



New Mexico Academy of Physicians Assistants
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NMAPA PA of the Year Award

This award recognizes a PA who has demonstrated praiseworthy behavior in his/her professional role during this year and for ongoing accomplishments over time. The PA selected for this award exhibits behavior and traits which reflect favorably on him/herself and on the PA profession. Through designation of the title “New Mexico PA of the Year,” the academy seeks not only to honor the individual PA but also to provide an example to the public and healthcare community of a PA who epitomizes the ideals of the profession.

The PA must be a current member of the New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants but may not be a current board member. He/she must have two years of work experience as a PA in New Mexico.

There are no other definite criteria for PA of the Year award but all of the following can be submitted to the awards committee for consideration:

- Testimonials from fellow PAs, supervising physicians, patients, and community leaders.
- Community service as a PA above and beyond normal work duties to include public education, community citizenship activity, charitable healthcare and other work.
- Previous service with AAPA or NMAPA on boards, committees or working groups.
- Involvement with health education in community, with UNM PA program, and other areas.



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NMAPA PA/Physician Team of the Year Award

This award recognizes a PA/Physician team who has demonstrated praiseworthy behavior in their professional roles during the year and for ongoing accomplishments over time. The PA/Physician team selected for this award exhibits behavior and traits which reflect favorably on them and on their respective professions. The emphasis on their contributions as a team is beyond that what it would be individually. Through the designation of the title “New Mexico PA/Physician Team of the Year” the academy seeks not only to honor the individuals, but also to provide an example to the public and healthcare community of a PA/Physician team who epitomizes the ideals of the profession. The team must have at least two years of work experience in New Mexico.

There are no other definite criteria for the award, but all of the following can be submitted to the awards committee for consideration.

- Testimonials from fellow PAs, physicians, supervising physicians, coworkers, patients and community leaders.
- Community service as a PA/Physician team above and beyond normal work duties to include public education, community citizenship activity, charitable healthcare and other work.
- Previous service with AAPA, NMAPA, other professional groups on boards, committees or working groups.
- Involvement with health education in community with the PA education programs and other areas.



NMAPA Distinguished Fellow Award

This award recognizes a PA who has made significant contributions to the PA profession and to NMAPA in his/her professional career. The award is open to NMAPA members including board members.

Criteria for selection:

Candidate has demonstrated consistent adherence to the highest principles of PA practice over a significant amount of professional lifetime. Evidence should include *3 of the following*:

- CV which indicates at least 10 years of full-time employment as a PA.
- Letters of recommendation/commendation from supervisors.
- Testimonials of colleagues, patients or others familiar with professional work.
- Evidence of achievements and awards for professional activities.
- Evidence of voluntary work which is directly related to healthcare or which brings positive recognition to the candidate as a PA.

Candidate has shown significant involvement with NMAPA over a lengthy amount of time. Evidence should include *all* of the following:

- Documentation of membership in NMAPA of at least 8 years.
- Documentation of active involvement at Board, Committee, or Delegate level with participation in NMAPA projects.

Candidate has shown involvement in professional development as a PA in areas other than NMAPA involvement. Evidence may include documentation of professional activities on national, state, local and employer level. Evidence should include *1 or more* of these:

- Service on PA Advisory Board to NMBOME.
- Involvement with employer on committees, boards, and other areas of professional development.
- Service with AAPA national or regional committees, offices and caucuses.
- Involvement as a PA with municipal, county or state government organizations or other non-employer health-related institutions.

Candidate has shown intellectual or educational achievement as a PA. Evidence should include *1 or more* of the following:

- Attainment of advanced degree which is directly related to health care or PA professional development.
- Involvement with PA education. This may include: teaching PA students, mentoring PA students, and career guidance to prospective PA students.
- Involvement with health education in general. This may include teaching other health professionals in a formal setting.
- Publication of scholarly healthcare articles or articles which are directly related to the PA profession.



NMAPA Gerald H. Ross, PA-C Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognizes a PA who has exhibited the highest professional qualities both as a PA in general and through involvement with the NMAPA during his/her lifetime. Award open to NMAPA members and board members.

Criteria for selection:

Candidate has demonstrated consistent adherence to the highest principles of PA practice over a significant amount of professional lifetime. Evidence should include all of the following:

- CV which indicates at least 15 years of full-time employment as a PA.
- Letters of recommendation/commendation from supervisors.
- Testimonials of colleagues, patients or others familiar with professional work.
- Evidence of achievements and awards for professional activities.
- Evidence of voluntary work which is directly related to healthcare or which brings positive recognition to the candidate as a PA.

Candidate has shown significant involvement *with NMAPA* over a lengthy amount of time. Evidence should include *all* of the following:

- Documentation of membership in NMAPA of at least 10 years.
- Documentation of active involvement at Board, Committee, or Delegate level with participation in NMAPA projects.

Candidate has shown involvement in professional development as a PA in areas other than NMAPA involvement. Evidence to include documentation of professional activities on national, state, local and employer level including *2 or more* of these:

- Service on PA Advisory Board to NMBOME.
- Involvement with employer on committees, boards, and other areas of professional development.
- Service with AAPA national or regional committees, offices and caucuses.
- Involvement as a PA with municipal, county or state government organizations or other non-employer health-related institutions.

Candidate has shown intellectual or educational achievement as a PA. Evidence should include *2 or more* of the following:

- Attainment of advanced degree which is directly related to health care or PA professional development.
- Involvement with PA education. This may include: teaching PA students, mentoring PA students, and career guidance to prospective PA students.
- Involvement with health education in general. This may include teaching other health professionals in a formal setting.
- Publication of scholarly healthcare articles or articles which are directly related to the PA profession.