



MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY

2021 MMS Senior Volunteer Physician of the Year Award



Joel H. Popkin, MD of Shrewsbury, MA has been selected by the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) Committee on Senior Volunteer Physicians to receive the 2021 Senior Volunteer Physician of the Year Award.

Dr. Popkin has been a volunteer at the St Anne's Free Medical Program in Shrewsbury since 2007, for 13 years. He is an exceptional clinician with a distinguished background in Internal Medicine, medical education and caring for the underserved.

Dr. Popkin is strongly motivated, extremely intelligent and clinically skillful. Moreover, he consistently demonstrates significant poise, a high level of professionalism, exemplary teamwork and superb humanistic qualities. He is gracious, caring and talented, and a very special person with whom everyone enjoys working.

Dr. Popkin is very thorough in his work and attentive to the needs of his patients and is always willing to put in long hours. He has a gift for making everyone feel important and cared for. His demeanor exudes love of medicine and a passion for patient care that is not often seen.

His numerous awards include the 2011 Community Clinician of the Year from the Worcester District Medical Society (WDMS), and 2012 Laureate of the Year Award from the Mass Chapter of the American College of Physicians). He was honored as an Annual Orator by various district medical societies between 2016 – 2018.

A graduate of the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Dr. Popkin is board-certified in internal medicine. He has been a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society for 43 years. He is also active on the Editorial Board of Worcester Medicine, a high-profile medical journal of the WDMS, where he is a frequent contributor of articles.

In addition, Dr. Popkin has been on the Board of Music Worcester for many years and was recently the Chair of this important institution.