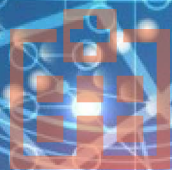




# 2025 Health Care & Innovation Awards

Nomination Deadline: June 27, 2025





## DETAILS

Individuals working in District of Columbia hospitals strive every day to deliver compassionate, quality and safe patient care. DCHA is honored to highlight the incredible work of our member hospitals and their champions.

DCHA will present awards to two individuals: one clinical professional and one non-clinical professional. This award is to recognize the contribution of individuals within our member hospitals to advance health care delivery and operations. This individual should also exemplify:

- A dedication to continued delivery of essential services
- A commitment to patient safety and following safety protocols
- Unwavering efforts to delivering quality patient care

Award submissions must showcase how individuals go above and beyond normal daily work to manage and support hospital staff, patients, caregivers and the community.

**Awards will be presented during the Health Care & Innovation Summit, October 22, 2025.**

# Individual Awards (2)



## Clinical Category (1)

Individuals who provide credentialed or non-credentialed direct patient care. Examples include, but not limited to, nurse (all levels), physician (all levels), patient care technician, hospitalist, social worker, care coordinator, psychologist, dietitian, etc.



## Non-Clinical Category (1)

Individuals who provide support services to staff, patients and caregivers in the hospital setting. Examples include, but not limited to, environmental health services, security, food service, volunteer services, patient transport, administration, human resources, IT, device reprocessing, and administrative assistants.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1 Be an employee of a DCHA member hospital.
- 2 Help DCHA promote your award by taking and sending photos for use in communication channels due to any virtual limitations that may arise.

[\*\*Click Here to  
Start Your Nomination\*\*](#)



## SELECTION PROCESS

DCHA will collect the submissions for screening and evaluation by applying the award criteria. Submissions will be rated and reduced to two individual award winners. Judging will be performed by an anonymous committee appointed by the DCHA leadership. DCHA will send confirmation letters to winners. All decisions are final.

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## RECOGNITION

- Award winners will be honored and recognized during the Health Care & Innovation Summit, October 22, 2025.
  - Photo and profile will be highlighted on the DCHA website, newsletter and other DCHA communications.
  - Award winners and stories will be sent to local media.
  - Awardees will receive a cash prize – see award criteria.
  - DCHA will send letters to the hospital leadership describing the individual achievement.
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**DEADLINE: June 27, 2025**

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## 2019 Award Winners

Dr. Khadijatou Njimoluh  
Howard University Hospital



Rachel Buckman  
MedStar Washington  
Hospital Center

## 2020 Award Winners

Amanda Valentine  
Howard University Hospital



Constance Mere  
Howard University Hospital

LuTanya Wilson  
BridgePoint Hospital Capitol Hill



Rosalyn Johnson  
United Medical Center

## 2021 Award Winners

Judy Zdobysz  
MedStar National  
Rehabilitation Hospital



Dr. Tracy Meyer  
Psychiatric Institute  
of Washington

## 2022 Award Winners

Betsy Gardner  
MedStar Washington  
Hospital Center



Richard Verstraete  
MedStar Georgetown  
University Hospital

## 2023 Award Winners

Rosie Dunkle  
MedStar Washington  
Hospital Center



Paul Quigley  
Children's National

## 2024 Award Winners

Dr. Mani Ali-Carter  
MedStar National  
Rehabilitation Hospital



Vineela Yannamreddy  
United Medical Center

**Past Patient Safety & Quality Award Winners**