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## **MCH MEDICAL DIRECTOR WINS SERVICE AWARD**

*Dr. Annette Medina-Walpole chosen to receive the American Geriatric Society's  
2016 Dennis W. Jahnigan Memorial Public Service Award.*

**(Rochester, NY)** Monroe Community Hospital Medical Director, Dr. Annette (Annie) Medina-Walpole, has been chosen to receive the prestigious 2016 Dennis W. Jahnigan Memorial Public Service Award from the American Geriatric Society. The award recognizes an AGS member committed to working with students and advancing geriatric education in schools of health and medicine.

Dr. Medina-Walpole, also a Professor of Medicine and Acting Chief of the Division of Geriatrics and Aging at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, has been a national leader of innovative programs designed to engage more students in the study of geriatric medicine. Steven Counsell, M.D., President of the American Geriatric Society noted, "AGS leaders like Dr. Medina-Walpole are stepping up to model the way for aspiring eldercare experts."

Dr. Medina-Walpole's diligence has made her a leader who has successfully integrated geriatrics into the whole of the university's undergraduate medical curriculum. Through her efforts, aging has become one of six underlying themes for the entire medical student community. Her most recent efforts include establishing a Skills in Complete Patient Evaluation course that promotes the importance of understanding patient history and physical examination, including those who reside in nursing homes.

Gene Larrabee, Executive Health Director of Monroe Community Hospital, stated, "Our congratulations are extended to Annie for being chosen the recipient of this prestigious AGS award. Working with her has been a pleasure and her knowledge and resourcefulness have proven to be a genuine asset to MCH. We are fortunate to have her lead our medical staff."

A member of the American Geriatric Society since 1995, Dr. Medina-Walpole is perhaps best known as a mentor, educator, and esteemed clinician for the many emerging health professionals who continue to benefit from her guidance. The award will be presented in May at the annual AGS Scientific Meeting in Long Beach, California.

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