

## Dr. Pribanich Earns LMU Preceptor of the Year Award

Dr. Steven Pribanich, family medicine physician and owner of Plateau Medical Specialists in Crossville is the 2018 Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine Preceptor of the Year. Dr. Pribanich is a member of the active medical staff at Cumberland Medical Center, an affiliate of Covenant Health, East Tennessee's top performing healthcare network and also provides inpatient care at Cumberland Medical Center with the TeamHealth Hospitalist Department.

"Dr. Pribanich has a true enthusiasm for helping train and educate the LMU-DCOM students," said Cumberland Medical Center President and Chief Administrative Officer David Bunch. "His passion for teaching and sharing his knowledge is a strong reminder of the importance of a positive mentor and role model."

Pribanich strives to give LMU-DCOM students on family medicine rotations a solid, well-rounded experience by exposing them to four pillars of additional learning beyond the necessary clinical skills, including: hands-on electronic medical records exposure, billing with ICD-10 and E&M codes, e-prescribing prescriptions and the medical-legal aspects of a solo medical practice.

Those that work with Pribanich say he exudes a love for teaching students and appreciates the challenge students present to him to stay current and on top of new information. For his part, Pribanich considers himself a community preceptor and a teaching physician. "I can't imagine my office without medical students," Pribanich said. "My patients love the students, for which I am very grateful, because without them none of this would be possible."

Students have praised Pribanich in their post-rotation evaluations. "Dr. Pribanich was one of my favorite preceptors...it was a pleasure getting to work with him. The rotation was excellent, and I feel ten times more prepared than I did before rotating with him," one student wrote. Another said, "Dr. Pribanich gives his students a tremendous amount of responsibility and allows you to work cases from start to finish. He is a great instructor on EMR and the process of medical billing." Other students have praised Pribanich as "a physician who values prevention rather than just medication for chronic conditions" and as "a fabulous preceptor...[whose] teaching style allows students to really get a feel for patient management in the real world."

Pribanich feels students are well prepared for the COMLEX PE exam after rotating in his office and experiencing his routine for patient encounters and patient care. Pribanich also stresses the importance of good documentation and timely completion of patient records. Many of his medical students have told Pribanich that their family medicine rotation with him has reinforced their decision to make a career in medicine was a wise choice. Humbled by the news of the award, Dr. Pribanich offered a "special thank you to my office staff and their enthusiastic support of the LMU-DCOM medical students' education as well."



Dr. Pribanich (right) with Derek Dixon, OMS-III.