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Sacramento State Department of Public Health would like to recognize our very own, Assistant Professor Dr. Perez for her excellent research. Dr. Perez won a Medical Professionalism award from the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Perez's article [U.S. Internists' Perspectives on Discussing Cost of Care With Patients: Structured Interviews and a Survey](#) was selected for the Annual John Benson Professionalism Article Prize. Congratulations to Dr. Perez and the co-authors on this paper. Thank you for your amazing dedication to research.

Some background on this article prize: The Professionalism Article Prize recognizes the best articles written in peer-reviewed journals on medical professionalism topics during 2019. The selected articles included one commentary and three research articles, and explored topics such as implicit and explicit gender bias, handling biased attitudes and behavior among patients and physician perspectives on discussing the costs of care with patients. In 2015, the ABIM Foundation named the article prize in honor of American Board of Internal Medicine and ABIM Foundation President Emeritus John A. Benson Jr., MD. Articles published in English language, peer-reviewed journals between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019 (online or in print), were eligible for the prize. A committee of physicians and other leaders in health care reviewed 16 articles from an initial pool of more than 50 and selected your article based on its clarity of writing, thoroughness, methodology and contributions to the field and society.