

AWARDS OF THE ACADEMY OF SPINAL CORD INJURY PROFESSIONALS

I. Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals

1. James J. Peters Distinguished Service Award

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Nominee must:

- ❖ Demonstrate outstanding contributions to SCI/D care
- ❖ Contribute significantly to national activities related to SCI/D health care
- ❖ Contribute significantly to the growth and function of the Academy
- ❖ Demonstrate dedication in achieving excellence in health care of persons with SCI/D
- ❖ Demonstrate exceptional accomplishment in the area of SCI/D care

Statement by nominator: Briefly support your nomination in your section.

- ❖ Position Description
- ❖ Outstanding Contributions to SCI/D
- ❖ Service to the Academy
- ❖ Dedication to excellence
- ❖ Awards for active members in good standing.

II. American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurse (AASCIN)

1. Staff Nurse Award for Excellence

2. Expanded Role for Excellence in Nursing

1. Staff Nurse Award for Excellence

Nominee must show outstanding clinical performance in SCI /D care, as evidenced by:

- ❖ Knowledge and expertise in SCI /D nursing practice;
- ❖ Creativity in providing nursing care to individuals with SCI/D and supporting significant others; and
- ❖ Collaboration with health care professionals in providing optimal care.

Statement by nominator (must be in the Nursing Section):

a. Position Description: Brief description of current job responsibilities and history of care for individuals with SCI/D

b. Knowledge and Expertise in SCI/D nursing practice

- ❖ Knowledge of advances and trends in SCI/D nursing practice
- ❖ Serves as a role model

c. Creativity

- ❖ Demonstration of creativity in providing nursing care to individuals with SCI and supporting significant others in daily nursing practice as demonstrated by:
 - Teaching health maintenance techniques for reintegration into the community.

- Using current nursing standards and clinical research findings.
- Exhibiting compassion and going beyond the call of duty.

d. Collaboration with health care professionals or team members to provide optimal care.

2. Expanded Role for Excellence in Nursing

Nominee must be an RN in an expanded role that contributes to SCI/D nursing practice and show outstanding clinical performance in SCI/D care, as evidenced by:

- ❖ Knowledge and expertise in SCI/D nursing practice;
- ❖ Creativity in providing nursing care to individuals with SCI/D and professional support to others; and
- ❖ Collaboration with other health care professionals in providing optimal care to achieving excellence in the health care of persons with SCI/D.

Statement by nominator: Briefly support your nomination in your section in your section.

a. Position Description

- ❖ Brief description of current job responsibilities and history of care for SCI/D

b. Knowledge and Expertise in SCI/D nursing practice

- ❖ Knowledgeable of advances and trends in SCI/D nursing practice
- ❖ Demonstrates strong clinical, problem solving, and leadership skills

c. Creativity

- ❖ Demonstration of creativity in contributions to the nursing care for individuals with SCI/D and their significant others

d. Collaboration with other health care professionals or team members to provide optimal care

III. American Paraplegia Society (APS)

1. Estin Comarr Award for Distinguished Clinical Service
2. Excellence Award
3. Ernest Bors Award for Scientific Development

1. Estin Comarr Award for Distinguished Clinical Service

Avrom Estin Comarr, MD (1915-1996) was a founding member of the American Paraplegia Society and served as its first president in 1954. He espoused the belief that doctors treating patients with SCI needed to be cognizant of the injury's multi-system impact. Dr. Comarr spent a significant portion of his professional career conducting research and designing many devices that helped patients with SCI return home and live in their community. To this day, many of the practical applications of Dr. Comarr's research are found in every area of SCI medicine. This award is given to an APS member who has demonstrated exceptional accomplishment in the area of clinical care of persons with SCI.

Nominators, from this section should write a narrative statement that addresses the following criteria, providing details and specific information.

Criteria:

- ❖ Active or associate APS member
- ❖ At least 5 years of experience in SCI/D medicine
- ❖ Nominee has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the field of clinical care of persons with SCI/D
- ❖ Accomplishments, contributions, or achievements of the nominee have had a significant impact on the field of spinal cord medicine. These may be of clinical, scientific, or educational importance.
- ❖ Commitment and contributions of the nominee have had a positive impact on the quality of life of persons with SCI/D

2. Excellence Award

This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in SCI health care, including service delivery, research, education, prevention, or administration. It is expected that a recipient of this award will have achieved national recognition and leadership, as well as demonstrated scholarship in the care of persons with SCI.

