



Call for Entries opens:  
1 November 2004

Deadline:  
1 March 2005

Entry fee:  
US \$40

Submission guidelines:  
Award entries must be submitted via the online submission system. Guidelines and instructions are available at [www.nursingsociety.org/programs](http://www.nursingsociety.org/programs)

Judging:  
Qualified judging panels representing strong talent and expertise are appointed.

Notification:  
Nominees and recipients will be notified of the judges' decision by 1 July 2005.

Presentation:  
All awards will be presented at the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on 12-16 November 2005.

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## Information Technology Award for Clinical Nursing Applications

The Information Technology Award for Clinical Nursing Applications recognizes and honors those developers or vendors who have successfully developed and implemented a clinical nursing application that assists nurses in the delivery of quality nursing care.

### CRITERIA

The committee recognizes that clinical nursing information systems are still relatively new. The end goal, however, should be to improve health care by using nursing clinical data. The main criteria are uniqueness and originality in the application. Some examples of items that the application might address are listed below, but the criteria are not bound to these.

- Creates ease of documentation
- Includes and permanently records activities that are an integral part of nursing care such as patient teaching, assessment, nursing diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes
- Expedites the retrieval of results of tests, physician's orders, etc. for individual patients
- Makes available data needed by the nurse and the agency for decision making in providing nursing care including, but not limited to:
  - Individual patient records
  - Data in the aggregate to provide clinical data for administrative reporting and other data needs
  - Current literature accessibility
- Includes participation of nurses in the design, testing, and evaluation phases of both the data structure and interface development
- Has security to protect patient privacy and confidentiality
- Is ergonomically sound
  - Interface is easy to use
  - Physical placement of hardware is based on ergonomic principles
- Is capable of providing nursing care information to regulatory and other agencies concerned with health care
- Includes all elements of the Nursing Minimum Data Set

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- A summary that addresses the needs the clinical application meets and demonstrates how this application meets these needs. If program is password protected, password must be included in order to evaluate. If time-limited password, allow for entire judging process. The summary might include, but is not limited to:
  - Screen shots of the application
  - Articles about the application
  - Letters of endorsement or references
  - Testimonials from staff nurses, administrators, or others
  - Web sites that have more information about the application
  - Items that demonstrate any of the characteristics described
- Projects that cannot be uploaded through the online process according to the submission guidelines should:
  - Provide a brief description of the project through the online process
  - Mail the following to headquarters:
    - Five (5) copies of completed online entry form
    - Five (5) copies of project submission

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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