

## Physician Recognized for Championing Population Health

### Dr. Brian Klausner Recognized for Championing Population Health

Cary, NC – Brian Klausner, MD, an internist with WakeMed Health and Hospitals and Medical Director with its ACO WakeMed Key Community Care in Raleigh, NC, was awarded The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence's (CCME) 2019 T. Reginald Harris, MD, Memorial Award in recognition for his outstanding efforts in community-based medical care for underserved populations and high-risk and vulnerable patients. The award was presented by CCME's Board Chairman John Mangum, MD, on October 4, 2019, at the North Carolina Medical Society's annual LEADership conference in Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Klausner pioneered the development of a care management program with grant funding and support from the WakeMed foundation to help manage some of the highest risk patients in the community who frequently use the Emergency Department for their care. Dr. Klausner helped initiate the development of a "hot spotter" model that applies analytics to identify the highest risk and most vulnerable patients in the community. In partnership with payers Dr. Klausner piloted innovative programs focused on disease-specific management, pharmacy counseling, and cost control. Dr. Klausner obtained his degree in medicine from the University of Georgetown School of Medicine and an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame.

CCME bestows the Harris Memorial Award to physicians with outstanding achievements in health care quality and service to the medical community. It was established 21 years ago to honor the life and memory of one of CCME's founding members, T. Reginald Harris, MD, who passed away in 1999. Dr. Harris was highly regarded for his decades of service to the medical community through the North Carolina Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and many other professional, civic, and community activities.