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Immediately after the award presentation, Dr. R. Dale Padgett posed for a photo with several officials from the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium. From left are David Garr, MD, executive director, South Carolina AHEC; Diane Kennedy, center director, Lowcountry AHEC; Emily Warren, health professions student coordinator, Lowcountry AHEC; and R. Dale Padgett, MD, 2005 Preceptor of the Year.

State health group honors local doc as top preceptor

CHARLESTON — R. Dale Padgett, MD, has been selected as the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium Preceptor of the Year for 2005. The purpose of this award is to bring recognition to an outstanding community-based preceptor serving South Carolina health professional students.

Each year, practitioners volunteer to provide hours of clinical education to students from various health professions. It is their dedication to educating the next generation of health professionals that is honored with this award.

Dr. Padgett devotes much of his practice to serving the underserved minority populations in Bamberg and Orangeburg. He is a caring man who puts patients at ease and lets them know he is on their side. He does not just treat symptoms, and he makes sure each patient has as much time as they need in his practice.

This year, the review committee was impressed by the excellent evaluations of Dr. Padgett. As one student said, "All in all, I could not imagine a better

place to work as a third-year medical student. Dr. Padgett is the type of doctor I strive to become."

Another stated, "I can honestly say the two months I spent in Bamberg were as important to my medical education as any time period or experience I have encountered thus far. I cannot express enough how much I respect Dr. Padgett and his staff for the work they do, and how thankful I am to have had the opportunity to learn for all their years of experience."

Dr. Padgett was also recognized in November 2004 as the first recipient of the South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians "Student Educator of the Year" award. The number of students he trains and the work he does in the community are just two reasons why he is considered an outstanding preceptor.

The formal award was made at the SC AHEC Annual Meeting awards luncheon on April 5, 2005.

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