



Colorado Trauma Network Awards Criteria

Nominees for an award must be affiliated with an acute care Trauma Facility in the state of Colorado. All award category nominations should reflect a significant contribution in the delivery of trauma care during the past year. This may include but not be limited to a single event or an accumulation of events that demonstrate the dedication and commitment or agency to improving quality patient care or trauma systems development during the past year. While there are defined category sections, nominations are meant to be inclusive and not restricted to an official title. Nominations will be accepted via nomination website link only.

The CTN Awards committee views this program as a way to recognize and reward the efforts of exemplary personnel across the state. Every effort will be made to make the process fair and equitable. Any concerns, questions, or suggestions should be directed to the CTN Awards Committee Chairperson or CTN board member.

AWARD CATEGORIES

TMD: (Trauma Medical Director): Levels I-II and Levels III-V

Nominees for this category display exemplary leadership skills as a Trauma Medical Director or Associate Trauma Medical Director. They are a leader within their institution and help to drive trauma performance improvement and programmatic initiatives forward to improve the care for injured patients across the continuum. The person submitting the nomination for this person should provide examples of projects or initiatives that have been led by this individual for consideration by the nomination committee.

TPM/TPD: (Trauma Program Manager/ Trauma Program Director): Levels I-II and Levels III-V

Nominees for this category display exemplary leadership skills as a Trauma Program Manager or Trauma Program Director. They are a leader within their institution and help to drive trauma performance improvement and programmatic initiatives forward to improve the care for injured patients across the continuum. The person submitting the nomination for this person should provide examples of projects or initiatives that have been led by this individual for consideration by the nomination committee.

TNC: (Trauma Nurse Coordinator): Levels I-II and Levels III-V

Nominees for this category include a trauma nurse coordinator who exhibits excellent skill at leading an initiative to improve care for injured patients across the continuum. Ideally, the project/ initiative would involve multiple key stakeholders within the trauma system and resulted in measurable improvements that improve care. Examples of this initiative or project should be provided to the nomination committee for consideration.

PI COORDINATOR: (Process Improvement/ Quality Coordinator): Levels I-II and Levels III-V

A nominee for this award is not limited to the exact title. It can be inclusive of senior registrars who function in the role that supports data expertise and quality improvement support and leadership. Nominees for this category involve any trauma program staff member who functions in a role to improve process or quality within a designated trauma center. Examples of how this person has driven this initiative forward should be included for consideration by the nomination committee. The individual being nominated for this category was responsible for a change or improvement in process within their center that led to measurable improved outcomes for trauma patients.

TRAUMA REGISTRAR: Levels I-II and Levels III-V

Nominees for this category include trauma registrars who have showed dedication to improvement of trauma registry practices within their facility. Examples of this level of dedication or how the individual improved the trauma registry should be provided for consideration by the nomination committee.

OUTREACH/EDUCATION: Levels I-II and Levels III-V

A nominee for this category can include trauma education, outreach, or combination roles. Nominees for this award include individuals who have showed a commitment to the education of trauma providers across the continuum. Examples of the commitment to education should be provided to the nomination committee for consideration.

INJURY PREVENTION: Levels I-II and Levels III-V

Nominees for this award include any individual who has supported a major injury prevention initiative for their community or region resulting in a measurable change or improvement. Examples of the initiative should be provided to the nomination committee for consideration.

AGENCY: A nominee for the award should function in the role of pre-hospital provider. A nominee for the award should show a commitment to the trauma system and who has improved care across the continuum. Examples of improvements should be provided to the nomination committee for consideration.

HOSPITAL, FACILITY, COMMUNITY: A nominee for the award should be a healthcare facility or community organization that has demonstrated exemplary effort, commitment, or collaboration to improve patient care along the trauma continuum. Examples of improvements or support should be provided to the nomination committee for consideration.

GRACE SANDENO AWARD: A nominee for the award should demonstrate leadership and positive collaboration to promote trauma systems development or improved patient care process outcomes, research, outreach/injury prevention, and/or community partnerships. The cumulative contribution by the nominee should be such that it stands out as an example for others to follow related to trauma system development. Examples of how this person has influenced trauma system development should be provided to the committee for consideration. All members of the trauma system are eligible for nomination for this award.

AWARDS SELECTION DATES

Nomination Submission	Nominations will open at the CTN Fall Meeting through February 28th of the award year. All nominations must be submitted by February 28 th . The award nominations will be available to submit electronically via Colorado Trauma Network website, https://cotrauma.org/ .
Award Notification	Award finalist recipients will be notified by the CTN Awards Committee Chair or designee prior to the CTN Spring Meeting.
Award Presentation	Awards will be presented during the annual Spring CTN conference, typically held in April. If the annual spring conference is cancelled, awards will be presented either virtually or in person at next available CTN quarterly meeting.
DATES IN GENERAL: Changes to the above dates will be made public and every effort will be made by the CTN Awards Committee Chair to alert interested parties in the CTN to such changes in a timely manner via the CTN website and email communication as appropriate.	
AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE: The CTN Awards committee is made up of stakeholders representing various trauma programs in the state of Colorado. Awards selections will use a ranking and scoring methodology based on the objectives for each nomination category.	