

2019 Medical Director of the Year

In 2000, the Air Medical Physician Association instituted a new annual award in addition to the yearly Distinguished Physician Award. In contrast to the Distinguished Physician Award, which is intended to recognize lifetime achievement and service to AMPA and the Air Medical community, the Medical Director of the Year is intended to recognize that physician who has made outstanding contributions to his or her own program. For that reason, AMPA asks that nominations for this award of recognition come from individual programs. We would like to hear from the flight crews, administrators, and/or program staff about the outstanding contributions of their medical director.

The nominee should be 1) an AMPA member, and 2) have shown exceptional personal involvement in the program. We are looking for those that are considered an invaluable part of the team’s success and whose contributions to medical direction, education, quality care, outreach, safety, and team morale to be part of the essential fabric of the program…in short, a leader.

Nominations should be in the form of a one-page letter, which outlines the qualities for which your medical director should be recognized. Only one letter will be accepted per nomination and this letter should be signed by a minimum of three persons within the transport program, indicating their position in the program. Also required is the attached survey (see other side), which will give the AMPA Board more information about your medical director. Nominations should be sent via email to Patricia Petersen at the AMPA office at ppeter1111@aol.com by September 6, 2019.

A hard copy of the letter of nomination bearing original signatures of nominators should be sent to AMPA Medical Director of the Year, 951 East Montana Vista Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah 84124, USA. Acknowledgement of your nomination will be returned to you via email. A member of the AMPA Board may interview your medical director, and those making the nomination.

The Medical Director of the Year will be announced at the AMPA 28th Annual General Membership meeting on Sunday, November 3, prior to the AMPS conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Current AMPA Board members are not eligible for the award. The award winner will receive complimentary registration to the Medical Director Core Curriculum or AMPA Forum conference.

Past Medical Director of the Year:

2000 – Jeff Hillesland, MD – Gundersen Lutheran MedLink AIR
2001 – Eric R. Swanson, MD – University of Utah AirMed
2002 – Jack B. Davidoff, MD – Mercy Flight Central
2003 – James G. Leker, MD – Baptist Life Flight
2004 – Mark E. Maertins, MD – AIRLIFE Denver
2005 – Andrew C. Hawk, MD – Care Flight Air & Mobile.
2006 – Charles W. Sheppard, MD – St. John’s Life Line
2007 – David Meurer, MD – ShandsCair
2008 – Douglas Floccare, MD – MIEMSS/Maryland State Police
2009 – Thomas Scaggs, MD – Carle Foundation Hospital AirLife
2010 – Howard Werman, MD – MedFlight of Ohio
2011 – Peter Meyer, MD – Air Link at Regional West
2012 – Norman Dinerman, MD – LifeFlight of Maine
2013 – Ira J. Blumen, MD – University of Chicago Aeromedical Network (UCAN)
2014 – Michael Brunko, MD – Flight for Life Colorado
2015 – Suzanne K. Wedel, MD – Boston Med Flight
2016 – Catherine Carrubba, MD – Aeromed, Tampa General Hospital
2017 – R.J. Frascone, MD – Life Link III
2018 – David Thomson, MD - EastCare
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Candidate Profile

Tell us about your Medical Director! If you don’t know the answers to some of the questions that is OK; however please comment on those you can.

Name of Medical Director being nominated:

Transport Program:

How many crewmembers in your program: ____

How many medical directors in your program: ____

Is your program CAMTS or EURAMI Certified?

____ Yes  ____ No

Does your medical director ever accompany the flight team on a mission?

____ Yes  ____ No

Does your medical director attend AMPA sponsored conferences at AMTC (Medical Director Core Curriculum or AMPA Forum)?

____ Yes  ____ No

_____ Number of years as medical director

_____ Average hours spent weekly in this activity

Is your medical director Board certified in his/her specialty?

____ Yes  ____ No

Describe how your medical director is involved in your program’s safety culture.

Describe your medical director’s involvement with your community or state EMS system.

Please describe anything else you want us to know regarding his/her professional involvement with air medical transport.