

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
FOR  
THE JOHN P. MCGOVERN COMPLEAT PHYSICIAN AWARD**

**AWARD GUIDELINES**

*"We are here to add what we can to,  
not get what we can from, Life" - Sir William Osler*

**HISTORY**

In 1993, the 78 year old Houston Academy of Medicine, a 6,000 member professional organization, inaugurated a special annual award named in honor of its first recipient, John P. McGovern, M.D., Sc.D., who during his lifetime in medicine, has consistently embodied the great tradition of William Osler, M.D., F.R.S.

**PURPOSE**

The Award seeks to identify and recognize multi-accomplished physicians who have enriched the field of medicine with excellence and humaneness. In particular, individuals are sought who are compassionate clinicians and devoted teachers. They also should have a strong familiarity with research but must have demonstrated a commitment to, and love of, the profession of medicine. By acknowledging such individuals, it is hoped others, especially early in their medical careers, will be inspired and encouraged to emulate the qualities being honored.

**CRITERIA**

In addition to the general core attributes aforementioned a more detailed breakdown of the candidate's characteristics and achievements, which will be weighed in the selection, is given in the attached listing, "Criteria for Judging - John P. McGovern Award."

It is likely no candidate will have commendations in all categories. Moreover, even for activities listed, it is realized that each category will not be judged to be of equal importance. However, the outline does emphasize that candidates should have demonstrated breadth as well as depth and not be persons of narrow spirit and effort.

**AWARD AMENITIES**

Each year's honoree will receive a \$5000 honorarium; a beautiful plaque featuring a specially cast medallion; and a trip to Houston to receive the award at our annual Installation of Officers Banquet, customarily held in late January.

**PROCESS**

The judging committee is under the aegis of the Houston Academy of Medicine and annually will select from submitted nominations the candidate whose many personal and professional attributes best approach the ideal of a Compleat Physician. These guidelines are part of the information and solicitation packet distributed each year to medical organizations — county and state medical societies, the AMA, national specialty societies and teaching hospitals.

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## **AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Previous Award recipients of the John P. McGovern Compleat Physician Award include:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AWARD RECIPIENT</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>NOMINATED BY</b>
1994	Raymond Scalettar, MD	Illinois	Rheumatology	Medical Society of the District of Columbia
1995	Ernest W. Johnson, MD	Ohio	Physical Medicine & Rehab	Ohio State Medical Association
1996	Don W. Chapman, MD	Texas	Cardiology	Frederick R. Lummis, Jr., MD
1997	Theodore E. Woodward, MD	Maryland	Internal Medicine	Baltimore City Medical Society
1998	Charles Sherman Jr., MD	New York	Surgical/Oncology	Medical Society of the State of New York
1999	Michael E. DeBakey, MD	Texas	Thoracic Surgery	Baylor College of Medicine
2000	Victor A. McKusick, MD	Maryland	Medical Genetics	John Hopkins University School of Medicine
2001	W. Walter Menninger, MD	Kansas	Psychiatry & Neurology	The Menninger Clinic & Foundation
2002	Robert L. DuPont, MD	Maryland	Psychiatry	American Society of Addiction Medicine
2003	Denton A. Cooley, MD	Texas	Cardio Thoracic Surgery	Texas Heart Institute
2004	Jack P. Strong, MD	Louisiana	Pathology	Jefferson Parish Medical Society
2005	John P. Bilezikian, MD	New York	Endocrinology	Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center
2006	Kathleen M. Foley, MD	New York	Neurologist	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
2007	Ralph D. Feigin, MD	Texas	Pediatrics	American Academy of Pediatrics
2008	Stanley H. Appel, MD	Texas	Neurology	The Methodist Hospital
2009	Richard J. O'Reilly, MD	New York	Pediatrics	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
2010	Raymond H. Kaufman, MD	Texas	OB/GYN, Pathology	The Methodist Hospital
2011	Dev A. GnanaDev, MD	California	Trauma Surgeon	California Medical Association
2012	Richard P. Wenzel, MD	Virginia	Infectious Diseases	VCU Medical Center
2013	Walter J. Pories, MD	North Carolina	Thoracic Surgery	Brody School of Medicine
2014	Samuel Lawrence Katz, MD	New Hampshire	Pediatrics	Duke University School of Medicine
2015	Allen B. Weisse, MD	New Jersey	Cardiology	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
2016	William Schaffner, MD	Tennessee	Infectious Disease	Vanderbilt University
2017	Herbert L. Fred, MD	Texas	Internal Medicine	Donald R. Collins, MD, Biggs & Collins
2018	David K. C. Cooper, MD	Pennsylvania	Surgery	Alabama Birmingham School of Medicine
2019	Frederick L. Grover, MD	Colorado	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Society of Thoracic Surgeons
2020	Richard A. Williams, MD	California	Cardiology	Drew University of Medicine & Science
2021	Stephen B. Greenberg, MD	Texas	Infectious Diseases	Baylor College of Medicine
2022	Augustus A. White III, MD	Massachusetts	Orthopedic Surgery	Minority Health Institute
2023	Kenneth L. Mattox, MD	Texas	Thoracic Surgery	Mina K. Sinacori, MD

### ► **The nomination response consists of several elements:**

- 1) a primary nominating letter on behalf of the sponsoring medical group addressing how the candidate's personal and career activities, including those in the attached "Criteria for Judging", speak to the nominee's qualities (as a "Compleat Physician"),
- 2) a current full curriculum vitae,
- 3) a recent photograph of the nominee (optional),
- 4) indication that the candidate will be able to attend the Award ceremony event in Houston, Texas, on Friday, January 17, 2024 (**required – only the winning recipient needs to attend**), and,
- 5) transmittal of all the nominating material to the Houston Academy of Medicine Award Committee by the deadline of Friday, October 25, 2024. Email submissions accepted.

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