

NMA Awards & Criteria

Distinguished Service to Medicine

- Awarded as deemed appropriate
- Must be an NMA member
- Basis-lifelong distinguished service to the patients and the people of Nebraska and the NMA
- Nominations accepted from NMA members

Friend of Medicine

- Awarded as deemed appropriate
- Non-medical recipient
- Basis-performs outstanding service to the betterment of the health of the people of the state of Nebraska
- Nominations accepted from NMA members

Physician of the Year

- Awarded annually
- Must be an NMA member
- Engaged in active practice (not retired)
- Based on medical contributions to the community
- Nominations accepted from NMA members and the general public

Young Physician of the Year

- Awarded annually
- Limited to physicians age 40 or less
- Must be an NMA member
- Basis-person whose practice contributions to the NMA and the community are examples of the finest in a young physician
- Nominations accepted from NMA members and the general public

Physician Advocate of the Year

- Awarded as deemed appropriate
- Must be an NMA member
- Basis-person who has went above and beyond in the area of advocacy either at the state or federal level, preferably both
- Nominations accepted from NMA members

Resident/Student Advocate of the Year

- Awarded as deemed appropriate
- Must be an NMA member
- Basis-medical resident or student who has went above and beyond in the area of advocacy either at the state or federal level, preferably both
- Nominations accepted from NMA members

Please return the completed form and any accompanying materials to: Carole Bates, Nebraska Medical Association, 233 So. 13th Street, Suite 1200, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. If you have questions, contact Carole at (800) 684-9380, (402) 474-4472, or caroleb@nebmed.org.

Deadline for Submission: August 11, 2017

Award recipients will be determined by an NMA committee comprised of the three immediate past presidents of NMA and will be announced at NMA's Annual Session, September 8.

NMA Award Recipients

Young Physician of the Year

2016-Travis Teetor, MD, Omaha
2015-Michelle Sell, MD, Central City
2014-Lori Brunner-Buck, MD, Omaha
2013-Jason Kruger, MD, Lincoln
2012-David Ingvaldstad, MD, Omaha
2011-Jennifer Brown, MD, Grand Island
2010-Michael Zaruba, MD, Auburn
2009-Matt Beacom, MD, Fremont
2008-Derrick Anderson, MD, Lincoln
2007-Deb Anderson, MD, Columbus
2006-Brian Buhlke, D.O., Central City
2005-Jeffrey Holloway, MD, Scottsbluff
2004-Jeff King, MD, Grand Island
2003-Annette Miller, MD, Valentine
2002-Kipton Anderson, MD, Columbus
2001-Hugh Holmquist, MD, Burwell
2000-Rob Rhodes, MD, Lincoln

Physician of the Year

2016-Chelsea Chesen, MD, Omaha
2015-Gerald Luckey, MD, David City
2014-David Watts, MD, Omaha
2013-Jeffrey David, MD, Lincoln
2012-Gary Ensz, MD, Auburn
2011-Susan Scholer, MD, Omaha
2010-Vincent Bjorling, MD, Scottsbluff
2009-Hans Dethlefs, MD, Omaha
2008-William Shiffermiller, MD, Omaha
2007-John Peters, MD, Omaha
2006-David Paulus, MD, Lincoln
2005-Anthony Kusek, MD, Albion
2004-Joann Schaefer, MD, Omaha
2003-Milton "Pete" Johnson, MD, Scottsbluff
2002-John A. Wagoner, Jr., MD, Grand Island
2001-Daniel Deitrich, MD, Omaha
2000-Darroll Loschen, MD, York

Friend of Medicine

2016-Tom Obrist
2015-not awarded
2014-Dave Schulz
2013-Sandy Johnson
2012-David Buntain
2011-Senator Mike Gloor
2010-not awarded
2009-not awarded
2008-Chuck Pallesen
2007-State Senator DiAnna Schimek
2006-Barbara Schaefer
2005-State Senator Dennis Byars
2004-State Senator Don Pederson
2003-Congressman Doug Bereuter

2002-State Senator Jim Jensen
2001-William M. Kizer
2000-Jack K. Lewis, MD

Distinguished Service to Medicine

2016-Peter Whitted, MD, Omaha
2015-Linda Ford, MD, Bellevue
2015-Charles Gregorius, MD, Lincoln
2015-David Filipi, MD, Omaha
2014-Tom Tonniges, MD, Omaha
2014-Ron Klutman, MD, Columbus
2013-Rowen Zetterman, MD, Omaha
2012-Gamini Soori, MD, Omaha
2012-Pat Brookhouser, MD, (posthumous recognition)
2011-Thomas Ruma, MD, Omaha
2010-Dale Michels, MD, Lincoln
2009-Joe Gard, MD, Lincoln (posthumous recognition)
2008-Senator Joel Johnson, MD, Kearney
2007-Larry Bausch, MD, Lincoln
2006-Carl Cornelius, MD, Sidney
2005-Les Spry, MD, Lincoln
2004-Christopher C. Caudill, MD, Lincoln
2003-Richard Raymond, MD, Lincoln
2002-not awarded
2001-not awarded
2000-Frederick F. Paustian, MD, Omaha

Physician Advocate of the Year

2016-Bob Rauner, MD, Lincoln
2015-Britt Thedinger, MD, Omaha

Resident Advocate of the Year

2016-Jordan Warchol, MD, Omaha

Student Advocate of the Year

2016-Michael Visenio
2015-R. Logan Jones
2015-Alicia Smith