Nominators should write a narrative statement that addresses the following criteria, providing details and specific information.

Criteria:

- ❖ The nominee has demonstrated leadership and expertise and is a recognized authority in the area of spinal cord medicine or research.
- ❖ The nominee has demonstrated exceptional clinical, scientific, educational or administrative achievements in the care of persons with SCI/D.
- ❖ The accomplishments of the nominee have had a positive nationwide impact on individuals with SCI/D and their quality of life.
- ❖ The achievements of the nominee are recognized by peers, professionals, or the community.

Nomination Materials:

- ❖ Printable award nomination form
- ❖ Narrative statement by nominator
- ❖ Current curriculum vitae of nominee

Nomination Procedure:

- ❖ Award nominations must be made by an APS member in good standing.
- ❖ Nominee must meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for the award.
- ❖ One emailed copy of the nomination materials must be submitted.
- ❖ Nomination materials must be typed, with the name of the nominee appearing on the top of each page.

3. Ernest Bors Award for Scientific Development

The Bors Award recipient is sponsored to attend the Annual Meeting and present the winning paper. Sponsorship includes a waiver of the conference registration fee, paid economy coach class airline tickets and hotel accommodations at the conference hotel. The winner also receives a commemorative plaque and a \$1,000 stipend to be used for future education or research activities.

Nominee must:

- ❖ Demonstrate outstanding leadership in SCI/D health care, including service delivery, research, education, prevention, or administration.
- ❖ It is expected that a recipient of this award will have achieved national recognition and leadership as well as demonstrated scholarship in the care of persons with SCI/D

Briefly support your nomination in your section:

- ❖ Have demonstrated leadership and expertise and is a recognized authority in the area of spinal cord medicine or research
- ❖ Demonstrated exceptional clinical, scientific, educational or administrative achievements in the care of persons with SCI/D
- ❖ Accomplishments of the nominee have had a positive nationwide impact on individuals with SCI/D and their quality of life
- ❖ Achievements of the nominee are recognized by peers, professionals, or the community
- ❖ At least 5 years of experience in SCI/D medicine

Eligibility/Authorship:

Manuscripts must be authored or co-authored by Young investigators with a special interest in SCI/D Research. Eligibility is limited to doctoral candidates, medical school students, medical residents or post-doctoral fellows. The academic/training program must have a track leading to a career in SCI/D research.

Time Frame:

Submissions are restricted to manuscripts accepted for publication by the JSCM during the calendar year. Each acceptance letter contains a reminder about the Award, as do the JSCM Guidelines for Authors.

Submission:

Each entry packet must include a completed APS Bors Award Application signed by the applicant and the senior investigator; the applicants current CV; and a brief statement from the Program Director or Senior Investigator describing the applicant's role in the research study, and preparation of the manuscript. The applicant's contribution to the project must be substantive (e.g. data collection alone is not considered a sufficient contribution). The research must have been completed during the individual's training as verified by his/her program director.

Criteria:

- ❖ Role of the applicant in the research project and preparation of the manuscript
- ❖ Originality of the topic/project
- ❖ Relevance of the project to spinal cord medicine/research
- ❖ Research methodology
- ❖ Validity of conclusions
- ❖ Quality and clarity of presentation

Award Determination:

Entries will be distributed to the Review Panel. The Review Panel is a 3 member rotating panel selected from members of the Editorial Board. The Associate Editor will supervise the review process. Each panel member will rank the entries in order of preference. The Award will go to the applicant whose manuscript receives the highest overall ranking. The Panel will render a decision and the Managing Editor will

notify the Administrative Office by March 15. The Managing Editor will notify each applicant of the Review Panel's decision in writing.

IV. American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers (PSW)

1. Clinical Performance Award

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The Clinical Performance Award was established in 1994 as a way to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding clinical skills related to the psychosocial adjustment and rehabilitation of individuals with spinal cord injuries and other disorders of the spinal cord. This includes outstanding clinical contributions and expertise in the work environment and the community.

Nominee must:

Have demonstrated outstanding performance in the area of clinical skill related to the psychosocial adjustment and rehabilitation of persons with SCI/D. This includes outstanding clinical contributions and expertise and exceptional performance in the nominee's work environment as well as in the community.

