

The Dorothy Ley Award of Excellence recognizes outstanding achievement in the true spirit of hospice palliative care. The award is presented annually in recognition of an **individual or team effort** to advance and improve the quality of palliative and end-of-life care.

The late Dorothy Ley was one of Canada's first champions for quality care at the end-of-life. She brought a unique individuality to the field of hospice and palliative care and maintained a highly visible and vocal presence during her distinguished career until her death in 1994. Dr. Ley was a pioneer and she broke new ground in fields of medicine and health care in general. The Dorothy Ley Award of Excellence was established in 1996 as a perennial reminder of her truly great legacy.

Nomination Deadline

Applications and nominations for the award are accepted annually between January 1 and March 15.

Eligibility

- The nominee (individual or team) will have been involved in the field of hospice palliative care for at least five (5) years in Ontario
- Membership in Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO) is **not** a requirement

Award Criteria

- The nominee will exemplify excellence in hospice palliative care as a professional health care provider or volunteer or team
- The nominee will have enhanced the quality of life for persons and families facing life-threatening illness and/or chronic progressive disease through involvement in the principal activities defined in the Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care: Service to Persons and Families; education; research; and advocacy

Selection Process

HPCO will appoint an adjudication committee to review candidates and recommend the recipient. The recipient will be notified of the award by April 1.

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Annual Hospice Palliative Care Ontario Conference

Submission Process

Each nomination must be supported by three (3) individuals, **one of whom must be a current member of HPCO**. Self-nominations are ineligible.

Applications/nominations must be submitted electronically via a link provided on the Awards page at www.hpcoco.ca

*Please note HPCO Board of Directors and staff are not eligible.

The following information will be required for the online submission. You may wish to collect the information in advance.

1. Description of direct Service to Persons and Families.
2. Involvement in the development of Hospice Palliative Care Programs/Services (Include participation on local, regional, provincial, national committees/organizations related to service delivery).
3. Involvement in Palliative Care Education (include evidence of involvement in development, implementation and evaluation of education programs in Hospice Palliative Care), (local, regional and provincial) as well as mentorship and role modeling.
4. Involvement in Hospice Palliative Care Research (include documentation related to the applicant's involvement in research projects).
5. Evidence of incorporation of best practice guidelines and standards (Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care).
6. Involvement in Hospice Palliative Care Advocacy (include local, regional and provincial efforts).
7. Summary of no more than 300 words expressing why this nominee is deserving of this award.
8. Optionally, you may also upload any other documentation you feel supports the nomination. Please combine files into a single pdf.