



THE NEBRASKA SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

A Chartered Affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care

Section: NSRC Other

Subject: NSRC Therapist of the Year

Effective Date:

Purpose: The Therapist of the Year nomination process is open to all AARC member respiratory therapists in the state of Nebraska. This award provides an opportunity to recognize a respiratory practitioner for their contributions and advancement to the field of respiratory care, excellence and quality in patient care, and living the qualities of respiratory care in their community.

1. The nomination process will include:
 - a. Electronic nominations- linked to the www.nsrc-online.org
 - b. Electronic mailing to AARC members in Nebraska using the AARC list serve. Link provided in president's note.
 - c. Nominations conclude by March 31st or 2-months prior to the scheduled NSRC State Conference.

Aim: To recognize respiratory therapists who have made significant contributions to patient care, respiratory care and their colleagues, their community and state. This policy describes the process of nominating a Nebraska respiratory care practitioner for the NSRC Therapist of the Year Award.

1. Eligibility
 - a. Candidate must be licensed respiratory care provider and AARC member
 - b. Candidate must be nominated in written narrative by a member of their peers. (Licensed RCP and member of AARC, or Licensed Nurse and member of their professional organization)
2. Criteria
 - a. Candidate must be nominated for award either through written process or Internet on-line process. Narrative should include examples in the following:
 - b. **Professionalism:** Give examples that the candidate participates actively with professional organization. Candidate encourages colleagues to increase learning and professional membership.
 - c. **Customer focus:** Give examples that the candidate recognizes, meets and exceeds needs and requirements of patients and respiratory colleagues.
 - d. **Quality:** Give examples that the candidate participates and initiates improvement processes with professional colleagues for improved and quality patient care.
 - e. **Teamwork:** Give examples that the candidate demonstrates the spirit of teamwork.



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- f. **Innovation:** Give examples that the candidate develops original ideas that benefit patient, organization, community or state.
3. NSRC Therapist of the Year voting process is open to all NSRC/AARC members in Nebraska:
 - a. The NSRC president will organize the candidates and applications and send to the Nebraska AARC members using the AARC list serve. Deadline by the end of the first full week in April and before the NSRC State Conference. Voting will open using the survey monkey tool and will conclude April 30th. These dates may be modified to coordinate with State Conference.
 - b. Votes will be tabulated through survey monkey and be reported to the NSRC board.
 - c. The nominating person and the candidate will be notified of award.
 - d. The Award will be presented during the Annual State Conference in May.
 - e. Cost to the organization: NSRC Respiratory Care Practitioner of the Year Award and time to communicate set up and follow up with voting.
 - f. Post to NSRC-Online. Information on candidate and picture of award ceremony will be placed on NSRC website. Candidate's nomination narrative will accompany picture.

NSRC Employee of the Year Nomination form: Electronic submission via survey monkey or e-mail documentation.

<p>1. This candidate is nominated by: <i>Contact information:</i> <i>Phone</i> <i>E-mail</i> <i>Address</i> <i>Date submitted:</i></p>
<p>2. Name of Nominee and Title and years of service.</p>
<p>3. AARC Member</p>
<p>4. Active Respiratory practitioner and licensed in Nebraska</p>
<p>5. Candidate works in patient care environments: Hospital, Home Care, Skilled Nursing Facility, Sleep, Diagnostic/PFT, Other:</p>
<p><i>How you know the candidate? Why they should be Therapist of the Year? Focus answers using the below categories.</i></p>
<p>6. Patient Focus: <i>Explain how this candidate has performed "beyond the call of duty" displaying extraordinary efforts, creativity or innovation to improve patient care.</i></p>
<p>7. Leadership: <i>Describe this candidate's professionalism and dedication to their patients, and/or colleagues and/or community.</i></p>
<p>8. Teamwork: <i>The candidate has worked as a team player. Give example(s)</i></p>
<p>9. Results: <i>The candidate has taken an idea or suggestion and has made a positive effect for their patients, colleagues, local or national community.</i></p>
<p>10. Optional: <i>Other characteristics the nominee possesses that the AARC/NSRC membership should know.</i></p>



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