



# Outstanding Clinician Award

**Christine Holmstedt, D.O.**, embodies the highest ideals of excellence. She is a tireless leader who excels in patient care, has a deep passion for educating all types of learners, and collaborates exceptionally well with colleagues within both the institution and the broader medical community.

Holmstedt graduated from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where she was chief resident. She then completed a cerebrovascular disease fellowship at MUSC. During her fellowship, she focused on telehealth stroke care. MUSC was fortunate to retain her as faculty in 2010 when she joined the Department of Neurology. Since then, Holmstedt has been promoted through the faculty ranks and taken on various leadership positions.

Holmstedt has been the medical director of the Teleneuroscience Program since 2016 and the MUSC Health Comprehensive Stroke Program since 2017. Under her leadership, the institution now leverages regional relationships with 38 partner hospitals throughout South Carolina. She has used these collaborative relationships to build additional services beyond tele-stroke, including tele-neurology inpatient services, tele-EMS, tele-neuroscience prevention clinics, tele-clinical trial consent and follow up, and tele-SNF. It is through her telehealth outreach that she has influenced the health of patients across South Carolina. Her leadership and creativity have earned her several awards, including being named medical director of the quarter in 2016. In addition, the Teleneuroscience Program was named SC Telehealth Program of the Year in 2018.

She is an enthusiastic educator who has received numerous teaching awards, including the Department of Neurology's Faculty Teacher of the Year and the College of Medicine's Faculty Excellence Award for Neurology. She has inspired medical students and residents to seek careers in vascular neurology. According to a current fellow, "She represents the true meaning of what each and every physician and educator should be."

A colleague stated that Holmstedt "has done more to advance stroke awareness, prevention, and emergent care than any other physician in the state." Because her energy and commitment to patients and families is exemplary, the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation presents the Outstanding Clinician Award to Christine Holmstedt, D.O., on August 17, 2021.