



2022 Nebraska ACP Chapter Awards Announcement

*Chapter Laureate Award
Debra J. Romberger, MD, FACP*

The Laureate Award honors Nebraska ACP members that have demonstrated

Dr. Debra Romberger is Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and a pulmonary/critical care physician. She graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine residency and pulmonary/critical care clinical fellowship at Kansas University Medical Center. She subsequently completed a pulmonary research fellowship at UNMC. Dr. Romberger joined the faculty at UNMC and rose to the rank of Associate Professor. She is on the Council of the Association of Professors of Medicine (APM). Her research interests focus on airway inflammation especially related to agricultural-related dusts. Her research has been funded by NIOSH and the VA R&D. She is the PI of the outreach program for the Central States Center for Agriculture Safety and Health at UNMC.

Dr. Tammy Wichman is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She received her undergraduate degree from Creighton University and her medical school degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine. She completed her training in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University and remained there for her Pulmonary Critical Care Fellowship. Dr. Wichman is currently the Program Director of Internal Medicine residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and holds the inaugural James R. O'Dell Professorship. She is also the director of the pulmonary hypertension center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the only center in the state accredited by the Pulmonary Hypertension Association. She loves teaching medical students and residents about pulmonary hypertension and how to care for critically ill patients. She serves Nebraska ACP as the IM Residency director chair and she is involved nationally with USMLE and the Association of Program Directors for Internal Medicine. She is raising 5 children with her husband Chris and feels blessed to be able to be a wife, mom, and have an amazing career in patient care!

Walter J. O'Donohue, Jr. MD Award
Joseph Nahas, MD

Dr. Nahas completed his undergraduate and medical school education as well as his internal medicine residency training at Creighton University. He subsequently completed a rheumatology

fellowship at the University of Colorado. He joined the Creighton faculty in 2013 and became Program Director of Internal Medicine in 2019. Dr. Nahas also serves as the Interim Division Chief of Rheumatology at Creighton. He is passionate about mentoring and guiding the next generation of physicians in his role as program director, as well as caring for his patients.

Dr. Anderson attended college at Nebraska Wesleyan University and studied Biochemistry and Mole(M)Tj-0.001dgyBiocogy

Creighton University Medical Center in 2012, followed by a chief year at CUMC. Since completing residency, Dr. DeVrieze has been a practicing academic hospitalist at CUMC and has had several academic roles within the Internal Medicine training program, including core faculty. He currently serves as Associate Program Director.

Dr. Velagapudi is a board-certified Infectious Diseases physician, Assistant Professor at CHI Health/Creighton University Medical Center at Bergan Mercy in Omaha, NE. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, NY and Infectious Diseases fellowship at Creighton University

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