Golden Stethoscope 2016
Smitha Kanak, M.D.
Sound Physicians

Award Criteria:
- Accessible/Approachable
- Coordination of Patient Care
- Patient/Family Involvement & Interaction
- Successful Patient Outcomes
- Holistic
- Exemplifies MercyOne’s Guiding Behaviors

Dr. Kanak received two nominations for the Golden Stethoscope Award. They read as follows:

"Dr. Kanak took over the care of a very difficult case and was immediately engaged in a team conference where she demonstrated great listening skills to understand and to problem-solve on the patient's behalf. Dr. Kanak was both patient and compassionate in the presence of the patient and also following this patient's visit in the hallway, despite the patient's behavior. Dr. Kanak also looked at this individual in a very holistic manner and questioned whether we could move this patient to a quieter part of the floor, away from the construction noise, in an effort to reduce the patient's agitation and irritability. Dr. Kanak's sincere interest in the patient's wellness, her calm/confident demeanor and approachability in discussion makes her an exceptional team member/physician that provides the atmosphere necessary for the best patient/team outcomes."

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"Dr. Kanak is so personable to work with as a nurse:physician relationship. She always values your thoughts and thanks you for your care with the patient. She values our knowledge of the patient's condition and really makes us as nurses feel important in the team. She always explains things thoroughly to the patient and families in a calm manner and always makes them feel comfortable under her care. She never hesitates to come back to the floor to answer more family questions and always keeps everyone involved and informed. She is respectful, accountable, honest, open and trustworthy - - all of our guiding behaviors at MercyOne! We are so lucky to have her at our facility!"

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