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American Thoracic Society & Thoracic Society Chapter 2019 Outstanding Clinician Award

Application Deadline: December 3, 2018

How to Apply

I. PURPOSE

Members of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and its Thoracic Society Chapters (chapters) work diligently and compassionately every day to improve the lives of patients with respiratory diseases, critical illnesses and sleep-related breathing disorders. One way they honor their peers who demonstrate excellence in the clinical care of patients is through the annual **Outstanding Clinician Award (OCA)**.

The OCA award recognizes both community and academic clinicians who are dedicated to directing patient care on both the local and national levels. While each chapter may choose its own recipient, each year only one national OCA award recipient is selected.

Previous ATS OCA recipients include:

2018	William Walker, MD	South Carolina Thoracic Society
2017	Jack Hasson, MD	Alabama Thoracic Society
2016	Jay Shames, MD	Louisiana Thoracic Society
2015	James P. Lamberti, MD	Metro DC Thoracic Society
2014	Fredric Jackson, MD	Washington State Thoracic Society
2013	Allen Thomas, MD	Arizona Thoracic Society
2012	Eric Yaeger, MD	Colorado Thoracic Society
2011	Michelle Sue Harkins, MD	New Mexico Thoracic Society
2010	Richard A. Helmers, MD	Arizona Thoracic Society
2009	Walter Donat, MD	Rhode Island Thoracic Society
2008	Jeffrey S. Wagener, MD	Colorado Thoracic Society
2007	Louis S. Libby, MD	Oregon Thoracic Society
2006	Christine S. Fukui, MD	Hawaii Thoracic Society
2005	Eloise M. Harman, MD	Florida Thoracic Society
2004	Anthony M. Marinelli, MD	Chicago Thoracic Society
2003	Paul A. Selecky, MD	California Thoracic Society

II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

REQUIREMENTS – An OCA nominee should:

1. Spend 75% or more of his/her professional time providing direct care to patients;
 - a. For academic clinicians: A physician who spends more than 25% of his/her time on research (e.g. several R01 grants) or administration (e.g. division head, director of critical care) is not eligible.
2. Be a member of both the chapter nominating him/her and of the ATS;
3. Be recognized by his/her peers in the chapter as an outstanding clinician, as demonstrated by vote of the chapter membership or Executive Committee.
4. Additional consideration will be given to nominees who have made recognized contributions to their chapter and/or to the ATS.

RESTRICTIONS – An OCA nominee may not be:

1. A current member of the ATS Council of Chapter Representatives (CCR);
2. The recipient of another ATS award for the current year. (By the time of consideration for this award, recipients of other ATS awards will have been notified.)

III. SELECTION PROCESS

1. Local Chapter OCA Award

Chapters that wish to participate will:

- a. Select one OCA recipient to be approved. The chapter's Executive Committee will either have its full membership vote on its nominee or will make the selection itself. Upon selection, the recipient will be designated as the chapter's OCA recipient for the year.
- b. Submit the chapter OCA recipient's name to ATS as a candidate for the national ATS Award with the following materials:
 - i. **A Completed Nomination Form**
Include a description of the candidate's patient care skills, expertise and the positive impact made on patients. This may best be prepared by a colleague of the outstanding clinician or other individual who is familiar with the candidate's care of patients with respiratory disease. The statement will ideally include anecdotes from patients or their loved ones, as well as from colleagues who have witnessed the candidate at work or learned from him/her how to provide thorough and compassionate patient care.
 - ii. **Up to three letters of support** from grateful patients and their loved ones; local or regional thought leaders and decision makers in healthcare/patient care; and/or fellow chapter members. Letters should describe how the nominee has demonstrated excellence as a direct provider of patient care to individuals with respiratory diseases, critical illnesses or sleep-related breathing disorders.
 - iii. **The candidate's curriculum vitae (CV).**
 - iv. **A JPG color photograph** of the nominee (head and shoulders).
- c. Participating chapters should submit a completed nomination packet via an online portal format plus the photo **by Monday, December 3, 2018.**
- d. Chapters should honor their OCA recipient at meetings/events, etc.

2. National ATS OCA Award

- a. TSC nomination packets (*detailed above*) will be reviewed by a CCR subcommittee.
- b. The committee will develop a slate of the top qualifiers, based on the eligibility criteria.
- c. The CCR chair will present the slate of the top qualifiers for a CCR vote.
- d. A representative of a chapter with a nominee may provide additional written information making the case for why that chapter's candidate best meets the criteria and should be the national ATS OCA awardee.
- e. All TSC OCA recipients and the national ATS OCA recipient will be honored by the ATS on posters at the Clinicians Center at the subsequent International Conference.
- f. The ATS will present the ATS OCA recipient with a plaque at the annual Awards Ceremony at the subsequent International Conference. The ATS will also recognize the honoree in its monthly newsletter *ATS News* and on its web site.

Questions?

Contact the ATS Member Services and Chapter Relations Dept:

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