

Call for Nominations

Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists

Gita Patel Best Practice Award 2024

The Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) is pleased to solicit nominations for the **Gita Patel Best Practice Award**. This award was established in honor of Dr. Gita Wasan Patel. Dr. Gita Wasan Patel committed herself to providing optimal care to patients and was passionate about infectious diseases. Although not formally trained in the discipline of infectious disease, Dr. Patel proactively sought out ways to improve provision of optimal antibiotic therapies to patients, and was committed to communicate the impact her interventions had to patients and the health system. The purpose of this award is to recognize an SIDP member who has implemented and documented the impact of a specific innovative or collaborative “best practice” initiative to improve care in patients with infectious diseases. Areas of “best practice” to infectious diseases may include, but are not limited to, development of innovative services to deliver quality care or implementation of guidelines or pathways. Research should include documentation and preferably publication of benefits and highlight reliable methods of delivering optimal, effective, and evidence-based use of anti-infective agents.

The “Gita Patel Best Practice Recognition Award” is awarded to a pharmacist with exemplary skills as a practitioner and educator who demonstrates expertise in infectious disease pharmacy practice, as exemplified by:

- (a) Maintenance of an active clinical practice in infectious diseases pharmacy;
- (b) Outstanding capabilities as a practitioner;
- (c) Leader in development and implementation of a specific infectious diseases pharmacotherapy program, or “best practice” intervention or initiative that was demonstrated to provide benefit to the treatment of patients with infections.

Preference will be given to pharmacists providing patient care in the community setting and to those that do not receive salary support dedicated to research. Previous formal infectious disease training is not a requirement.

This award provides a plaque to the recipient, who may be asked to give a brief presentation at the SIDP Business Meeting and Reception at **IDWeek™ 2024**.

You may nominate any current active or associate SIDP member, including yourself (which is encouraged). With your nomination, include a written description of what the candidate has done and why he or she is being nominated.

Nominations and supporting materials should consist of:

- a) Letter of nomination by an SIDP member or colleague, which includes a brief description of the nominee’s clinical practice, implementation, and outcomes of the “best practice” or innovation.
- b) Two solicited letters of recommendation from co-workers (excluding the nominator) who can comment on the qualifications of the nominee and the impact of the implementation of the practice.
- c) The nominee’s curriculum vitae.
- d) A letter from the nominee stating his/her willingness to 1) accept the nomination (if nominated by a colleague), and 2) be present to accept the award at the SIDP Business Meeting and Reception at **IDWeek™ 2024**.

Please Submit Nominations To:

Curt Collins, Chair of the Recognition Awards Committee (Curtis.Collins@trinity-health.org)

and

Shelley Warnock, Senior Association Manager (shelley@affinity-strategies.com)

Call for Nominations will begin **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**, with bi-weekly reminders

Nominations must be received by **Friday, March 1, 2024**

Supporting materials must be received by **Friday, March 29, 2024**

Award Notifications will be sent by **Monday, July 1, 2024**