



April 10, 2019

Dear Colleague:

As a leader in the field of palliative care, we invite you to offer a nomination for this year's American Cancer Society Pathfinder in Palliative Care Award. This award was created to underscore our commitment to advancing the field of palliative care and supporting these efforts to improve quality of care and quality of life.

The Path Finder Award recognizes outstanding achievements of a professional who has demonstrated remarkable innovation and ingenuity across a range of opportunities for action that contribute to the advancement of the field of palliative care nationally and/or globally. Previous ACS Pathfinder in Palliative Care Awardees are James Block, MD (2009), Anthony Back, MD (2010), Judy Lentz, RN (2011), Charles von Gunten, MD, PhD (2012), Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH (2013), James Tulsky, MD (2014), R. Sean Morrison, MD (2015), Betty Ferrell, PhD, MA, FAAN, FPCN (2016), Jennifer Temel, MD (2017) and Marie Bakitas, DN.Sc., CRNP (2018).

Recognizing the importance of palliative care research to improving patient-centered care and the severe shortage of federal funding, the Society partnered with the National Palliative Care Research Center (www.npcrc.org), led by Dr. R. Sean Morrison, beginning in 2007 to support investigators conducting studies aimed at reducing suffering for seriously ill patients and their family caregivers. This innovative partnership has been a striking success and was the inspiration for creating our Pathfinder Award.

The Society has a history of innovation, achievement, and leadership in health care. Many basic science researchers, clinical investigators, and Nobel Laureates credit the Society for their early start. This American Cancer Society Pathfinder in Palliative Care Award is consistent with that tradition.

Details about the award and nomination process are provided on the next page and at <https://www.cancer.org/about-us/recognition/awards/pathfinder-in-palliative-care-award.html>. You are welcome to contact Joe Cotter, the Extramural Research and Training Department's Research Constituent Engagement Manager, at joseph.cotter@cancer.org, with any questions. We hope to hear from you with a nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Leonard Lichtenfeld".

J. Leonard Lichtenfeld, MD
Interim Chief Medical and Scientific Officer

American Cancer Society Pathfinder in Palliative Care 2019 Award Nomination Information

Nomination Process

Please complete and send by email the nomination form for the individual you are nominating. Self-nominations are not accepted. Several nominations of one individual can be submitted using one letter with multiple signatures or by submitting individual letters supporting the nomination.

Contact for questions:

Joe Cotter, Research Constituent Engagement Manager
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Deadline for nominations: Friday, May 31, 2019

Please email your nomination letter(s) to joseph.cotter@cancer.org with the reference line, "2019 Pathfinder."

Award Eligibility Criteria

Any individual who has contributed a consistent pattern of outstanding achievements that, as a leader in the field, you and your peers would consider as having demonstrated remarkable innovation and ingenuity that has the potential to have a major impact on advancing the field of palliative care nationally and/or globally. While exceptional research or clinical contributions are important elements for consideration, this award is intended to recognize achievements of an individual that extend above and beyond traditional career rigors, such as also demonstrating:

- A consistent pattern of promoting and securing funding for palliative care research;
- Orchestrating strategic collaborations to promote the field;
- Providing mentoring and strategic advice for colleagues or those considering beginning a career in the field; and
- Engaging in advocacy activities to raise awareness and understanding about palliative care and/or improve public policies relating to palliative care.

Award Presentation

The ACS Pathfinder in Palliative Care Award will be presented at the opening plenary session of the annual Kathleen M. Foley Palliative Care Retreat & Research Symposium, scheduled for October 22-24, 2019 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Award Selection Process

A selection committee—including representatives from the American Cancer Society and the National Palliative Care Research Center—will review the nominations to make the

award selection. The selection process will be completed in early September and the awardee will be notified once the selection is made.

Nomination Form

Nominators are asked to refrain from informing the individual about the nomination. The nomination process should be kept confidential.

1. Full Name of the Nominee:
2. Title:
3. Area of Expertise/Specialty:
4. Organizational Affiliation of Nominee:
5. Address:
6. Email address:
7. Phone:
8. Please select at least one category; may select more one than one if applicable:
 - Consistent pattern of promoting and securing funding for palliative care research;
 - Orchestrating strategic collaborations to promote the field;
 - Providing mentoring and strategic advice for colleagues or those considering or beginning a career in the field; and/or
 - Engaging in advocacy activities to raise awareness and understanding about palliative care and/or improve public policies relating to palliative care.

Nominator Information

1. Full Name of the Nominator:
2. Title:
3. Organizational Affiliation of Nominator:
4. Address:
5. Email address:
6. Phone:

Supporting Documentation:

In the space below, in 1000 words or less, write a letter of recommendation addressed to the Pathfinder Award Selection Committee. The letter should describe how you assess this individual has demonstrated remarkable innovation and ingenuity impacting or significantly advancing the field of palliative care nationally and/or globally regarding clinical, health systems level, or research, or advocacy and health policy contributions.