Description

1. The award shall be known as the Canadian Medical Association Owen Adams Award of Honour.

2. The award shall be presented for excellence in one of the following areas:
   - contributions to the advancement of medical research, medical education, health care organization or health education of the public;
   - service to the people of Canada in raising the standards of health care delivery in Canada;
   - service to the profession in the field of medical organization;
   - activities and initiatives that have contributed to improvements in the health and wellness of Canadians.
   - contributions to the awareness of the value that lived experience (patient/caregiver insight) brings to Healthcare in Canada.

3. The award represents the highest award that lies within the power of the Canadian Medical Association to bestow upon a person who is not a member of the medical profession. This award may also be presented to an organization that operates outside of the health sector (for example: a corporate entity in the Canadian business sector, a level of government, labour organization, agency in the voluntary sector).

Terms

1. Nominees are not members of the medical profession. Organizations nominated must operate outside of the health sector. Patient and family advocacy organizations/individuals will be considered for this award.

2. The CMA shall be under no obligation to bestow the award annually.

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 Awards Committee, 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 (letters must be no more than 2 pages in length) and the nominee’s curriculum vitae (3-page maximum). Handwritten submissions will not be accepted.

7. A nomination may be re-submitted in a subsequent year. Should fewer than 3 nominations be received for this award, the award will not be presented and the nominees will be brought forward for consideration the following year.

8. The Chair of the Awards Committee shall receive nominations until Nov. 30 of the year before the award is to be presented. Nominations must be submitted through the online form at https://www.cma.ca/cmaawards-and-nominations.

9. The Committee on Awards shall make the final decision of the award recipient and provide an update to the CMA Board of Directors.