

Frank J. McDevitt, DO Excellence in Research Awards for Health Services, Policy & Clinical Care



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Visionary Leader

Frank J. McDevitt, DO

(1929–2004)

In Remembrance

The BCBSM Foundation lost a visionary leader and true friend on January 30, 2004, with the death of its chair, Frank J. McDevitt, DO. Dr. McDevitt had a vision for the BCBSM Foundation that helped it become a leader in health philanthropy.

Dr. McDevitt served on the BCBSM Foundation board of directors for 20 years and as chairman of the board for 10 years. Caring for patients and improving the quality of health care was his life's work. Dr. McDevitt worked to provide access to health care for the uninsured and the under-served. To honor Dr. McDevitt and his many contributions to the BCBSM Foundation, the Frank J. McDevitt, DO Excellence in Research Awards for Health Services, Policy & Clinical Care was established in his memory.

Dr. McDevitt held many leadership positions within the osteopathic medical community, including president of the American Osteopathic Association. He was the chairman of the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians for the past ten years. He also served as president of the Wayne County Osteopathic Association and the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation. In 1988, Dr. McDevitt was awarded the AOA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Certificate.

A Michigan native, Dr. McDevitt received a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit. He went on to earn an osteopathic medical degree from Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Returning to Michigan, he practiced family medicine in Livonia and served as chief of staff at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in Highland Park and at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Throughout his career, Dr. McDevitt worked to improve the health care system. He was an advocate for both patients and physicians. He was concerned with the obstacles they each faced and the escalating costs of providing health care.

Dr. McDevitt advanced his vision for improving the quality of care in Michigan through the support of research. He was a strong supporter of students and served as a mentor to many.

Dr. McDevitt was a leader. He inspired respect, trust, confidence and loyalty. He had the ability to bring people together to solve problems. He will be deeply missed by the BCBSM Foundation and the philanthropic community.

Recognizing Excellence in Research

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce the Frank J. McDevitt, DO Excellence in Research Awards for Health Services, Policy & Clinical Care.

The program recognizes research that contributes to improving health and medical care in Michigan. The BCBSM Foundation will award \$10,000 for unrestricted research to physician and doctoral-level researchers for research on:

- (1) Health Policy,
- (2) Health Services,
- (3) Clinical Care.

Categories

Submissions to the health policy or health services research categories should focus on public health, the financing and organization of health services, population health, reimbursement or resource allocation. Submissions to the Clinical Care category should focus on outcomes, clinical effectiveness or clinical protocol research. Submissions of basic bio-medical research are not encouraged.

Eligibility

The BCBSM Foundation seeks nominations of Michigan-based researchers with terminal research degrees (e.g. PhD, DrPH) and from Michigan-based physicians (MD or DO). Separate awards are offered to physician and doctoral level researchers (a total of four awards are granted annually).

In the case of multiple authorship, the nominee must be the first author. All authors will be nominated and will

constitute one team nomination. The nominated research must have been published, or accepted for publication in a refereed health or medical care journal, within the previous two years. Only one article per nominee will be accepted for consideration each year.

Program Funds

The Frank J. McDevitt, DO Excellence in Research Awards for Health Services, Policy & Clinical Care will provide \$10,000 for research projects in progress or planned by the recipient. Although the award is unrestricted, it must be used to conduct clinical, health policy or health services research. The financial award will be made to the recipient's 501(c)(3) non-profit or educational organization.

Nomination Process

Nominations must be received by January 1 of each year. Board decisions will be made during the second quarter of each calendar year. Nominations may be self-nominations made by an individual researcher or by any interested party. Nominations must include two copies of the nominated article and the name, degree, title, address, organizational affiliation, e-mail, fax and phone number of the nominee. Nominations and copies of the article should be sent to:

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