



Heart of Clinical Care Award

Overview

This award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates exceptional dedication to and sustained excellence in patient care. The recipient consistently exemplifies high standards of professionalism, diagnostic accuracy, and service to patients—directly or indirectly—through their clinical work, consultative activities, and contributions to systems that support safe, effective, and compassionate care for individuals and/or the community at large.

Nomination Eligibility

- Full-time faculty appointment in the rank of Associate or Full Professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology.
- Previous awardees are not eligible for a period of 5 years.

Nomination Process

- Nominations may be submitted by self, peers, or members of the Faculty Recognition Awards Advisory Committee.
- Nominators will provide a brief synopsis summarizing the achievements of the nominee in the criteria below.

Award Criteria

Candidates eligible for this award shall satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

1. Commitment to clinical quality and diagnostic excellence
 - a. Providing timely, accurate, and clinically impactful diagnostic interpretations.
 - b. Contributing to patient safety and outcomes through reliable, thoughtful, and meticulous clinical work.
2. Responsiveness to clinical needs
 - a. Maintaining availability and flexibility to support urgent or complex clinical demands.
 - b. Engaging effectively with clinical teams as a consultative partner to ensure optimal patient management.
3. Professionalism and collaboration:
 - a. Modeling integrity, accountability, and collegiality in all patient care activities.

- b. Communicating respectfully and effectively with clinical colleagues and team members.
- 4. Systems-based contributions to patient care:
 - a. Participating in initiatives to improve diagnostic processes, turnaround times, or test utilization.
 - b. Contributing to multidisciplinary efforts that enhance the quality and efficiency of care delivery.

Selection and Recognition

- One recipient will be selected annually.
- Awardees are selected via vote of all faculty and house officers.
- Awardees will be recognized at the annual department holiday dinner.