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Member Recognition Awards

The Member Recognition Awards are the highest honor HealthTrust bestows on member organizations and individuals. Awards in six categories are presented each year during HealthTrust University Conference. HTU will be held July 20-22, 2026 in Denver, Colorado.

Categories for Nominations

Outstanding Member Award

The Outstanding Member Award is presented to an individual or team for demonstrating exceptional performance improvement using HealthTrust initiatives, contract performance, and adoption of new contract categories. Nominees must document favorable outcomes and demonstrated leadership by gaining commitment and alignment of key facility leadership and department staff.

Operational Excellence Award

The Operational Excellence Award is presented to an individual or team for implementing and demonstrating best practices in streamlining and maximizing supply chain operations and/or cost-saving initiatives. Nominees must be able to document operational excellence and/or financial improvement.

Clinical Excellence Award

The Clinical Excellence Award is presented to an individual or team that has implemented and demonstrated best practices in supply chain clinical initiatives. Nominees must be able to demonstrate improvements in care outcomes (including the patient experience), physician engagement, operational efficiency and/or financial savings.

Gita Wasan Patel Pharmacy Excellence Award

The Pharmacy Excellence Award honors the legacy of Gita Wasan Patel, former director of Clinical Pharmacy Services for HCA Healthcare Supply Chain Services, Dallas, Texas. Patel was an active member of HealthTrust's Pharmacy Clinical Advisory Board. She played a major role in HealthTrust Pharmacy Services clinical initiatives including the Antibiotic Stewardship Program and was named recipient of the Outstanding Member Award in 2009. HealthTrust is proud to honor Patel by recognizing an individual or team for demonstrated best practices in pharmacy to improve patient care outcomes, operational efficiency and/or cost-savings.

Social Stewardship Award

The Social Stewardship Award is presented to an individual or team for contributions within the realm of corporate social responsibility, creating a lasting impact in key areas:

- **Sustainability** – implementing environmental solutions which impact energy and resource use, greenhouse gas emissions, and/or sustainable procurement (e.g., total cost of ownership, waste reduction, eliminating chemicals of concern)
- **Community Outreach** – responding to a local, national or global need through mission and charity work



Innovation Award

The Innovation Award recognizes members for implementing unique, innovative and scalable solutions that advance healthcare by improving care delivery, outcomes, financial performance, affordability, resource utilization, sustainability, workforce, and other areas influencing organizational performance. Recipients demonstrate vision and the ability to execute change focused on people, technology and practices to yield significant improvement and potential replicability by other provider organizations.

The deadline for Member Recognition Awards nominations is March 20, 2026. To submit an entry, [click here and fill out the survey form](#).