Call for Entries opens
1 November 2010

Deadline
1 March 2011

Entry fee
US $50
The fee structure for nominations outside the U.S. will be set according to World Bank classifications based on per capita income designated as low, middle and high.

Submission guidelines
Award entries must be submitted via the online submission system. Instructions are available at www.nursingsociety.org/awards.

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

Notification
Award recipients will be notified by e-mail by 1 July 2011.

Presentation
All awards will be presented at STTI's 41st Biennial Convention in Grapevine, Texas, USA, on 29 October – 2 November 2011.

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Innovative Clinical Application Award

PURPOSE
The Innovative Clinical Application Award recognizes and honors 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 goal 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 patients
- Makes available data needed by the nurse and the agency for decision making in providing nursing care including, but not limited to:
  o Individual patient records
  o Data in the aggregate to provide clinical data for administrative reporting and other data needs
  o 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
  o Interface is easy to use and data is represented in a clear manner
  o 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
- Represents a new approach to collecting clinical nursing data

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
A complete nomination consists of:
- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative that addresses criteria (2 pages), including the needs the clinical application meets and demonstration of how this application meets these needs
- Letter of acceptance
- Any supporting software or URL (If program is password protected, password must be included in order to evaluate. If time-limited password, allow for entire judging process through 15 May 2011.)
- Any other supporting material that might include, but is not limited to:
  o Screen shots of the application
  o Articles about the application
  o Letters of endorsement or references
  o Testimonials from staff nurses, administrators or others
  o Websites that have more information about the application
  o Items that demonstrate any of the characteristics described

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