

The Dr. Frank S Rutledge Award for Excellence in Critical Care Teaching – Call for Nominations

Who can be nominated?

Any staff physician involved in full or part-time clinical teaching of residents in a Canadian academic critical care training program (adult or pediatric) is eligible.

How are they nominated?

Any critical care resident can make a nomination. Alternatively, a group of critical care residents may submit a joint nomination. This can be done in a single letter or several letters signed by different residents but part of one academic training program. The letter(s) should be detailed outlining the qualities of the candidate for which the nomination is being submitted. It must provide the name and contact information for the nominee.

Upon receipt of the letter(s), the nominee will be contacted by the Chair to confirm the nomination and request a current CV.

The selection committee will consider both recent and career contributions by the nominees. If a nominee is a past winner, the committee will give more weight to recent contributions. The letter(s) will be the primary information the Selection Committee has to make a decision. Therefore, your letter(s) must provide sufficient information to convey the strengths of your nominee to the Awards Committee. On occasions where nomination letters are deemed not to uphold the qualities that constitute the award, the Selection Committee will not give an award for that particular year.

Areas that the Awards Committee will consider include:

- passion and enthusiasm for teaching
- proficiency in delivering clear and relevant information
- quality of clinical and bedside teaching
- comprehension and appropriate use of the literature
- ability to be flexible and relate the teaching for the level of training
- ability to relate to and appreciate patient needs; be a local champion for exceptional patient care
- being a positive role model and mentorship of trainee/ junior staff
- interest in trainees' personal development and well-being
- commitment to the evaluation process
- collaborative multidisciplinary approach to teaching and clinical care
- innovative techniques
- curriculum development
- connecting teaching with problem solving and research

To acknowledge the particular values and interests of the late Dr. Frank S. Rutledge, specific attention will be given to teaching related to communication, administration and professionalism.

How are the winners chosen?

The Award winners are chosen by the Dr Rutledge Award Selection Committee. This committee is chaired by the Chair, Critical Care Western, and is comprised of the Canadian Critical Care Society President, Canadian Critical Care Society Education Committee Chair, Canadian Intensive Care Foundation Chair, Critical Care Canada Forum scientific programme chair and the Critical Care Western Program Director. Should there be a conflict of interest, in that a nominee is a member of the selection committee, the individual in question will not participate on the committee for that year. Please remember that nominations are judged on the quality of information provided in the supporting letter(s).

What do the winners receive?

All nominees receive a confirmation letter from Critical Care Western informing them of their nomination. At a nominee's request, a letter will also be sent to other individuals the nominee feels are relevant for his/her career goals.

The winner will also receive a letter, as will their Postgraduate Dean, Dean and Head of Department. The winner will be honoured at the Critical Care Canada Forum, where he/she will be invited to deliver a lecture. The winner will also be presented with a framed certificate of recognition, and a \$1,000.00 honorarium.

Who do I contact with questions? Where do we send nomination letters?

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Claudio Martin, cmartin1@uwo.ca.

Address for letters:

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What is the deadline:

The deadline for receipt of nomination letters is June 1, 2011.

This is an important opportunity to recognize those who have made a remarkable contribution to the future leaders of critical care in Canada. We thank you for taking the time to acknowledge Canada's outstanding clinical teachers in memory of one of our very best teachers, Dr. Frank S. Rutledge.