

Abbeville Physician Receives Llewelyn Award for Outstanding Contributions

Christopher Oxendine, MD, Recognized for Leadership, Service, and Patient-Centered Care

Columbia, SC — The Carolina Center of Medical Excellence (CCME) has selected Christopher Oxendine, MD, as the recipient of the annual Timothy S. Llewelyn, MD, Memorial Award recognizing outstanding achievements in the improvement of health care quality and service to the medical community.

"The 2016 Llewelyn Award goes to an outstanding physician, community servant, and valued colleague and mentor. He exemplifies the values that Dr. Llewelyn brought to health care and CCME," said Dr. John Smith, CCME board chairman. "Dr. Oxendine sets precedent for excellence in the medical community and future Llewelyn Award nominees."

Dr. Oxendine was selected for his outstanding service to the Abbeville and Greenwood communities and his commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care in South Carolina. His many achievements include:

- Leading the process to successfully obtain the Patient Centered Medical Home designation for Abbeville Area Medical Center Family Medicine Associates while serving as its Medical Director
- Volunteering at free, local medical clinics provided by the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County and Greater Greenwood United Ministries
- Serves as Co-Medical Director of the Abbeville County Community Paramedic Program and has been instrumental in the program's implementation
- Providing coverage for the Abbeville Area Medical Center's Hospitalist Program and working in the emergency department several shifts a month to serve patients and provide a courtesy to his fellow physicians
- Serving as the football team physician for Abbeville High School

The award was presented during a ceremony held at the Abbeville Area Medical Center on November 17. The ceremony and reception was attended by family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Oxendine. CCME board chairman, Dr. John Smith, presented the award.

This is CCME's second year presenting the commemorative award honoring the life and memory of long-time board member, Timothy S. Llewelyn, MD. Dr. Llewelyn passed away April 11, 2014, and was well-known for his outstanding patient care, integrity, and compassion. As a leader in the health care community, he practiced internal medicine for 30 years and resided in Spartanburg, SC.



2016 Llewelyn Award recipient, Christopher Oxendine, MD (left) with CCME Board Chairman, John Smith, Jr., MD (right).