

The nomination criteria and process for the CAHN Awards are included below. Please take the time to review the information and think about your colleagues who strive for excellence in their practice and whom you feel deserve to be nominated for one of the CAHN Awards. As per the Nomination Process, it is important for each nominator to submit a letter of recommendation in order for the person nominated to be considered for the award.

Purpose of award: To give recognition to nurses who are members of the Canadian Association of Hepatology Nurses (CAHN). These nurses in Canada have demonstrated excellence in the application of the Hepatology Nursing Standards. They have made contribution to the nursing profession through clinical practice, education, research and leadership.

Nomination process:

1. Nominations must be submitted by at least one member of CAHN and another health care team member.
2. EACH of the nominators must then submit their own letter of recommendation to the Awards Committee, about their nominee.
3. Nominations must be submitted to the CAHN Awards committee by Mid October of the year prior to the CAHN conference.
4. CAHN Awards committee will present only one award per CAHN Nurse per year. The committee will not award to the same nurse the same award two years consecutively.
5. The CAHN Awards Committee will look for specific examples that indicate how nominees have met ***all*** the criteria (overall and specific).

Criteria — CAHN Nursing Award: Clinical Practice This award will be presented to a nurse who excels in the provision of direct care in hepatology. The CAHN Awards Committee will look for specific examples of how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Demonstrates an obligation to maintain and actively advocate for quality of nursing care based on the Canadian Association of Hepatology Nurses (CAHN) Standards.
2. Demonstrates an expert level of competency in the delivery of holistic hepatology care.
3. Demonstrates innovation in the delivery of care to hepatology clients.
4. Fosters a culture that promotes a quality nursing practice environment.
5. Demonstrates commitment to evidence-based and/or best practice.
6. Promotes the image of nursing by acting as a positive role model.
7. Acquires new learning and incorporates this in the practice environment.
8. Demonstrates strong leadership and interpersonal skills (e.g., with colleagues, those receiving care, members of the healthcare team).

Criteria — CAHN Nursing Award: Education This award is presented to a nurse who excels in the provision of nursing education in hepatology. The CAHN Awards Committee will look for specific examples of how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Demonstrates an obligation to maintain and actively advocate for quality of nursing care based on the Canadian Association of Hepatology Nurses (CAHN) standards.
2. Demonstrates creativity, innovation, and flexibility in motivating learners and attending to individuals' learning needs.
3. Proactively initiates program and/or curriculum revision based on emerging health care trends.
4. Consistently demonstrates a commitment to improving the quality of health care through nursing education.
5. Demonstrates commitment to evidence-based and/or best practice.
6. Advances and promotes the practice of nursing by contributing to nursing and health policy through participation on committees at the local, provincial, and/or national level.
7. Promotes the image of nursing by acting as a positive role model.
8. Acquires new learning and incorporates this in the practice environment.

Criteria — CAHN Nursing Award: Research This award is presented to a nurse whom is actively engaged and excels in nursing research in hepatology. The CAHN Awards Committee will look for specific examples of how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Demonstrates an obligation to maintain and actively advocate for quality of nursing care based on the Canadian Association of Hepatology Nurses (CAHN) standards.
2. Conducts research that is significant to the practice of hepatology nursing.
3. Promotes and enhances the application of nursing research.
4. Demonstrates commitment to evidence-based and/or best practice.
5. Demonstrates strong leadership and interpersonal skills (e.g., with colleagues, research participants, members of the healthcare team).

Criteria - CAHN Nursing Award: Leadership

This award gives recognition to a CAHN nurse who had contributed to the hepatology nursing profession. The nurse is a CAHN member for *at least three years*. The CAHN Awards Committee will look for specific examples that indicate how nominees have met **all** the criteria:

1. Demonstrates excellence in the application of Canadian Association of Hepatology Nurses (CAHN) Standards.
2. Increases public awareness of the CAHN nursing role.
3. Displays efforts to improve hepatology healthcare.
4. Advances and promotes the practice of nursing through sustained nursing leadership.
5. Influences change and provides leadership within the hepatology nursing profession through active participation at the local, provincial and/or national level.