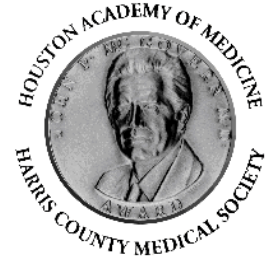




# Houston Academy of Medicine



March 1, 2024

Dear Colleague,

As President of the Houston Academy of Medicine, and in collaboration with the Harris County Medical Society, representing over 13,000 physician and medical student members, it is my honor to call for entries for the 2025 *John P. McGovern Compleat Physician Award*. This prestigious award recognizes a physician from across the nation who has made extraordinary contributions to medicine and humanity. Over the years, we have been fortunate to receive many outstanding candidates for this award. A list of past *Award* recipients is attached on page two of the Award Guidelines.

The *Award* is based on the traditions of William Osler and seeks to identify and recognize multi-accomplished physicians who have enriched the field of medicine with excellence and humaneness. Enclosed are the Guidelines for submitting nominations, including a history of the *Award*, and the Criteria for Judging.

The *Award* brings with its national recognition a \$5000 honorarium, a beautiful plaque featuring a specially cast medallion, and a required trip to Houston to receive the award in person at our annual Installation of Officers & Leadership Recognition Banquet on Friday, January 17, 2025. More importantly, the call for entries and presentation of the *Award* will remind physicians to demonstrate compassion as they practice their profession and serve mankind at every opportunity. All travel and hotel expenses will be covered for the Award recipient.

We hope that you will identify such a physician and will take the time to submit his or her name for nomination. Each institution may submit only one nominee. Nominations may be sent via mail or email. Please be thorough and comment on each of the criteria areas in the nomination letter.

Your entry must be received by Friday, October 25, 2024. If you have any questions, please call Debbi Eschenbach at our office, 713-524-4267, ext. 245, or e-mail her at [debbi\\_eschenbach@hcms.org](mailto:debbi_eschenbach@hcms.org), and she will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

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