Jonathan B. Meddings Clinical Innovation Award

Department of Medicine, University of Alberta

The Department of Medicine wishes to recognize clinical innovations that impact patient care in a positive and meaningful way.

Scholarly clinical activity to be recognized could include the discovery of new diagnostic or therapeutic agents, the development of new methods of drug or patient care delivery, new practice procedures or programs, new databases, enhancements of patient safety, patient education and/or relevant quality improvements to care or processes.

The end result of the contribution would be to provide enhanced patient care and/or the ability to better assess the impact of clinical interventions and thus begin the process of examining ways by which it might be done better. That is, innovations assisting in the evaluation of clinical activity would also be eligible for recognition.

Terms of Reference

Nominator: Any member of the Department of Medicine may nominate an individual or team for this annual award. Self-nominations are accepted.

DoM Representation: If an individual is nominated, they must be a member of the Department of Medicine. If a team is nominated, *at least one member with a major role on the team* must be from the Department of Medicine, but membership may include health care workers such as physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, pharmacists or dietitians; non-academic staff; staff from other departments or faculties; lay or professional community members; students or other trainees.

Criteria: The Department wishes to recognize an individual or team whose work best exemplifies the following criteria:

- Meets the definition of a "healthcare innovation" – an activity that generates value in terms of quality of care, safety of care, administrative efficiency, patient experience or patient outcomes.
- Has impacted patient care locally in a positive and meaningful way, with evidence the innovation met its intended goals (e.g. wait time reduction, number of patients seen in a year, reduction in adverse events, improved patient experience etc...).
- Has the potential to impact patient care beyond their local environment and/or beyond their subspecialty/training program.
- Has been disseminated. E.g. adopted by other programs or other sites, or disseminated through publications, mainstream media, training sessions, presentations, or online (via podcast, website, etc).

Nominations must include:

1. A signed Nomination Letter outlining how the individual or team meets the criteria listed above.
2. *At least one letter or correspondence* from: a recipient of the healthcare innovation; a person/group who has benefitted from the healthcare innovation; or a person/group able to assess the impact of the healthcare innovation.

Nominations must be submitted online **by 5 pm MST on March 15th**. If March 15th falls on a weekend, the submission deadline will be the following business day.

Nominations will be adjudicated by the Department of Medicine Executive Committee. If a member of the Executive Committee is nominated for this award, they will not be included in the voting process or in any discussion regarding the nominees.

The recipient will be recognized at the Department's Annual Celebration Dinner.