

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



**George Keepers, M.D.
Carruthers Professor and Chair, Psychiatry**

Patricia Hurn, Ph.D., anesthesiology, submitted the following nomination. .

Dr. George Keepers is chair of psychiatry, and keeps a grueling schedule. In addition to all of his leadership activities, he keeps a FULL calendar seeing patients. Today he saved a life because of his dedication and willingness to go the extra marathon. Dr. Keepers responded to one of our employees who appeared to be so deeply depressed that suicide was a possibility, but the employee was way too scared to go to the emergency department or seek hospital admission. Dr. Keepers stepped in immediately, seeing the employee late that evening and then again early the next morning. I believe this is an example of how a faculty member, and a department head in our institution, can go all out to help others in our organization who are under intense stress due to the economy, loss of jobs and all the other current pressures that surface here at OHSU. Dr. Keepers gives his best "at home" to our own OHSU employees, as well as the Portland community from which his patients arise. I nominate him whole heartedly for the Golden Rose Award.



Award Recipient - May 2009