



# Community Pharmacy Innovation in Quality (CPIQ) Awards

## Announcing the CPIQ Awards

The Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) and the Community Pharmacy Foundation (CPF) are pleased to announce the Community Pharmacy Innovation in Quality (CPIQ) Awards to celebrate innovations in community pharmacy practice that promote improvements in quality of care, medication optimization, and patient outcomes. The inaugural presentation of the awards will be at the PQA Annual Meeting, May 16-18, 2018 in Baltimore, MD.

## Award Categories

There are two award categories:

- **Individual:** Recognizes an individual whose pioneering contributions to community pharmacy practice demonstrate improved patient outcomes through quality of care and medication optimization.
- **Pharmacy:** Recognizes a community pharmacy, which in collaboration with external partners has developed innovative programs resulting in improved in quality of care, medication optimization, and patient outcomes.

Applicants may nominate themselves or others through the [online submission system](#) starting January 2, 2018. Submission Deadline: February 2, 2018 at 11:59 pm EST.

## Timeline

Action Steps	Dates
Nominations are accepted via the online submission system.	Jan 2 - Feb 2, 2018
PQA notifies the award winner for each category.	April 2, 2018
Inaugural awards are presented at the PQA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD.	May 16 -18, 2018

## Eligibility and Nomination Process

PQA membership is not required for nomination or selection. From Jan 2 through Feb 2, 2018, applicants may nominate themselves or others through an online submission system (<https://pqaalliance.wufoo.com/forms/qxdoyq01hnyi7d/>).

### Nomination Category

- Individual. The individual does not need to be a pharmacist; however, their contributions must be demonstrated within community/ambulatory pharmacy practice.
- Pharmacy. The pharmacy must be a community pharmacy in a single or multiple locations where patient care is provided and prescriptions are dispensed.

### Contact Information

- Applicant name, credentials, title, organization, address, email, phone number.
- Nominator information, if applicable, and relationship to applicant.

### Nomination Narrative

- Keeping in mind the criteria and priority areas for this award, please respond to the following question relevant to the nomination category:
  - **Individual:** Please describe how this individual's pioneering contributions to community pharmacy practice demonstrate improved patient outcomes through quality of care and medication optimization.
  - **Pharmacy:** Please describe how this community pharmacy, in collaboration with external partners, has developed innovative programs resulting in improved in quality of care, medication optimization, and patient outcomes.
- Maximum word count: 1,000 not including tables and figures.

### Letters of Support

- Upload a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 2 letters of support.

### Acknowledgement

- All awardees must agree to publishing a summary of their innovative quality improvement strategy to foster sharing of best practices and encourage further innovation.



## Review and Selection

Nominations will be evaluated by reviewers from PQA's membership for review by the Award Selection Committee consisting of PQA and CPF Board members and vote by the PQA Board to determine the award winner in each category. Nominations will be reviewed based on the following criteria and priority areas:

### Criteria

- **Innovation:** Degree of novelty, departing from the traditional community pharmacy practice models. (Required criterion).
- **Measurable Impact:** Measurable indicators of improved quality of care or effectiveness related to the innovative programs, practices, or interventions. (Required criterion).
- **Replicability & Scalability:** Consideration may be given to the replicability or the scalability of the innovation.
- **Reach:** Consideration may be given to the number of patients, pharmacists, and pharmacies impacted.

### Priority Areas

- Triple Aim (improving the experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care).
- Addresses quality and/or patient care gaps; focused on priority areas where evidence is highest that interventions or measurement can have a positive impact.
- Vulnerable populations (e.g., low income or uninsured population).

## Awards and Award Presentation

- **Awardee Notification:** By April 2, 2018, PQA will contact the award winner(s) and invite them to attend the award presentation ceremony at the PQA Annual Meeting in May 2018. Awardees will be asked to refrain from publicly communicating the award status until after the official announcement at the PQA Annual Meeting.
- **PQA Annual Meeting Attendance:** Awardees are expected to attend the PQA 2018 Annual Meeting. Registration is complimentary.
- **Awardee Travel Expenses:** Awardees will make their own travel arrangements to attend the PQA Annual meeting. Reimbursement will be issued to awardees for travel expenses after the meeting and receipt of a PQA provided Expense Report and original receipts. PQA will reimburse for travel expenses within the following parameters:
  - One night of lodging at the PQA contracted guest room rate plus applicable taxes.
  - Air/Rail Travel: Round-trip coach class air/rail booked as soon as possible. Fares greater than \$600 will need to be pre-approved by PQA prior to purchase.

- Ground Transportation: Reasonable commercial transportation, terminal parking, tolls and/or personal automobile mileage at the IRS standard mileage rate.
- **Award Presentation and Announcement:** The inaugural awards will be announced and presented at the PQA 2018 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, May 16-18, 2018. Awardee identifications will be embargoed and will not be officially announced until they are presented at the meeting.

For questions regarding the CPIQ Awards, please email [awards@PQAalliance.org](mailto:awards@PQAalliance.org).