

# AMDA invites you to submit your nomination for the **Medical Director of the Year Award**

## **Helpful Hints for Making Your Medical Director of the Year Nomination Stand Up**

The Medical Director of the Year award recognizes those individuals whose vision, passion, leadership, knowledge and commitment succeed in taking patient care to high levels of quality, excellence and innovation.

### **Nominees must be:**

- ✓ A physician in good standing
- ✓ AMDA member in good standing
- ✓ An experienced ( $\geq 3$  years) medical director
- ✓ An experienced attending physician
- ✓ Certified as a medical director (CMD)
- ✓ A proven team leader
- ✓ A proven clinical leader
- ✓ Involved in community activities
- ✓ An effective educator

All nominations are reviewed by a Selection Committee. Each award recipient will be honored on March 6th at the 2009 AMDA Annual Symposium. Recipients are also recognized in AMDA publications and news releases.

Nominations for the 2009 Medical Director of the Year will be accepted **online only** until January 11, 2009 at [www.amda.com/awards/mdoty.cfm](http://www.amda.com/awards/mdoty.cfm).

The selection committee then reviews the nominations that have all potentially identifying information removed and assigns 0-3 points (0=Not enough information to judge; 1=Meets minimal expectations for a medical director; 2=Exceeds minimal expectations; 3=Extraordinary) for each of the following categories: Team leadership; Clinical leadership, Education of facility staff; and Community involvement.

The nominations from the last 2 year's finalists included the following characteristics:

- Offered multiple examples of activities that demonstrated excellence in each category(ex. 3-5 examples in each category, unless otherwise instructed)
- Submitted by multiple facility leaders (ex. Administrator and DON)
- Included quantifiable examples of success with measured outcomes (ex. Implemented a program that reduced falls by 18%)
- Incorporated psycho-emotional components (ex. How he/she makes staff, colleagues, and patients feel)

Before you get started, consider the following:

- Review AMDA's Role and Responsibilities of the Medical Director at [www.amda.com/about/roles.cfm](http://www.amda.com/about/roles.cfm) and compile examples of how your medical director fulfills these.
- Note examples of how your medical director interacts with the interdisciplinary team.
- Gather examples of the everyday contributions he/she makes as well as those times they were exceptional.

And, don't forget to let your medical director know that you nominated him/her. You'll make their day if not their year.

**Nominations must be submitted by January 11, 2009.**

For additional information, call 800-876-2632.

