Description

1. The award shall be known as the CMA Physician Misericordia Award

2. Misericordia shall be viewed in the context of:
   - a deep awareness of, and empathy for another's suffering;
   - the humane quality of understanding the suffering of others; and
   - the wish to reach out and help.

3. The award is designed to recognize a lifetime of outstanding support to physician colleagues. This award celebrates outstanding contribution by a CMA member to enhance the overall health and well-being of physician colleagues on both a personal and professional level in particular during times of conflict and crisis.

4. The award honours a physician who, during his/her career has demonstrated outstanding leadership and support for colleagues by:
   - demonstrating an outstanding lifetime commitment to caring, compassion and support for physicians colleagues;
   - building and nurturing the vibrancy of the medical profession in their community;
   - demonstrating his/her commitment to support a culture of collaboration with colleagues;
   - demonstrating outstanding initiative and inspiration to others.

Terms

1. The nominee must be a Canadian physician who is a CMA member.

2. The CMA shall be under no obligation to present the award annually; it may be awarded to more than one person in a given year.

3. Any possibility that an individual or organization could exploit winning a CMA award for personal profit or commercial advantage will be taken into consideration.

4. Any CMA member currently sitting as an elected officer, a member of the CMA Board of Directors or the Committee on Archives and Awards, is not eligible for nomination to CMA awards unless under exceptional circumstances.

5. This award will not be awarded posthumously. In the event of the demise of the nominee after being selected but before being presented with the award, it shall be presented posthumously.

6. Nominations may be submitted, accompanied by suitable documentation, by a CMA member, a provincial or territorial medical association, an affiliate or an associate society. Self nomination is ineligible. Documentation will consist of a completed nomination form, a detailed letter of nomination accompanied by two letters of support and the nominee’s curriculum vitae. Handwritten submissions will not be accepted.

7. A nomination may be re-submitted in a subsequent year.

8. The Chair of the Committee on Archives and Awards shall receive nominations by 30 November of the year prior to the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be presented. They should be sent to the Chair, Committee on Archives and Awards, c/o Corporate Affairs Directorate, Canadian Medical Association, cherise.araujo@cma.ca.

9. The Committee on Archives and Awards shall make recommendations to the CMA Board of Directors for the award. The Board of Directors shall make the final decision.

10. The recipient of this award shall be offered the opportunity of attending the Annual General Meeting to accept the award at the expense of the CMA.