



Bergman Award

Founded in 1999, the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) is an action-oriented organization dedicated to achieving a world in which all children receive the healthcare they need. Led by experienced pediatric healthcare professionals, NICHQ's mission is to improve children's health by improving the systems responsible for the delivery of children's healthcare. For more information, visit www.nichq.org.

Criterion for NICHQ Bergman Award

NICHQ is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Bergman Award. The NICHQ Bergman Award is named in honor of David A. Bergman, MD who serves as NICHQ Board Member and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Bergman has been a longtime innovator in developing, testing, and applying novel approaches to making the health care system more responsive to the needs of children and their families.

The goal of this award is to recognize individuals whose work has substantially improved the quality of care for children in the United States.

Past recipients include Paul Kurtin, Paul Miles, and David Bergman.

Award Criteria

The award recipient should be an individual who has shown substantial leadership in advancing the quality and safety of healthcare for children. Nominees must have made a significant contribution to improved quality and safety of healthcare for children through a sustained program and/or series of projects. Contributions should have a national impact or be at a regional level but of national significance.

The NICHQ Bergman Award will recognize individuals whose work demonstrates the following characteristics:

- Visionary leadership
- Innovation
- Results oriented
- Patient and family focused
- Multidisciplinary
- Fostering collaborative efforts
- Focused on community
- Promoting equity in care and outcomes
- Systems oriented



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The collective work of the award recipient should contribute towards the development of a health system that is safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable for all patients and populations, particularly children.

Nomination Process

Nominators should send a letter of nomination to NICHQ Bergman Award Committee by email at forum@nichq.org. The letter should indicate the nominee's name, current and relevant previous organizational affiliations and positions as well as relevant indicators of national leadership (e.g., committee or leadership positions). The letter should describe the nominee's accomplishments in improving children's healthcare, and how these accomplishments demonstrate the characteristics described above. A listing of up to five relevant publications can be attached. The contact information for two personal references of the nominee should also be provided.

Self nominations are invited.

The award will be presented at NICHQ's Annual Forum for Improving Children's Healthcare and Childhood Obesity Congress at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia. The forum will be held March 8-11, 2010.

For questions about this award, please contact: Laura Falvey, Project Coordinator at LFalvey@nichq.org, 617-391-2712 or Mary Hathaway-Evans, Director of Training and Curriculum Development at mhathawayevans@nichq.org, 617-391-2716.

The Award

The award consists of an elegant original sculpture with the individual's name inscribed in the base. The award presentation will be held on Tuesday evening, March 9, 2010. In addition to the award, the recipient will receive complementary registration to attend the forum, travel and accommodations. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010.