

Nominate an outstanding colleague for a 2025 CMA service award

Every year, the California Medical Association (CMA) honors inspirational physician members during its annual House of Delegates in October. Each award recognizes special contributions to an aspect of CMA membership and/or the practice of medicine. **The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday July 2, 2025.**

CMA is accepting nominations for the following awards for 2025:

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Compassionate Service Award

Description

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend and a commemorative plaque. It honors a CMA member physician residing and practicing in California who best illustrates the association's commitment to community and charity care. Eligible for nomination are active physicians, or physician organizations, who have demonstrated a history of providing charity or donated care to communities within the state of California. The selection process will focus heavily on services donated by physicians, or organization, to the indigent or services rendered to charitable groups.

Criteria for Selection

Nominations should be accompanied by a biography, a statement of the candidate's accomplishments in the field of medicine and the community at large, and any other pertinent documentation that will support the nomination. Successful nominations will be those which included endorsements from present or former patients, colleagues, leaders of civic and service organizations and/or articles in newsletters or newspapers which highlight interesting anecdotes about the individuals' life, medical practice and community involvement.

Please return all nominations by July 2, 2025, to nominations@cmadocs.org.

The Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, will make the final decision on the award recipient.

Gary S. Nye, MD, Award for Physician Health and Well-Being

Description

This award honors significant contributions toward improving physician health and wellness. Nominations for this award are collected through the [Nomination Form](#) (*must be logged into the CMA website to access*).

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Dev A. GnanaDev, MD, Membership Award

Description

The award consists of a \$1,000 stipend and a recognition plaque. It honors a CMA member physician residing and practicing in California who during the past year demonstrated a special or unique effort towards membership recruitment resulting in membership growth in their area.

Background

Through the generosity of CMA Past-President Dev GnanaDev, MD, a permanently restricted endowment fund was created for the purpose of recognizing membership growth. Dr. GnanaDev pledged \$50,000 to establish the endowment and the CMA Board of Trustees approved this action at its July 2010 meeting.

Criteria for Selection

- + Nominee is an active CMA member.
- + During the year of the award a special or unique effort went towards membership growth.
- + Membership growth occurred as a direct result of the efforts of the recipient and can be documented and described.
- + Membership category where the growth occurred is different each year.
- + CMA and the local component society have verified the information provided.

Nominations should be accompanied by a biography, a statement of the candidate's accomplishments in the field of membership growth, and any other pertinent documentation that will support the nomination. Letters of recommendation or endorsement are welcome but are not required.

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Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award

Description

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend and a commemorative silver bowl. It honors a CMA member physician residing and practicing in California who best exemplifies the practice and ethics of a rural practitioner. Eligible for nomination are physicians currently in active practice or recently retired, i.e., retired from active practice for a period of no longer than three years. The selection process shall take into consideration services donated by the physician to the indigent or services rendered to charitable groups.

Criteria for Selection

Nominations should be accompanied by a biography, a statement of the candidate's accomplishments in the field of medicine and the community at large, and any other pertinent documentation that will support the nomination. In the past, successful nominations have been those which included endorsements from present or former patients, colleagues, leaders of civic and service organizations and/or articles in newsletters or newspapers which highlight interesting anecdotes about the individuals' life, medical practice and community involvement.

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