advanced model of primary care practice. Dr. Crimm has led the transformation of his practice, Ninth Street Internal Medicine, to become one of the first practices in the US to become certified as a Patient Centered Medical Home.

Through this model of primary care, physicians organize multiple members of their practice team to assure that all patients receive the care they need based on the best scientific evidence available. Patients are given information and support in order to become more engaged in and make more informed choices about their care. Strategies are systematically employed to overcome physician and patient barriers to success in achieving good control of their chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and chronic lung disease. Through the availability of same day appointments, email communication, and enhanced phone care, patients have better access to their provider team. Care is coordinated with specialists and hospitals in order to decrease duplication of care and avoid complications when patients enter or leave the hospital. The results of these efforts are measured in order to make further improvements to the practice.

Data collected from Dr. Crimm's practice and others like it in Pennsylvania using the Patient Centered Medical Home model show that patients are far more likely to have both excellent control of their chronic medical problems and receive appropriate cancer screening and other preventive care than in other practices in the state. In addition, emerging data has shown that total medical costs are decreased in practices that employ these techniques.

Dr. Crimm has also taken a leadership role in creating a new physician organization, Advanced Comprehensive Care Organization, LLC, involving other primary care practices that have become Patient Centered Medical Homes. The goal is to provide a higher level of primary care to patients in the Delaware Valley and to share experience, knowledge and support resources to enable more practices to offer this level of service to their patients. The American College of Physicians has been a national advocate for patients receiving higher quality primary care through this model of care. Because of promising results with an initial pilot, Pennsylvania was recently selected by the federal government for a program to expand this model of care throughout the state with additional support from the Medicare program.

Dr. Crimm is a graduate of Duke University Medical School in Durham, NC and completed his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Presently, he is a Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, and former Section Chief, General Internal Medicine, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia. He also serves on the Clinical Competence Committee, Department of Medicine, Pennsylvania Hospital and is engaged in a group practice at Ninth Street Internal Medicine Associates in Philadelphia.

Dr. Crimm has held numerous teaching positions, is an invited lecturer and has published several peer-reviewed papers and book chapters during his medical career. He and his wife, Sara, reside in Wynnewood.

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians is a professional medical organization with 7,000 members. Its members include internists and other medical subspecialists who provide comprehensive care to adult patients. The American College of Physicians, with 130,000 members, is the largest medical-specialty organization and second-largest physician group in the United States.