



Top 10 Clinical Research Achievement Awards

2015 Selection Process Q&A

How were projects nominated?

In October 2014, the Clinical Research Forum issued a national call for nominations. Academic health center deans, senior officials and research area experts were invited to nominate outstanding research projects that were performed at a U.S. institution and published in a peer-reviewed journal in 2014. Nominations were due January 15, 2015.

What types of clinical research projects were eligible to be nominated?

Patient-oriented (mechanisms of human disease, therapeutic interventions, clinical trials, development of new technologies), epidemiological, behavioral outcomes, health services and human physiology research projects were eligible.

How many nominations were received?

The Forum received 53 eligible nominations from research and academic health centers nationwide.

How were the winning projects selected?

Winning projects were selected through an extensive review process. The Forum's selection committee initially reviews, scores and discusses all submissions. Those selected to move on for second tier review are then re-reviewed, re-scored and discussed. During the discussion, the top 10 are identified including selection of the top 3 winners

What were the selection criteria?

- Degree of innovation and creativity involved and its advancement of the science in a specific area
- Contribution to the understanding of human disease and/or human physiology
- Potential impact upon the diagnosis, prevention and/or treatment or increased understanding of the disease state

Who was on the selection committee?

The Clinical Research Forum's board of directors served as the selection committee:

Robert M. Califf, MD, Chairman
William Lowe, MD, Treasurer
William F. Crowley, Jr., MD, Founder & Past Chairman
Lars Berglund, MD
Anne Curtis, MD
Pamela Davis, MD
Daniel Ford, MD, ex officio
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Harry Selker, MD, MPH, ex officio
Robert Sherwin, MD
Alastair J. J. Wood, MD

Board Vice Chairman, Herbert Pardes, MD, established and endowed the top prize, so he recused himself from the selection process.

How were potential conflicts of interest managed?

Selection committee members did not review any applications submitted from their respective institutions.