

Small, Rural and Northern Award of Excellence

The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) is pleased to present the **Small, Rural and Northern Award of Excellence**. This prestigious award recognizes innovation and excellence in the delivery of patient care within a small, rural and/or northern hospital and is open to *individuals or teams* who are employees, medical staff, volunteers or trustees.

Candidates for this award must be nominated and have demonstrated innovation, leadership and/or excellence in **ONE** of the following categories:

- **System Integration**

- Health care services integration (e.g., alliances or partnerships with other health care providers to improve services, streamline planning and operations resulting in enhanced delivery of patient care and/or improved efficiencies).

Applicants must demonstrate how the initiative has:

- *Improved access to patient care services, improved efficiency and/or created more coordinated care for patients*
- *Capitalized on existing partnerships and is consistent with local LHIN planning*
- *Resulted in sustainable change in the organization and/or processes taken*

- **Knowledge Management and Best Practices**

- Knowledge management practices, techniques and/or best practices that have resulted in improved decision making and/or standards of practice resulting in improved patient care.

Applicants must demonstrate how knowledge management and best practices:

- *Have resulted in organizational changes which have led to improved patient care outcomes*
- *Are transferable to other small, rural and northern hospitals*

○ **Technological Innovation**

- Use of technology to improve patient care services. For example, the introduction of video conferencing or Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) that has resulted in enhanced access to services, efficiencies and improved management and utilization of human resources.

Applicants must demonstrate how technological innovation:

- *Has impacted the organization and changed hospital processes and improved patient care services*
- *Has resulted in sustainable change in the organization*
- *Is transferable to other small, rural and northern hospitals*

○ **Patient Care Leadership**

- Exemplifies outstanding qualities and dedication and has demonstrated effective results for patients, community, staff or the hospital.

Applicant must demonstrate:

- *A commitment to his/her profession through leadership in major initiatives in clinical practice, education, research and/ or quality improvement activities*
- *Innovation through the creation of new approaches in delivering care, generating new techniques or extending previous knowledge into new areas or initiatives*

○ **Clinical Efficiencies**

- Excellence in the development and delivery of clinical practices, processes, guidelines or care mapping that has resulted in enhanced or improved evidence based patient care.

Applicant must demonstrate how the clinical efficiencies:

- *Have enhanced patient outcomes, facilitated access to care and resulted in efficiencies in delivering care*
- *Can be used at other small, rural and northern hospitals*
- *Promotes the organizations strategic direction (e.g. vision and values)*

SRN Award of Excellence

Nomination Guidelines & Selection Process

The nomination process is open to individuals or teams who are employees, medical staff, volunteers or trustees in a hospital from small, rural and/or northern (SRN) hospitals.

Candidates for the ***SRN Award of Excellence*** must be nominated by a colleague or individual who is able to provide a brief summary of the candidate's contribution to their hospital and/or community in one of the abovementioned categories.

A selection committee comprised of members of the OHA Small Rural and Northern Hospital Provincial Leadership Council and the Chair of Region 1 will review the nominations forms and select one nominee to be honored with the ***SRN Award of Excellence***.

The recipient will be notified in October 2008 and will be presented with an award at the Rural and Northern Session at the OHA HealthAchieve2008 held on ***Tuesday November 4, 2008***.

The recipient of the award will receive free registration to OHA HealthAchieve2008 and will also be recognized in OHA Hospital Perspectives and Executive Report.

Evaluation Criteria

The selection committee will make their final selection based on the following evaluation criteria:

Leadership

- Has the nominee(s) exemplified leadership and made a significant difference to others?

Applicability

- Does the submission have applicability to other small, rural and northern hospitals?
 - Can it be applied regionally?
 - Can it be applied provincially?

Innovation

- What is the degree of innovation?

Outcomes

- What outcomes support the submission?

Nomination Deadline

The completed nomination forms and supporting documentation must be received by the OHA no later than **Monday September 29, 2008**. **Kindly fill in both forms below.**

The completed nomination form *must* include a brief summary (typed) describing what contribution the candidate(s) has made and how innovation or excellence has been demonstrated.

Only those nominations that include all of the above information will qualify for an award. Nominations may be submitted to:

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Part I: Nominee's information

Name:	
Title/Position:	
Organization:	
Address (to which correspondence can be sent to nominee):	
Street address: _____ _____	
City:	
Postal code:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	

Part II: Sponsor's information

Name:	
Title/Position:	
Organization:	
Address (to which correspondence can be sent to nominee): Street address: _____ _____	
City:	
Postal code:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	

****Note: Email submissions are preferred.***

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