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## **Sam Edwards, MD, Receives 2017 Dan Gilden Creative Investigator Award at American Academy of Home Care Medicine Annual Meeting**

Chicago (November 1, 2017): The American Academy of Home Care Medicine (AAHCM) awarded Sam Edwards, MD MPH, the inaugural Dan Gilden Creative Investigator Award at the Annual Meeting on October 13 in Rosemont, IL. This prestigious award was created this year to recognize an exceptional investigator's innovative body of work advancing the field of home care medicine and the individual's significant contributions to the advancement of the profession.



*Pictured left to right:  
Sam Edwards, award recipient  
Eric DeJonge, AAHCM President  
Elizabeth Anderson, Dan Gilden's wife*

In his nomination, his colleagues describe Dr. Edwards as, "a talented and motivated researcher" who "is passionate about improving the care of veterans with serious chronic disabling diseases." He is seen as "ambitious and energetic" with a promising future of "making substantive contributions to improving health care."

Dr. Edwards earned his MD at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University with special qualification in research in 2009. He is a general internist and health services researcher at the Veterans Affairs Portland Health Care System and an assistant professor of medicine at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU).

His research focuses on the role and function of primary care in health systems, with a emphasis on efforts to care for high needs individuals through VA Home Based Primary Care (HBPC).

Dr. Edwards' research has been published in several prominent academic journals and presented at multiple national meetings. He received a Career Development Award from the VA Health Services Research and Development Service to continue research into understanding why, how and for whom HBPC is most effective, and to design and pilot an intervention to improve HBPC site performance.

### **AAHCM**

AAHCM is a professional organization serving the needs of thousands of physicians and related professionals and agencies interested in improving care of patients in the home. AAHCM delivers on the promise of

interdisciplinary, high value health care in the home for all people in need by promoting the art, science and practice of home care medicine. The AAHCM membership is comprised of physicians, medical directors, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, registered nurses, social workers, practice administrators, and residents/students working in the field of home care medicine.

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