

Dr. Richard M. Schwartzstein Honored with American College of Physicians Distinguished Teaching Award



Richard Schwartzstein, MD, FACP, has been recognized with the **Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award** from the **American College of Physicians**. Established in 1968, the award is bestowed upon a FACP or MACP who has demonstrated the ennobling qualities of a great teacher as judged by the accomplishments of former students.

Dr. Schwartzstein, Chief of the **Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine**, is truly a consummate educator. He is the Ellen and Melvin Gordon Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Medical Education at Harvard Medical School and Executive Director of the Shapiro Institute for Education and Research at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he is Vice President for Education. He has also previously served as Director of the Harvard Medical School Academy and as Faculty Associate Dean for Medical Education. He has been a revered teacher, mentor, and educational leader throughout the gamut of medical education. His ability to convey complicated physiologic principles and relate them to clinical medicine is legendary, with beneficiaries not only at Harvard but also nationally and internationally through textbooks he has authored and edited.

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In the clinical setting, he is an outstanding bedside teacher and passionate advocate of critical thinking as it applies to diagnostic reasoning, particularly through linking physiology and pathophysiology to clinical medicine. As the Executive Director of the Shapiro Institute and through its Fellowship in Medical Education, Dr. Schwartzstein has had a critical role in training numerous faculty who have gone on to educational leadership careers both at Harvard and at other institutions. He has also developed and presented a series of national Millennium Conferences on Medical Education that have fostered faculty development and educational innovation at medical schools around the country. In recognition of his teaching, educational leadership, and impact on students, trainees, and faculty, Dr. Schwartzstein has been the recipient of numerous teaching and educational awards both at Harvard and from national organizations.

The award will be presented during the 2025 Convocation Ceremony in New Orleans, Louisiana during the annual ACP Internal Medicine Meeting, on **Thursday, April 3, 2025**. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Schwartzstein on this thoroughly deserved award and thanking him for all he does to advance medical education!

