POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE JACK WALKER AWARD  BOD Y06-08-02-02 [Amended BOD Y03-04-07-14; BOD 03-03-29-79; BOD 05-02-02-04; BOD 03-99-27-88; BOD 04-98-03-06; BOD 03-98-20-71; BOD 03-97-12-21; BOD 06-96-14-42; BOD 11-94-09-22; BOD 11-92-11-46; BOD 03-86-25-99; BOD 03-85-43-146; BOD 04-80-17-71; BOD 04-79-04-08; Initial BOD 04-78-05-11] [Policy]

History

In 1978, representatives of the Chattanooga Group, Inc. established an annual award for the best article on clinical practice published in Physical Therapy.

The award is named in honor of Jack Walker (deceased 1987) for his many contributions to the profession of physical therapy. Jack Walker graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Business Administration and went on to serve in the U. S. Navy from 1940 to 1945, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. When World War II ended, Mr Walker and his family moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where, shortly thereafter, he acquired the Chattanooga Pharmacal Company (now known as the Chattanooga Group, Inc.) and became its President. With Chattanooga, Mr Walker was responsible for establishing the Hydrocollator Steam Pack, one of the most common forms of treatment used in physical therapy. Mr Walker established the Hydrocollator Steam Pack and the Chattanooga Group not only in the United States, but also internationally. Although Mr Walker retired from Chattanooga in 1976, he remained Director Emeritus for the corporation until his death in 1987.

Purpose

To encourage the publication of outstanding articles on physical therapy in Physical Therapy, the official Journal of the American Physical Therapy Association.

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. All reports relating to clinical practice authored and published in Physical Therapy during the current year are eligible. Primary authors of reports who were students at the time of publication are eligible, provided that the studies were not undertaken for any obligatory academic or degree requirements. All types of journal reports related to clinical practice are eligible, including case reports, clinical perspectives, technical reports, updates and research reports which have meaningful impact on clinical practice. Special series reports and invited literature reviews are also eligible.

2. First authors of eligible papers must have been an APTA member at the time of the manuscript's publication and at the time of nomination. First authors need not have been an APTA member at the time of data collection and manuscript preparation.

3. If a paper has multiple authors, each author who is eligible for the award will be considered a co-winner of the award.
4. Candidates for this award will designate on the nomination form that their articles be considered for the Jack Walker Award rather than for the Chattanooga Research Award. Candidates can be eligible for only one award for a given article.

5. Current members of the APTA Board of Directors and members of the APTA Awards Committee - Publication Awards 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:

1. Makes an important contribution to the understanding of clinical practice and patient care, or illuminates issues related to patient care and advances the clinical science underlying physical therapy practice and can be judged primarily on the basis of its impact on clinical practice.

2. Provides information that can assist others in delivering physical therapy services.

3. Contains clear descriptions of clinical procedures or approaches that can be understood by others, and contains supportive rationales for, and experiences with, the procedure or approaches used.

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 and compliance with the eligibility criteria within the online nomination submission process before its final submission. During the online process the nominator will need to upload the journal awards eligibility form.

Notification of Award

The recipient(s) of the award will be notified promptly after selection by APTA’s Board of Directors.

Nature of Award

A plaque and a monetary award of $1,000 with be presented to the author(s) by a representative of the Chattanooga Corporation or APTA’s Board of Directors at the NEXT 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 Dept., 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.
