

Beamer '92 Wins AMA App Challenge

After receiving hundreds of medical app ideas from physicians, residents, and medical students during the AMA App Challenge, the AMA announced in November the names of the two winners: Michael Ray Bykhovsky, a third-year medical student in Georgia, and Dr. Cynthia Beamer '92, pediatric emergency physician practicing in San Antonio and El Paso. The two winners were honored at a reception during the Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates.

Beamer won the category for physicians with her "Rounder" app, which provides a means for physicians to capture data on hospital patients and easily track their patients' progress. During her time as a hospitalist, she found that overseeing residents and taking care of patients left little time to supervise hand-offs. Beamer hopes that the app will both streamline the process and make it more methodical. She believes the new app could replace handwritten notes, which can be illegible and even lead to privacy violations. The app would be a "much safer and better way to trade data," she said.

"The 2011 AMA App Challenge was hugely successful," said AMA Board Chair-elect Steven J. Stack, M.D. "Apps are among the many ways physicians and future physicians learn, stay connected and juggle busy schedules, and we congratulate Dr. Beamer and Mr. Bykhovsky for their innovative and winning ideas."



Dr. Peter W. Carmel, President of the AMA, congratulates Dr. Cynthia Beamer '92 at the AMA App Challenge awards ceremony.