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## **Society honors three Madison physicians**

**Madison** — Douglas Dulli, MD, MS; Catherine (Cate) Ranheim, MD; and Erik Ranheim, MD, PhD, were honored Friday, April 8 with the Wisconsin Medical Society's Physician Citizen of the Year Award. The physicians received the awards during the Society's Annual Meeting at the Monona Terrace Convention Center.

The Physician Citizen of the Year Award was created to recognize physicians who have volunteered their time and talents to improve their communities and the state of Wisconsin. The annual award recognizes physicians for civic, cultural, economic and charitable services they provide to their communities.

One example of Dr. Dulli's commitment to serving others is his volunteer work at the student-run MEDiC free clinics in Madison, giving up evenings and weekends to ensure that the homeless and uninsured receive the care they deserve. "At the clinics, he also challenges medical students to think through disease processes and find solutions for patients while providing quality, compassionate care," said Society Board Chair Kevin Jessen, MD, in presenting the award.

Doctor Dulli, who received his medical degree from the University of Vermont, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to "the students at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health for their activism and enthusiasm. It's wonderful working with them." He is a neurologist with UW Health, Madison.

Doctor Cate Ranheim created the HEALTH (Helping Educate and Link the Homeless) outreach program through the Meriter Foundation after seeing a growing number of poor and homeless people requiring emergency medical care. In addition to Drs. Cate and Erik Ranheim, numerous volunteers offer services to homeless and other vulnerable residents at several Madison shelters. Because of their compassion for others, "health care professionals provide basic health services and social work services, help with Medicare and Medicaid applications, and offer assistance with barriers to medical care such as transportation and lack of insurance and medications," Dr. Jessen said during the award ceremony.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Dr. Cate Ranheim is a hospitalist at Meriter Hospital in Madison. Doctor Erik Ranheim, a pathologist at UW Hospital and Clinics, said, "It's a pleasure and honor to receive this award. It has been very fulfilling for us the past year and a half." He received his medical and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Three other Society members also received Physician Citizen of the Year Awards on April 8: Donn Dexter, MD, Eau Claire; Jon Englund, MD, Waukesha; and Paul Loomis, MD, Eau Claire.

With nearly 12,500 members dedicated to the best interests of their patients, the Wisconsin Medical Society is the largest association of medical doctors in the state and a trusted source for health policy leadership since 1841.

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