



Berman Award History

Maryland Medical Directors Association

The Berman award was suggested originally by Board Member Dr. Rebecca Elon and was developed to honor Dr. Joseph Berman and subsequent recipients as a life achievement award recognizing the physician for a career of significant contribution to the Long Term Care continuum.

The award was intended to be given annually at the MMDA Annual Meeting, as voted by the Board of Directors. Dr. Berman received the inaugural award in November, 2007. As the first Medical Director of the Office of HealthCare Quality, Dr. Berman was noted not only for his diligence to his office, but also for his unwavering commitment to best practice and his willingness to reach out to clinicians with the highest standard of care for the community being his goal.

In November 2008, the award was presented to Dr. Steve Levenson, Past President of both MMDA, and AMDA, not only for his work with AMDA and CMS at the national level, editorship of *Caring for the Ages*, publications on the role of the medical director and contributions to AMDA's Clinical Practice Guidelines, but also for his time, effort, and commitment at the state chapter level to establish and strengthen MMDA to become one of the preeminent state chapters of AMDA.

In November 2009, the award was presented to Dr. "Buzz" Baker, Past President of both MMDA and AMDA, not only for his work at the national level in the establishment and guidance for many years of the AMDA Core Curriculum, but as well for his work to establish and strengthen the state chapter.

Dr. Susan Levy was the distinguished honoree in November 2010 in recognition of her service and thoughtful, exuberant guidance as President of MMDA from---to--- and for her work as a mentor for physicians in the Long Term Care Continuum. At a state chapter level under her leadership, MMDA expanded active membership of the Board of Directors. As a Past President of MMDA, Dr. Levy also contributed increasing input and involvement in Board activities and development.