

## OUTSTANDING PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT AWARD

### **Purpose:**

To recognize a physical therapist assistant who has significantly impacted physical therapy care in geriatric practice settings.

### **Rationale:**

The physical therapist assistant plays an important role in the geriatric setting, working under the supervision of a physical therapist, to provide treatment, often practicing in traditionally under-served areas, such as urban nursing centers or rural practice settings. An outstanding physical therapists assistant can positively impact others' attitudes towards and treatment of the geriatric patient. The intent of this award is to recognize a physical therapists assistant who demonstrates exemplary care of the geriatric patient.

### **Criteria:**

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. be an advocate for older adults.
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 exemplary care and innovative 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 assistant who meets the intent and criteria of the award.
2. Nomination packets should be sent electronically as one complete document (Word or pdf), and 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 three 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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