

## Practice Innovation Award

Purpose: To acknowledge an individual physical therapist or clinical practice team for their innovative contributions to the field of physical therapy through evidence-based advanced care delivery, translating to improved quality of care, and/or novel application of established interventions or protocols to new conditions or populations.

### **Eligibility:**

- Nominees must be a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in clinical practice
- Must be an active member of the APTA CT in good standing
- Clinical practice teams must work within the same practice site.

### **Criteria for selection:**

- Member or clinical team has demonstrated innovation in practice to enhance the patient experience by:
  - Development of innovative technology
  - or
  - Providing advanced care delivery for meaningful improvements in patient outcomes.
  - or
  - Development of practice care models
- These should reflect clinical expertise in the patient population or condition of interest, and an evidence-based rationale underlying the innovative approach to care. Demonstrated by documented improvement in functional mobility, reduced length of stay per condition, or hospital readmission as compared with established practice metrics or national standards.

### **Procedure for Nominations:**

- Nomination packages must be submitted with the current nomination form provided by American Physical Therapy Association Connecticut Chapter
- Forms can be obtained from the APTA CT website.
- The current nomination form indicates the year in which the award nomination will be considered. An ORIGINAL nomination package (completed nomination form with original signatures and original supporting documents) must be submitted for consideration for the award and received by 9/12.
- The nomination package must include:
  - Current nomination form.
  - Current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee.
- Nominations should be accompanied by at least two (2) supporting letters of support that specifically focus on the strengths of the nominee with respect to the criteria for selection.

- Send all materials to: APTA CT.

**Deadline:**

- Nominations must be received by the section office no later than ??

**Selection:**

- The Nominating Committee will review the nominations and submit the committee's recommendation to the Section BOD for final approval by ??