

## RESIDENT EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS IN TEACHING



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.

**Mohamed El Refaey, MD**, a resident in the Department of Neurology at Upstate Medical University, is the **October 2024** recipient of the **Resident Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

### COMMENTS FROM DR. REFAEY’S STUDENTS:

*“I worked with Dr. El Refaey for two weeks on my neurology clerkship. He delineated his expectations on our first day with him, which set the tone for the rest of the clerkship. He always encouraged us to ask questions and made sure each one of us provided a topic for teaching in the afternoons. He went through countless CT and MRI scans with us in detail, ensuring that we understood each step of image interpretation and how the lesions identified contributed to the patient’s pathology. Beyond medicine, he was always very candid with us and offered his advice regarding medical training and life in general. I always felt comfortable asking him difficult questions because I knew that I would get an honest response. I feel lucky that I was able to work with him and hope to work with him again in the future.”*

*“Dr. El Refaey went out of his way to make sure that we weren’t only going through the motions but actually understanding what we were doing and why we were doing it. Even though he had a lot of patients to take care of, he took the time to elaborate on things that were important for us to understand as future clinicians. His bedside manner was outstanding and his level of composure even when dealing with difficult patients was something I’d like to grow to be like.”*