Statement by nominator. Please provide a narrative statement giving details and specific information that address the following criteria:

- ❖ The nominee has demonstrated outstanding clinical performance in the area of SCI/D psychosocial rehabilitation.
- ❖ The accomplishments of the nominee have had a positive impact on the quality of life of persons with SCI/D in the geographic locale of the nominee.
- ❖ The achievements of the nominee are recognized by peers, professionals, or the community at large.
- ❖ The nominee has fostered cooperation and mutual support among SCI/D rehabilitation professionals

V. Therapy Leadership Council (TLC)

1. Clinical Service Award
2. Excellence Award

Nominees must be a PT, PTA, OT, or COTA

1. Clinical Service Award

- ❖ For a member who has demonstrated outstanding clinical contributions in the area of SCI/D. This may include demonstration of clinical application of evidenced based medicine and/or translational research.
- ❖ Nominee shall have demonstrated:
 - Knowledge and expertise in SCI/D therapy practice through advanced training and mentoring others
 - Creativity in providing rehabilitation to individuals with SCI/D through program development as well as outcome assessment
 - Distinguished advocacy for persons with SCI/D
 - Collaboration with other health care professionals in providing optimal care achieving excellence in the health care of persons with SCI/D

2. Excellence Award

For a member who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership in the clinical application of SCI/D.

Nominee shall have demonstrated:

- ❖ Outstanding clinical contributions made in the area of SCI/D rehabilitation
- ❖ Guidance for the professional growth of fellow clinicians
- ❖ Significant contributions to the growth of the Academy
- ❖ Demonstrated exceptional accomplishment in the clinical area of SCI/D

Nomination Procedure:

- ❖ Can only nominate member in their section.
- ❖ Award nominations must be made by a member in good standing.
- ❖ Nominee must meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for the award.
- ❖ Only one nomination form must be submitted via email to that section President.
- ❖ Nomination materials must be typed, with the name of the nominee appearing on the top of each page, which is e-mailed.
- ❖ Governance Board to decide how to use the list serve and how to get the award nominations back to the section presidents.

Deadline:

Nomination forms with supporting material via email by the deadline of March 15. Late nominations will not be considered.

All information received for consideration by the Committee will be deemed confidential.

PAST AWARD WINNERS (partial list)

AASCIN Distinguished Awardees

James J. Peters Award for Distinguished Service

- 2008: Janeat Giroux
- 2007: Cathleen King, MSN, RN
- 2006: Laureen G. Doloresco MN, RN, CNAA,
- 2005: Deanna Persaud, MSN, RN

Nurse Competence in Aging Award

- 2007: Brian Monaghan, RN
- 2006: Cathleen King MSN, RN

Special Recognition Award

- 2006: Audrey L. Nelson, PHD, RN, FAAN

SCI Nursing Best Article of the Year

- 2006: Barbara J. Olinzock, EdD, RN
- 2005: Zip. P. SCI Nursing 23, 150-158
- 2002: Kemp B. and Thompson, L. SCI Nursing 19 (@) 51-60

Best Aging Article of the Year

- 2009: Angela Starkweather, PhD, RN, ANCP, CCRN, CNRN

Outstanding Contributions to SCI Nursing

- 1997: Jan A. Sheldon, MS, RN
- 1995: Kelly Johnson, MSN, RN
- 1995: Patricia S. Goltry, BSN, RN
- 1994: Audrey Nelson, PHD, RN
- 1992: Cynthia P. Zejdlik, RN
- 1991: Lisa' Casady, MS, RN
- 1990: Ellen Z. Hooker, EdD, RN
- 1988: Mary Ann Mikulic, MN, RN
- 1986: Susan Brady, MSN, RN

Distinguished Service Award Winners

- 2003: Laureen G. Doloresco, MN, RN, CNAA, BC
- 2000: Susan S. Thomason, MS, RN, CS, CETN
- 1997: Jan A. Sheldon, MS, RN
- 1997: Halina M. Craig, MS, RN
- 1996: Sheila M. Sparks, DNSc, RN
- 1995: Keri Schroeder-Jaeger, MBA, RN
- 1994: Lauraine Dwyer, MSN, RN
- 1993: Linda Toth, MS, RN
- 1992: Sylvia E. McDonald, MS, RN
- 1991: Judi Kuric, MSN, RN
- 1990: Marcia Hanak, MA, RN
- 1988: E.Elaine Lloyd, MS, RN
- 1988: Audrey Nelson, PHD, RN
- 1986: James J. Peters.

