



GAGE AWARDS

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Final Review Round Tips and Scoring Instructions

These 20 projects are the top ranking submissions based on the first review round. In this second and final review round, you are asked to read all of the submissions and assign them one of the following forms of recipient recognition:

- 1 = winner,
- 2 = honorable mention, or
- 3 = remarkable project.

You do not need to select one winner, two honorable mentions, and make the rest remarkable projects. If you think that three projects could be contenders as a Gage Award winner, please mark them as such. This will help guide our discussion during our in person meeting on March 6, during which time we will select the recipients. **Please read and review the top 10 submissions in each category by 5 pm ET on Tuesday, March 3.**

What is the difference between the various levels of recognition?

Gage Award **winners** and **honorable mentions** will be formally honored at a luncheon on June 25, during VITAL2015. The association will create and play two-minute videos showcasing each hospital and project during the luncheon and will display a project poster during the conference. The association website and publications will highlight Gage Award recipients. Recipients also frequently receive invitations to present their work at other visible venues. As a reminder, there will be one (1) winner and two (2) honorable mentions presented in each of our award categories, population health and quality.

Remarkable projects will be included in an online book as a way to honor additional submissions and recognize the breadth of work across our membership.

Award categories and definitions to keep in mind while assigning 1, 2, or 3:

> **Population Health:** Gage Awards for population health recognize programs that aim to improve specific health outcomes for a defined population in your community. Population health programs are not all alike; but key features may include (1) being accessible to geographically based populations; (2) using or coordinating care with community-based resources; (3) addressing social factors (e.g., food, housing, literacy); or (4) having a focus on preventive care and/or chronic disease care.

> **Quality:** Gage Awards for quality recognize activities that improve the quality of care delivered, improve patient experience, and/or reduce or eliminate harmful events affecting individual patients or groups of patients. Improvement programs may include the use of evidence-based interventions, standardized practices, bundles of care, and checklists.



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Helpful tips/things to note for this final review round:

- > You should review one category at a time, and we encourage you to judge each submission on its own, as opposed to thinking about the collective ranking of submissions in that category.
- > Lastly, we encourage you to again use the text box on each application to record copious notes. Your comments will be made available to you on March 6 in hopes that having them to reference will help you contribute to the discussion of each submission. These will be provided to you individually, and the collective comments will be provided to the Awards Committee chair, Dr. Antonucci, to help guide the selection discussion.

Next steps:

- > **Tuesday, March 3 at 5 pm ET** – The final review period ends and scores are due. America's Essential Hospitals staff will not be accessible after this time, and CadmiumCD customer support is only available on weekdays until 6 pm ET.
- > **Wednesday, March 4-Thursday, March 5** – America's Essential Hospitals staff will extract scores and comments for the March 6 in-person selection meeting.
- > **Thursday, March 5 from 7-9 pm ET** – The Awards Committee will have dinner at
Proof Restaurant
775 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
** The restaurant is located 0.1 miles from Hotel Monaco DC, so let's plan to meet in the hotel lobby of Hotel Monaco at 6:45 pm and walk over together.*
- > **Friday, March 6 from 8 am-1 pm ET** – Hard copies of the top 20 submissions will be provided to the Awards Committee. Each reviewer's set of submissions will include his or her individual comments and a reminder of the scoring criteria for each of the two categories. A draft agenda for this meeting will be released on or before Friday, Feb. 27. This meeting will be hosted at the offices of America's Essential Hospitals, located at
1301 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Suite 950
Washington, DC 20004

We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

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