

PHYSICIAN ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD - NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The CMA Physician Advocate of the Year Award honors a CMA physician member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to advancing the interests of patients, the medical profession, and the community through advocacy. The award recognizes meaningful contributions to healthcare policy, physician practice, patient care, or public health.

Eligibility

Nominees must:

- Be a current CMA physician member in good standing.
- Demonstrate a sustained commitment to physician and/or patient advocacy.
- Have made significant contributions through leadership, education, policy, community engagement, or other advocacy efforts.

Evaluation Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated based on accomplishments in one or more of the following areas:

- Advocacy Impact: Influencing healthcare policy or initiatives that improve patient care or the practice of medicine.
- Leadership: Leadership within CMA, organized medicine, healthcare organizations, or community partnerships.
- Patient & Community Impact: Improving patient access, quality of care, public health, health equity, or community well-being.
- Physician Engagement: Mentoring or encouraging physician involvement in advocacy and organized medicine.
- Professionalism: Demonstrating integrity, collaboration, and ethical leadership.
- Sustained Commitment: A consistent record of advocacy with lasting impact.

Nomination Requirements

- A completed nomination form.
- A narrative (up to two pages) describing the nominee's advocacy accomplishments and impact.
- Examples of relevant leadership, initiatives, or outcomes.
- Optional supporting materials, such as letters of recommendation or testimonials.

Selection

The CMA Awards Committee will review nominations based on the above criteria, considering the significance, scope, and lasting impact of each nominee's advocacy. The recipient will be recognized at the CMA Annual Celebration.