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EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

IN TEACHING



Hesham Masoud, MD, an associate professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery at the Norton College of Medicine at Upstate Medical University, is the **November 2022** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching Recognition**.

COMMENTS FROM DR. MASOUD'S STUDENTS:

"I enjoyed Dr. Masoud's style of teaching. His passion for the field ignited my excitement to learn more every day. He was always respectful and managed to make an intense and at most times sad environment, somewhat lighter. I admired how he interacted with each patient and connected with them on a personal level, causing them to feel all the more comfortable in their current situation. Dr. Masoud wants his students and residents to learn all they can and does not hesitate to provide constructive feedback on site. He made my stroke week one of the best experiences I've had so far, hands down. I aspire to be a similar doctor in how he treats each patient with compassion and empathy and how much he enjoys his career."

"Dr. Masoud was uniquely effective in gauging our current knowledge and pushing us with questions on the edges of that knowledge. This created in us a drive to rise to the challenge, which overcame the fear of possibly being wrong in the process. In particular, he took advantage of one unusually slow morning to discuss at length with us the possible mechanisms and etiologies of stroke in such a way that stepwise we figured it out for ourselves, but according to his guidance."

The Norton College of Medicine recognizes exceptional teachers with the monthly "Exceptional Moments in Teaching" program. Honorees are selected via student assessments from courses and clerkships. Recognized teachers—including medical faculty, residents, nurses and other educators—are those who challenge students and provide an exceptional learning experience.