

WeRPN Michael & Werner Geidlinger Excellence in Palliative Care Nomination 2021

In honour of the memory of Michael and Werner Geidlinger, whose lives were lost too soon, the Michael & Werner Geidlinger Excellence in Palliative Care Award recognizes the unique character and tremendous care delivered to patients at the end of life by an RPN, whose efforts demonstrate exemplary palliative care competencies that optimize quality of life and help families cope during illness and bereavement. The recipient of the award will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.

Each year the Awards Committee will review all nominations submitted and select one recipient for this award. The nominee must:

- Be a member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario;
- Be an RPN who has contributed in a significant way, on an ongoing basis, to palliative care nursing in Ontario and;
- Not currently or have been, a member of the WeRPN Board of Directors in the last three years.

The nominations must be submitted in the Award Template and evaluated on:

- Demonstrating an understanding of the philosophy of palliative care.
- Applies the principles of palliative care that affirm life, offers a support system to help individuals live as actively as possible until death, with optimal quality of life and helps families cope during illness and bereavement
- Conserves and promotes dignity of the person by facilitating expression of needs, hopes, feelings and concerns when planning palliative care
- Demonstrates evidence of excellence in developing and supporting respectful collaboration by applying intra and interprofessional approaches to support the patient's goals, optimize comfort and enhance quality of life of the person and family
- Understands the concept of 'total pain' and the associated impact to the person and family
- Advocates for the needs, decisions and rights of the person by recognizing potential vulnerabilities

Process:

Nominations submitted for The Michael & Werner Geidlinger Excellence in Palliative Care Award **must be received by the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario no later than Friday, July 30, 2021**. The award presentation will occur in October 2021.

The nominator and recipient will be notified by September 1, 2021.

Submissions should not exceed three pages; excluding supporting documentation/references (not required but can be included). Please direct all inquiries and address your nomination to Annette Weeres electronically or by mail to:

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Nominee	
Employer	
Background Information: Include where this nominee works/volunteers, how long the person has been a nurse. How does the nominee demonstrate an understanding of the philosophy of palliative care?	
Contribution to Palliative Care: Describe how the nominee applies principles of palliative care and consistently contributes in a significant way to patients and families at the end of life. How does the nurse conserve and promote dignity and use an intra/interprofessional approach to support patient goals?	
Patient/Family Focused: How does the nominee provides optimal care, comfort and enhance quality of life? How does the nurse demonstrate an understanding of the concept "total pain" and the associated impact on patient and family? How does the nurse advocate for patient needs, decisions and rights?	
Professional Associations/ Interest Groups: What associations, professional groups or other activities does the nominee participate/volunteer?	
Letters of Support: Letters of support from various stakeholders may be included	
Nominator	
Date	