Excellence in SCI Clinical Performance

2000: Cheryl A. Lehman, MSN, RN, CRRN
1999: Nahid Veit, MSN, RN
1998: Margaret Amato, BSN, RN
1997: Karen L. Klemme, BS, RN
1996: Barbara A. Rines, RN
1994: Janet Cohen, BA, RN
1993: Constance LaPorte, RN, ARNP
1993: Brenda Kelly, MSN, RN
1992: Mary Jane Callahan, BS, RN
1990: Helen Remington, MSN, RN
1989: Carole S. McCarthy, LPN

Staff Nurse Award for Excellence in SCI Nursing

2007: Elma Padios, RN
2007: Anne Lyons
2005: Rupert M. Smith, RN
2004: Kathleen E. Aubertin, LPN
2003: Paula A. Strangeland, RN, CCRN
2002: Karen Denise Smith, BSN, RN

Expanded Role Award for Excellence in SCI Nursing

2007: Antonia Garrett
2006: Billie Anne Massie RN, C BS
2004: Yolanda Gertsch-Lapcevic, MN
2003: Patricia A. Tuccitto, RN, CRRN
2002: Diane M. Hartwig, MS, RN, CS-ACNP, CRRN
2001: Nancy Lewis, MSN, RN, CRRN

APS Distinguished Awardees

Estin Comarr Memorial Award for Distinguished Clinical Service

2005: Todd A. Linsenmeyer, MD
2004: Margaret C. Hammond, MD
2003: Randal R. Betz, MD
2002: Robert M. Woolsey, MD
2001: Steven C. Kirshblum, MD
1999: John R. Bach, MD
1999: Ibrahim Eltorai, MD
1997: John George, MD
1993: A. Estin Comarr, MD

Excellence Award

2006: Vernon W.H. Lin, MD, PhD
2005: Sunil Sabharwal, MD
2004: Rory A. Cooper, PhD
2003: Michael M. Priebe, MD
2002: William A. Bauman, MD
2000: James W. Little, MD, PhD
1999: Margaret C. Hammond, MD
1999: Jay V. Subbarao, MD
1996: Joseph E. Binard, MD

1995: Joe. A. DeLisa, MD
1994: Inder Perakash, MD

Ernest Bors Award

2004: Vidya Jayawardena, MD
2003: Qing Tai, MD, PhD
2002: Not Awarded
2001: Chester H. Ho, MD
2000: Not Awarded
1999: John A. Horton, III, MD
1998: Alfred C. Tomaio, MD
1997: Jason Lipetz, MD
1996: Wayne D. Liou, MD, PhD
1995: Andrea Cheville, MD
1994: Not Awarded
1993: James R. Farrage, Jr., MD

PSW Distinguished Awardees

James J. Peters Distinguished Service Award

2008: Helen Bosshart, MSW
2007: Kathleen Chadband
2005: Norman D. Haw, RRP, CCRC
2005: Rose C. Trincher, MD
2004: Stanley H. Ducharme, PhD
2002: Paul Kennedy, DPhil
2001: Mickey Ginsburg, PhD
2000: Donald G. Kewman, PhD
1998: Michael J. DeVivo, DrPH
1997: Sterling Kryslar
1996: James J. Peters
1995: Shirley McCluer, MD
1993: James Barry Corbet
1990: Nancy M. Crewe, PhD

Clinical Performance Award

2008: Catherine Wilson, PsyD, ABPP(Rp)
2007: Sara Klaas, MSW
2005: Irby D. Ferguson, MSW, ACSW
2004: Sigmund Hough, PhD, ABPP
2002: Rose C. Griggs, MSW, LMSW
2001: Janice E. Wiley, MSSW, LMSW, ACP
2000: Mary Lee Pons, MSW
1999: Judith E. Gordo, MSW, LCSW
1998: Lester Butt, PhD
1997: Hugh B. Taylor, MSW, LCSW
1994: Ben Hollis, MSW, LCSW