

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN GERIATRICS AWARD

Purpose:

To recognize a physical therapist for outstanding clinical practice in geriatric health care settings.

Rationale:

Many physical therapists practice in a geriatric setting, but some truly excel in the provision of physical therapy services to this population. To do so requires advanced knowledge, creativity, dedication, and compassion. The intent of this award is to recognize a clinician who displays these skills and is a role model for others in geriatric physical therapy practice.

Criteria:

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. be an advocate for older adults and role model for excellence in physical therapy practice.
2. be a current member of the Section on Geriatrics.
3. have been involved in clinical practice in geriatric settings for a minimum of 5 years.
4. demonstrate innovation and leadership in program planning or management, clinical education, and/or outstanding quality of care in multidisciplinary teamwork, in meeting the physical therapy needs of older adults.

Nomination Process:

1. Any Current member of the Section on Geriatrics may nominate a physical therapist who meets the award criteria. Nomination packets should be submitted electronically as one complete document (Word or pdf):
2. The nomination packet should include:
 - a. One or more letters of nomination, addressed to the Awards Committee, describing how and why the nominee meets the criteria.
 - b. A copy of the nominee's current resume or CV.
3. Nominations must be received by November 1 of each year.

Nominations will be reviewed by at least 3 members of the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee Chair will notify the Section Board of Directors of the Committee's selection.

The award shall be presented at the Business Meeting during APTA Combined Sections Meeting usually held in February of each year. It shall consist of a certificate, an engraved award and a \$200 award.

Mail nominations to:

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