POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CHATTANOOGA RESEARCH AWARD  BOD Y08-13-05-10 [Amended BOD Y06-08-02-02; BOD Y03-07-08-15; BOD Y03-04-07-12; BOD 03-03-28-78; BOD 05-02-02-04; BOD 04-98-04-08; BOD 03-97-12-21; BOD 06-96-14-41; BOD 11-94-09-21; BOD 11-92-11-46; BOD 03-85-45-155; Initial BOD 11-81-17-65] [Policy]

History

In 1981, representatives of the Chattanooga Group, Inc. established an annual award for the best clinical research article published in Physical Therapy.

Purpose

To encourage the publication of outstanding physical therapy research articles, including both basic and clinical research.

In addition to the information provided in the APTA Board of Directors’ Policy and Procedures Regarding APTA Honors and Awards, the following criteria apply to this award:

Criteria for Eligibility

1. The first author of eligible papers must have been an APTA member at the time of the manuscript's publication and at the time of nomination. The first author need not have been an APTA member at the time of data collection and manuscript preparation.

2. If a paper has multiple authors, each author who is eligible for the award will be considered a co-winner of the award.

3. All reports of scientific studies authored and published in Physical Therapy during the current year are eligible, provided that the studies were not undertaken for obligatory academic requirements when the authors were students.

4. Candidates for this award will designate on the nomination form that their articles be considered for the Chattanooga Research Award rather than the Jack Walker Award. Candidates can be eligible for only one award for a given article.

5. Case studies and case reports do not meet the purpose and intent of the award.

6. Current members of the APTA Board of Directors and members of the APTA Awards Committee – Publications Subcommittee are not eligible to be nominated or considered for this award and shall not nominate or endorse an individual for this award.

Criteria for Selection

The article must:
1. Demonstrate a significant contribution to physical therapy.

2. Present a novel and innovative research study or theoretical model that addresses an important area of physical therapy.

3. Have a clearly stated purpose with supportive rationale and appropriate methodology.

4. Clearly present the results and/or theoretical framework with appropriate discussion of application and impact on clinical practice or future physical therapy research.

5. Be well organized, and clearly and concisely written.

**Procedure for Nomination**

1. Nominations must be submitted electronically via APTA's website (www.apta.org). All materials completed and submitted for each nomination must be received by the APTA Honors and Awards Program by 5:00 pm Eastern time on December 1, for consideration for the award.

2. The nominator is responsible for reviewing and ensuring the completion of all steps within the online nomination submission process before its final submission. During the online process you will need to upload the journal awards eligibility form.

**Notification of Award**

1. All eligible authors of the paper and the Chattanooga Group will be notified promptly after selection by APTA’s Board of Directors.

**Nature of Award**

A plaque and a monetary award of $1,000 will be presented to the awardee(s) by a representative of the Chattanooga Corporation or APTA’s Board of Directors at the NEXT (formerly titled the Annual Conference and Exposition) and an official announcement of the award will appear in an Association publication. (Note: In the case of multiple eligible authors, the monetary award will be divided equally.)

(Member Services Department, ext. 8082)

**Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.