

Dr. John Whittaker Memorial Award - Nomination Form

Nominee(s) Information

Nominee Name(s)	
Role at Holland Bloorview	
Affiliation (e.g., Department, Program)	
Email(s)	

Nomination Area – Please select the area under which you are submitting this nomination:

☐ **Service Excellence** - Made exceptional and sustained contributions through service delivery, leadership, advocacy, education, quality improvement, innovation in practice, and/or the implementation of a device, adaptation, program, or service that has improved the health, well-being, participation, inclusion, or quality of life of children and youth with disabilities.

☐ **Research Excellence** - Conducted innovative and impactful research and/or developed a novel device, adaptation, intervention, tool, technology, or scientific approach that has advanced evidence-informed practice, enhanced rehabilitation, or improved the quality of life of children and youth with disabilities.

Nominator Information

Nominator Name	
Affiliation (e.g., Dept, Program)	
Email	
Relationship to nominee(s) (e.g., colleague, manager, collaborator, mentor)	

Nominator Declaration

I, , hereby nominate the individual(s) or team named above for the Dr. John Whittaker Memorial Award. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the nominee(s) meet the eligibility requirements for this award and have demonstrated excellence in the selected nomination area. The accompanying letter of support, and any supporting documentation provided, describe the nominee's contributions and impact.

NOMINATOR SIGNATURE

DATE

Letter of Support Sample

You may use the sample below to draft a letter of support for the nominee. The letter should clearly explain how the nominee meets the selected nomination area (Service Excellence or Research Excellence) and provide specific examples of their contributions and impact.

Dear Adjudication Committee Members,

I am pleased to nominate [Nominee Name/Team Name] for the Dr. John Whittaker Memorial Award. I have [known/worked with] [Nominee Name/Team Name] for [length of time] in my role as [your role/relationship to nominee]. I am submitting this letter in support of their nomination because of their exceptional contributions to pediatric rehabilitation and the meaningful impact they have had on the lives of children and youth with disabilities.

Alignment with the Nomination Area

When describing the nominee's examples and evidence, consider how their contributions and impact align with one of the following areas:

- **Service Excellence:** Made exceptional and sustained contributions through service delivery, leadership, advocacy, education, quality improvement, innovation in practice, and/or the implementation of a device, adaptation, program, or service that has improved the health, well-being, participation, inclusion, or quality of life of children and youth with disabilities.
- **Research Excellence:** Conducted innovative and impactful research and/or developed a novel device, adaptation, intervention, tool, technology, or scientific approach that has advanced evidence-informed practice, enhanced rehabilitation, or improved the quality of life of children and youth with disabilities.

Examples and Evidence

Consider addressing the following:

- What specific contribution, initiative, service, program, research outcome, device, adaptation, or innovation is being recognized?
- What makes this contribution exceptional or distinctive?
- How has the nominee demonstrated leadership, innovation, compassion, collaboration, or sustained commitment?
- What meaningful outcomes or improvements resulted from their contribution?
- How has their contribution influenced practice, services, research, policy, education, or the broader rehabilitation community?
- What lasting impact has their work had on children and youth with disabilities, families, colleagues, or care teams?

Suggested Impact Paragraph

[Nominee Name/Team Name] has made a meaningful impact through [describe contribution]. This work has resulted in [describe benefit, outcome, or improvement], helping to advance rehabilitation and support children and youth with disabilities in meaningful ways. What distinguishes this contribution is [describe qualities such as innovation, dedication, leadership, advocacy, or collaboration],

demonstrating their commitment to improving the health, well-being, participation, inclusion, and quality of life of children and youth with disabilities.

Suggested Closing

Conclude your letter by summarizing why the nominee is deserving of the Dr. John Whittaker Memorial Award. Consider highlighting the significance of their contributions, the impact of their work, and the qualities that make them an exceptional candidate for this recognition.