

What are the Health Professional of the Year Awards?

The Health Professional of the Year Awards recognise health professionals who share our commitment and values and who are striving to customise their service and engage their patients and peers to improve health and wellbeing in the NT.

Who can make a nomination?

- members of the health care industry including colleagues, managers, professional organisations
- self-nominations will **not** be accepted.

Who is eligible to be nominated?

All categories in the Health Professional of the Year Awards are for individuals. The nominee must:

- be **currently** undertaking their role as a health professional (or primary health care support person) in the Northern Territory
- be nominated in relation to their contribution to primary health care.

What are the categories?

1. **Specialist GP or other doctor working in primary health care**
2. **Nurse and/or midwife**
3. **Allied health practitioner**
4. **Aboriginal health practitioner**
5. **Primary health care support person**

What is the criteria?

1. Health Professionals of the Year

For all Health Professional of the Year Awards the same criteria will apply:

Question: How does the health professional you are nominating make a difference to primary health care in the Northern Territory?

Maximum 300-word response – dot point responses encouraged.

*It is expected that **all** responses will demonstrate how the nominated individual engages with the community and clients in a culturally appropriate manner.*

There will be one award presented in each category.

When nominations are being judged, the panel will consider how the health professional has performed in the following focus areas:

- demonstrates clinical excellence in primary health care
- demonstrates excellence in person-centred care in primary health care
- contributes to the improvement of primary health care services in their community
- sets an example of excellence for other health professionals working in primary health care
- has made a lasting or long-term contribution to primary health care
- demonstrates excellence in their approach to empowering individuals to understand their own health and the health of their community.

2. Primary Health Care Support Person of the Year

For the Primary Health Care Support Person of the Year Award the following criteria will apply:

Question: How does the primary health care support person you are nominating make a difference to primary health care in the Northern Territory?

Examples of primary health care support roles include cleaners, gardeners, drivers, reception staff, practice managers.

Maximum 300-word response – dot point responses encouraged.

*It is expected that **all** responses will demonstrate how the individual engages with the community and clients in a culturally appropriate manner.*

When nominations are being judged, the panel will consider how the health professional has performed in the following focus areas:

- demonstrates excellent initiative to support quality of care to patients in the practice/health centre
- demonstrates excellence in implementing effective planning and processes
- works well in a team and enthusiastically motivates others
- makes a positive difference to the practice/health centre.

How to nominate

All nominations must be completed in full, including:

- current contact details of the nominator;
- current contact details of the nominee.

Northern Territory PHN may contact the nominator to request details of a referee that can verify the nomination and statements relating to the nominee.

Online

The only way to submit a nomination is via the online form.

Who is on the selection panel?

A selection panel of representatives will review the nominations, choose finalists and select the winners. The panel's decision is final. Details of the panel members will be confirmed soon.

The awards night and prizing

The awards night will be held at the Compass Teaching & Learning Conference Gala Dinner on **Friday 5 November 2021**.

The winner of each category will receive a \$1000 CPD voucher.

Finalists will be invited to the awards ceremony.

- Reasonable travel and accommodation will be paid for winners to enable them to be present.