



# **Mary Sinnott Award for Clinical Excellence in Acute Care Criteria**

## **Purpose:**

To honor an outstanding clinician whose major professional involvement and contribution has been in the area of acute care physical therapy.

## **Criteria for recipient eligibility shall be:**

1. A current member of the Acute Care Section, APTA.
2. One who has contributed to the Section.
3. Engaged full-time in clinical practice for at least five (5) years with service in the acute care setting as a primary focus.
4. One who has been involved in mentoring/educational activities to disseminate clinical expertise.
5. One who has contributed to the overall development of acute care physical therapy as an effective and scientific profession, through clinical research or case studies; presentations at continuing education lectures or conferences; program development or publication of articles related to acute care physical therapy.

## **Procedure for Nomination:**

1. The Membership Committee of the Acute Care Section will put a "Call for Nominations" in the Spring, Summer, and Fall issues of the Section publication. Nomination forms will also be made available at the component booths at the CSM and Annual conferences.
2. Nominations may be submitted by individuals and components of the Association.
3. The application deadline is November 1 of each year.
4. Completed nomination packets should be sent to:  
Acute Care Section  
Executive Office  
1100 US Highway 130, Suite 3  
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-1108

5. The nomination packet must contain ONE (1) ORIGINAL typewritten set and TWO (2) duplicate sets of all materials. Submitted materials will not be returned or retained.
6. The nominator is responsible for submitting the following documents as a single package in the following order:
  - A. [Nomination form](#)
  - B. Current CV of the nominee
  - C. A minimum of three (3) letters of support which address the criteria for selection by individuals who have firsthand knowledge of the nominee's contributions.
7. Individuals nominated and not selected for the award may be nominated in any subsequent year by completion and submission of a current nomination form and supporting documents. Previously submitted materials will not be used.
8. Current members of the Acute Care Section Board of Directors or Membership Committee members are not eligible for the award and shall not nominate, write letters of support or endorse the individuals for the award.

## **Procedures for Review:**

1. The Membership Committee of the Section will review the nominations and choose a recipient no later than December 1 of each year.
2. The decision of the Membership Committee pertaining to the selection of the nominee will be final and reason for the decision will not be disclosed.
3. The Committee will notify the Board of Directors of its decision no later than December 15 of each year.

## **Notification of Award:**

1. The recipient of the award will be notified by December 15.
2. The nominator of individuals not selected will receive a letter thanking them for their participation.
3. The award will be presented at the Acute Care Business Meeting at the Combined Sections Meeting.
4. An appropriate announcement of the Award will appear in the Acute Care Perspectives newsletter and/or any other official publication of the Association.

## **Nature of the Award:**

A plaque will be presented to the awardee(s).