

Global Sepsis Awards Guidelines and Categories



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Introduction

In 2015, the Global Sepsis Alliance (GSA) launched the Global Sepsis Awards (GSA Awards), honoring major contributions in the fight against sepsis worldwide on a yearly basis. The GSA Awards are exclusively sponsored by the Erin Kay Flatley Memorial Foundation (EKFMF).

Categories

The GSA Awards are granted in three categories:

1. Governments and Healthcare Authorities

This award honors governments and healthcare authorities who have made important contributions to reduce the death toll from sepsis by originating or endorsing initiatives and programs that are aimed to increase awareness for sepsis, contribute to a better understanding of the epidemiology and burden of sepsis, or foster the establishment of quality improvement programs for the prevention, early recognition, and appropriate treatment of sepsis on the national or global level.

2. Non-Governmental Organizations, Patient Advocate Groups, or Healthcare Provider Groups

This award honors organizations that have contributed to a better understanding or the reduction of the burden of sepsis by increasing sepsis awareness and/or initiating quality improvement programs for sepsis prevention and management on the local, regional, national or international level. Two winners will be awarded in this category: One from a low-income* country and one from a high-income country*. This award includes \$ 2,500 prize money each.

3. Individual Nominees

Individual Nominees must be able to demonstrate how their body of work has contributed to sustainable changes in one or more of the following to practices or programs: **a)** sepsis prevention, **b)** early recognition, **c)** treatment, or **d)** rehabilitation from long-term consequences of sepsis.

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Founding Organizations

**World Federation of
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Deadline and How to Apply

The deadline for applications and nominations is March 31st every year for the respective GSA Award in that respective year. To apply for a GSA Award, please send the required documents (see below) to office@world-sepsis-day.org with the subject “Global Sepsis Awards” before or on March 31st. You can also nominate organizations or individuals; the same deadlines apply.

Evaluation and Composition of the Jury

All submissions will be evaluated thoroughly by the GSA Award Jury, which is a panel of internationally recognized experts in patient safety and sepsis management. All decisions are final. Jury members may be nominated annually by the GSA Executive Board. If a jury member encounters a conflict of interest, for example if an organization which he or she has ties to has applied or been nominated for a GSA Award, that person must immediately make the conflict of interest known and step down as a member of the jury for that year.

As of November 2017, the GSA Award Jury consists of:

- Dr. Carl Flatley
- Prof. Dr. Konrad Reinhart
- Prof. Dr. Simon Finfer
- Prof. Dr. Niranjana Kissoon
- Prof. Dr. Flavia Machado
- Dr. Ron Daniels
- Ray Schachter

Requirements for Submissions

The requirements for submissions are different for each category outlined above.

1. Governments and Healthcare Authorities

Eligible are representatives of national governments and other bodies that are responsible for national and global health. *The candidates for this award should be nominated by national and international organizations that experienced consistent support either directly by the candidate himself or the institution that he or she is representing.* The nominees and their respective institution, e.g., ministries of health, should promote the activities of the organizations, healthcare providers, and individuals in their respective countries that are dedicated to increase sepsis awareness and quality improvement of sepsis management.



Such governmental support may include:

- Prioritization of sepsis as a major health problem on the national healthcare agenda
- Support of legislation to facilitate prevention, detection, and treatment of sepsis
- Documentation of the burden of sepsis in the national and global burden of disease reports
- Support of the international efforts by the GSA and the World Sepsis Day Movement in implementing the demands of the WHO Resolution on Sepsis
- Support of the appropriate documentation and coding of sepsis in the International Classification of Diseases system ICD 9/10
- Adequate recognition of sepsis in the curricula of medical schools
- Support of the implementation of protocols and procedures to insure the quality of sepsis management
- Promotion and dissemination of best practices
- Promoting patient advocacy
- Support in the establishment of rehabilitation services for sepsis survivors

2. Non-Governmental Organizations, Healthcare Provider Groups, and Patient Advocacy Groups

Applications by eligible organizations, healthcare provider or advocacy groups should demonstrate a specific and significant contribution to the improvement of sepsis awareness, sepsis prevention, or quality of sepsis management. Ideally, the focus of the project or initiative should extend beyond local areas to achieve regional (e.g., statewide) or national impact.

These projects or initiatives may include:

- Effective approaches to increase awareness of sepsis and involvement of policy makers and healthcare authorities in the fight against sepsis
- Helping sepsis victims and their relatives to better understand and cope with sepsis and its long-term consequences
- Implementation of protocols and procedures
- Promotion and dissemination of best practices
- Transformation of organizational culture
- Outreach for treatment or for change in legislation
- Promoting patient advocacy and education



Requirements for submissions by organizations and healthcare provider groups:

1. In no more than 3 pages, single-spaced, describe:
 - a. The sepsis prevention or sepsis outcome related achievement(s)
 - b. The importance of the achievement(s), including their specific impact on patient outcome and quality of life of sepsis survivors
2. Include a brief biographical sketch (1-2 pages) for each key individual on the project.
3. Provide appropriate documentation, such as abstracts of papers, pertinent data, and results (no page limit).
4. Additional information, such as statements of support, press clippings, endorsements, etc. can be provided. However, this additional information should be no more than 7 pages in length.
5. Each submission must be made in a single PDF file not to exceed 10 megabytes in size.

3. Individual Nominees

Requirements for submissions by individual nominees:

1. In a total of no more than 3 pages, single-spaced, describe:
 - a. The achievements of the individual being nominated in the areas mentioned above
 - b. The importance of the nominee's achievements, including their specific impact on sepsis prevention or relevant outcomes of sepsis patients
2. Provide the nominee's curriculum vitae (no page limit).
3. Additional information, such as statements of support, press clippings, endorsements, etc. can be provided. However, this additional information should be no more than 7 pages in length.

Notification and Award Ceremony

A nominee or applicant chosen as a winner of a GSA Award by the GSA Award Jury will be notified by email. In collaboration with the WSD Head Office, a suitable venue for the award ceremony will be determined, for example an upcoming meeting or congress of a GSA founding organization or a voting member organization. The GSA Award will be presented in person by a member of the GSA Award Jury, or an employee of the Global Sepsis Alliance. The venue and presenter to be at the discretion of and decided by a majority vote of the GSA Award Jury.



More Information, Questions, Feedback, and Submissions

For further information, questions, feedback, or to apply or to nominate for a GSA Award, please contact office@world-sepsis-day.org. The deadline for submissions is March 31st every year.

The Global Sepsis Awards are hosted by the [Global Sepsis Alliance](#), initiator of [World Sepsis Day](#) and [World Sepsis Congress](#). Stop Sepsis Save Lives.

* Low income country = low-income and lower-middle-income economies as provided by the World Bank; High income country = upper-middle-income and high-income economies as provided by the World Bank