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American Society for Pain Management Nursing® Excellence in Nursing Award for Pain Management of the Older Adult

Purpose:

The ASPMN® Excellence in Nursing Award for Pain Management of the Older Adult, established in 2005 by the American Society for Pain Management Nursing® and the Nurse Competence in Aging Project of the American Nursing Associate, Specialty Nursing Association Partners Grant, is presented to a nurse in recognition of outstanding contribution to the care of older adults with pain. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Selection and Notification:

All nominations or applications and accompanying documents must be submitted via the online application site by the deadline noted on the website. The Achievement and Recognition Committee will review applications/nominations to select the recipient.

The following format and criteria will be used to select a nurse for recognition at the American Society for Pain Management Nursing® National Conference.

Eligibility Requirements:

Nominees must:

- Be members of ASPMN®.
- Previous service as a Board member, committee chair, or on a committee is an asset but not a requirement.
- Demonstrate ethical integrity that includes behaviors such as fairness and honesty.
- Demonstrate leadership and outstanding contribution to the field of older adult pain management nursing.
- Demonstrate an extensive history of participation in older adult pain management nursing practice, education and/or research.

Nominees Must Meet the Following Criteria:

- ✓ Maintain standards of clinical pain nursing practice.
- ✓ Use creative techniques in patient care and/or education.
- ✓ Serve as a patient advocate.
- ✓ Promote collegiality through demonstration of collaborative efforts with other healthcare team members.
- ✓ Serve as a role model by fostering respect among healthcare team members.
- ✓ Maintain an outstanding level of skill and knowledge in managing patients with pain.
- ✓ Simulate nursing colleagues to improve patient care.
- ✓ Initiate outstanding contributions to improving the image and clinical practice of pain management nursing.

Process for Application: Nomination must be submitted by an ASPMN member.

1. Complete online application form
2. Statement from the nominator that indicates the number of years the nominee has been practicing in pain management, how long the nominee has been a member of ASPMN, ASPMN activities in which the nominee has been involved and the length of time and capacity in which the nominator has known the nominee.
3. Statement from the nominator which addresses the above eight point criteria.
4. One letter of recommendation from an individual other than the nominator that outlines achievements and contributions of the nominee (see above criteria) including examples of exceptional practice.
5. A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

Award:

The ASPMN® Excellence in Nursing Award for Pain Management of the Older Adult recipient will receive:

- Complimentary registration to one ASPMN® National Conference.
- Recognition at the ASPMN® National Conference.
- Recognition in ASPMN®'s *E-News* and in *Pain Management Nursing*