



2019 Outstanding Achievement in Quality Improvement Award Call for Submissions

April 24 – June 30, 2019

The ABMS Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program™ (Portfolio Program) Outstanding Achievement in Quality Improvement Award was established to recognize exemplary efforts and activities of Portfolio Program Sponsors that are working to improve patient care quality, safety, efficiency, and experiences.

The purpose of the award is to share information about the recipient's achievement so that other organizations may be inspired to make improvements that increase impact for their patients and staff. Honorees show leadership in advancing successful practices through multidisciplinary teams, and developing practical programs that have a ripple effect within their organization to better serve patient needs.

Award recipient receives the following privileges and benefits:

1. Award presented during ABMS Conference 2019
 - a. Conference registration waived for an organizational representative
 - b. Award presented during main conference
 - c. Presence at the poster/exhibitor session
 - d. Award ribbon to wear with ABMS Conference name badge
2. Additional opportunities at ABMS Conference
 - a. Meeting with Portfolio Program Executive Director and staff
 - b. Meet with/answer questions from conference attendees at the Portfolio Program exhibitor booth
3. Award announcements
 - a. Announcement on the ABMS Conference mobile app
 - b. Press release on ABMS and Portfolio Program websites
 - c. News story in Portfolio Program Update, ABMS Insights, and ABMS Communique newsletters
 - d. Profile story about the activity and award for distribution through ABMS and recipient communication channels
 - e. Special logo for recipient use recognizing the activity award

Timeline

April 24 – June 30, 2019 – Submission period

Mid July 2019 – Award finalists notified

September 2019 – Award presentation at ABMS Conference 2019 in Chicago

Eligibility

The award program is open to organizations who will be active Portfolio Program sponsors at the time of the ABMS Conference (September 2019). Only Portfolio Program approved activities from the current or previous program cycle are eligible. The activity must meet the ABMS Portfolio Program Standards. Sponsor submissions will serve as and substitute for the Portfolio Program Sponsor Year-1 Progress Report.

Entry Process

Submissions are to be completed online using the form posted to the Program Sponsor dashboard in MOCAM. Each entry will require a summary of the activity (200 words or less) explaining the issue(s) addressed, who it impacted, and the result. Please provide as much quantitative information as possible. Submission of supporting documents such as reports and letters of commendation is encouraged.

Selection Procedure

All Program Sponsor submissions will be reviewed to ensure they meet Portfolio Program Standards. We are looking for a detailed description and documentation of the work that has been completed as well as a reflection on the importance and impact of the activity within the organization or among the patients served.

The Portfolio Program Board of Directors will review submissions based on:

1. Leadership and innovation in activity structure and goals
2. Strength of planning and implementation processes
3. Activity outcomes
4. Sustained impact and spread of the intervention

The Portfolio Program works with a variety of health care organizations to support quality improvement activities that physicians and physician assistants can participate in to earn continuing certification credit from a participating ABMS Member Board or the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. This cooperative relationship can help organizations build or support a robust performance improvement program that aligns an organization's quality goals with the requirements and aims of continuing certification.