

## **Outstanding Research Investigator Award**

**Purpose:** This award will be given to an outstanding research investigator for their body of work, impact on patient care, and research leadership. This award takes into consideration the high level of commitment and work required in community based research. MultiCare's researchers serve in multiple roles as healthcare providers first and foremost with an added role and commitment to advancing healthcare for patients across the country. The Outstanding Research Investigator Award is specifically intended to recognize outstanding investigators who go above and beyond every day in their researcher role. Award recipients are recognized for:

- High level of engagement and investment– A highly engaged and invested investigator is one that spends time with colleagues and patients educating and encouraging research, devotes time to meeting with sponsors and staff, teaches and mentors staff, and is available to research staff and sponsors. An outstanding investigator is proactive with their research portfolio ensuring diversification, funding, and feasibility. S/he is responsive to inquiries and requests by staff in an engaging way.
- Passion for research and the impact research has on his/her patients, clinic team, organization, and community. Demonstrates research passion through advocacy within healthcare system and community, and networking and collaborating with other researchers and sponsors.
- High energy – Serving as a principal investigator in a community based research institute requires not only commitment to research but additional time set aside for research. A high energy investigator is one that maintains a busy clinical practice and commits time to research. S/he builds relationships with patient and their families, mentors staff, and seeks out research opportunities requiring time outside of clinic to write grants, meet with sponsors, and conduct study visits.
- Appreciation of research staff – Our investigators are supported by research institute staff. Research staff often have very diverse skills and responsibilities. Without the staff, research simply wouldn't be possible in a non-academic institution. An outstanding investigator appreciates his/her staff by recognizing their efforts, achievements, and commitment to patients. Appreciation often comes in the form of teaching, recognition, and time.