

## Dr. Daniel Ledbetter Runner-Up for AAMC Humanism in Medicine Nomination



Every year, the [Association of American Medical Colleges \(AAMC\)](#) honors a medical school faculty physician who exemplifies the qualities of a caring and compassionate mentor in the teaching and advising of medical students. The [Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award](#), administered

through the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR), is awarded to one physician faculty nationwide each year.

Dr. [Daniel Ledbetter](#), Professor, Pediatric General Surgery at Seattle Children's Hospital, was a runner-up for University of Washington's School of Medicine (UW SOM) nomination. This year the UW SOM received nominations for over 50 faculty—it is truly an honor to be selected as a runner-up. Some of the students who nominated him shared:

*"Dr. Ledbetter is the first doctor who has made me feel confident enough to be involved in making decisions at the bedside of a patient, he takes*

*the time to be patient when asking for possible answers or ideas, and when they are wrong finds a way to still make me feel like I can try again next time."*

*"Dr. Ledbetter has been the most important teacher I've had during my medical school education. He teaches us patient care while exemplifying great bedside manner. [He] creates a caring environment for us to develop our clinical medicine skills. He teaches us things no book can... how to talk to patients and how to do it well."*

*"Dr. Ledbetter is a great mentor that creates a very safe space for learning and builds collaboration amongst his students. He is very knowledgeable and teaches by example, often pushing us so we can see how much we have learned. He provides very helpful feedback for improvement and helps us determine realistic goals to reach as we go through ICM2."*

The Department of Surgery congratulates and thanks Dr. Ledbetter for his continued support of humanism in medicine at UW. The entire [UW-WWAMI](#) community benefits from his dedication to service, mentorship, and high-quality clinical practice.

## Honors, Awards & Publications

### Harborview Medical Center



Harborview team (left to right): Mark Zaros, MD, Mark Taylor, RN, Roxana Dumitru, PharmD, Ronald Pergamit, MPA, Joe Cuschieri, MD, Anneliese Schleyer, MD, Ellen Robinson, PT, and Kim Hayes, RN.

[Harborview Medical Center](#) is one of eight hospitals nationwide recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as Healthcare-Associated Venous Thromboembolism

Prevention Champions for their success in implementing innovative and effective ways to prevent venous thromboembolism in healthcare settings.

Venous thromboembolisms, or VTEs, are blood clots that form deep in the body (deep vein thrombosis), in the lungs (pulmonary embolism) or both. VTEs are a serious and growing public health problem and estimates suggest that up to 900,000 VTE events occur in the U.S. each year, resulting in as many as 100,000 premature deaths. VTE-associated healthcare costs may be as high as \$10 billion a year. People who are currently or were recently hospitalized, recovering from surgery or being treated for cancer are at increased risk for developing these deadly blood clots. About half of all VTE events are related to hospitalization or surgery.

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