2006 Ernest Amory Codman Award Recipient

Individual Award

Brent James, M.D., M.Stat.

Executive Director, Institute for Health Care Delivery Research
Vice President, Medical Research and Continuing Medical Education, Intermountain Healthcare

Dr. James has influenced quality improvement through his unique combination of experience and skills in clinical medicine, biostatistics, computer science, and health services research. His pioneering work includes the development of physician-level performance measures as part of the American Medical Association’s Performance Measures Advisory Committee. Dr. James also led an applied research center as part of the development of the National Committee for Quality Assurance’s Comprehensive Diabetes Care measures, now widely used to evaluate the quality of diabetes care.

Achievements

- Dr. James contributed to the development and redesign of information systems and tools that help clinicians and health care organizations implement quality improvement activities in everyday clinical practice.
- He developed and leads a training program in clinical practice improvement that has graduated more than 1,500 physician, nursing, and administrative executives from the United States and around the world. Fifteen ‘daughter’ training programs now operate in the U.S. and internationally.
- As a teacher to medical school residents and public health professionals at the Utah School of Medicine and Harvard School of Public Health, Dr. James strives to influence the practice patterns of future clinicians.
- In his community, Dr. James is working to improve the quality of health care and health care delivery with the Intermountain Consortium for Child Health Services Research, and the Heart and Lung Institute, among others.
- Nationally, he continues to shape the direction of health care quality improvement through advisory roles with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Institute of Medicine, and the National Quality Forum, among others.