



RMAC PATIENT SAFETY AWARD

ORNAC and RMAC recognize the importance of health care safety, especially for the perioperative patient. With this recognition in mind, the idea to develop the RMAC Patient Safety Award was conceived and is sponsored by Ron MacLeod, RN, President of RMAC Surgical Inc.

This award – presented during ORNAC National Conference years - recognizes an outstanding presentation dedicated to safety concerns, in one of the following formats:

- Canadian Operating Room Nursing Journal article (from the two years preceding the national conference year)
- Poster presentation displayed at the ORNAC National Conference
- Oral presentation made during the ORNAC National Conference

The purpose of this award is to recognize leaders in the innovative field of patient safety, who have developed and/or described relevant and practical patient safety strategies.

Articles/presentations can involve system innovations, education, communication, advocacy, or research focusing on safety-related outcomes. They will be evaluated by the ORNAC Awards Committee, based on the following criteria:

- A clear description of the safety initiative
- Practicality of application in any setting
- Relevance to patient safety; promotion of a culture of safety
- Peer-supported/evidence-based
- Demonstrated outcomes or quality improvement
- Ability to capture and hold the attention of the reader/listener.

RMAC AWARD CRITERIA

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The RMAC Patient Safety award was established on the initiative of Ron MacLeod, RN, President of RMAC Surgical Inc. to recognize nursing leaders who are innovative in the area of patient safety. The Award is presented at each ORNAC National Conference to the perioperative registered nurse who has developed and/or described relevant and practical patient safety strategies. The recipient shall receive \$1000 from RMAC, a certificate, and an award pin.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

1. The Awards Chair shall advertise the Award in the Canadian Operating Room Nursing Journal, on the ORNAC Website, and through the members of the ORNAC Executive and Board of Directors.
2. In conjunction with the chair of the National Conference, determine all eligible articles/presenters based on criteria approved by the ORNAC Board of Directors.
3. The Awards Chair shall review eligible articles/presentations to determine if any of the nominees are members of the Awards Committee. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. If a presenter is a member of the Awards Committee, the Awards Chair shall contact that nominee and request him/her to make one of the following choices:
 - 3.1 withdraw as a member of the selection team and allow article/presentation eligibility
 - 3.2 remain as a member of the selection team and decline article/presentation eligibility

Note: The Awards Chair shall not be eligible during the term of office as Chair.

4. Author/Presenters must:
 - 4.1 be a member of ORNAC.
 - 4.2 be an active member of Provincial/Territorial Perioperative Association
 - 4.3 submit an abstract and a bio to the planning committee of the National Conference (presenters)

Note: Articles/Presentations that re co-written/presented with a physician or another nurse whose primary focus is not perioperative nursing will not be eligible.

5. When co-authors /presenters are eligible recipients, the award is shared.
6. Article eligibility will be determined prior to the National Conference through the review of relevant articles by the Awards Committee published in the two calendar years preceding the National Conference where the award will be presented. At the beginning of the National Conference the Awards Chair will distribute a schedule of eligible presentation times, a list of poster presentations and the selection criteria evaluation form to selection committee.

7. All members of the selection committee shall use the selection process approved by the ORNAC Board:

Scoring:

- 7.1 The minimum number of points necessary to be considered for the award shall be 75/100.
 - 7.2 The Awards Chair shall participate as a member of the selection committee.
 - 7.3 The Awards Chair shall review evaluation forms and tabulate results to determine the successful author(s)/presenter(s).
 - 7.4 In the event of a tie, the President of ORNAC will break the tie to select the winner.
8. Once a recipient is chosen, the Awards Chair must notify the RMAC contact to arrange for the distribution of funds at the National Conference.
 9. The presentation of the award shall be done at an Executive approved time at the National Conference. The Awards Chair will inform the President of ORNAC of the name of the award recipient, and will make arrangements with the Conference Chair for the awards presentation.
 10. The Awards Chair will act as Master of Ceremonies but may request the award be presented by Ron MacLeod or representative, the ORNAC President, or a previous award recipient. Presentation of the award should include a brief history of the award, and an introduction of the RMAC President.
 11. The Award recipient shall receive \$1000 directly from RMAC, and a certificate, and ward pin from ORNAC.
 12. The Awards Chair will make arrangements for photographs to be taken at the presentation.

RMAC AUTHOR/PRESENTER SELECTION CRITERIA

Articles/Presentations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- I. TITLE (5 points)**
- II. INTRODUCTION (10 points)**
- III. BODY/CONTENT (60points)**
- IV. CONCLUSION (10 points)**
- V. WRITING/PRESENTATION PROCESS (15 points)**