

SASKATCHEWAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

EARLY CAREER PHYSICIAN LEADER OF THE YEAR

Program parameters

The Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) Early Career Physician Leader Award is awarded annually to an early career physician who demonstrates a significant leadership contribution focused on innovations related to enhancing (1) patient care, (2) health care quality, or (3) physician wellbeing.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Physician must be an SMA member (who has either ordinary, salaried, part-time membership status).
- Physician must be living in Saskatchewan at time of nomination.
- Physician must be in the first 10 years of their career, (i.e., within 10 years of practice after completing residency).
- Demonstrated exceptional leadership contributions focused on innovations related to enhancing (1) patient care, (2) health care quality, and/or (3) physician wellbeing, whether through research, clinical practice or community service.
- Demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities among peers and colleagues, including collaborative work and the ability to inspire and lead others.

Nominations:

- There must be two nominators.
- Nomination Deadline: **Friday, August 7, 2026**
- Nominations must include:
 - A completed nomination form signed by both nominators.
 - A short summary (maximum of 750 words) outlining the candidate's contributions focused on innovations related to enhancing patient care, health care quality or physician wellbeing.

Adjudication:

- Nominations will be reviewed by the Nomination & Appointments Committee and adjudicated by the SMA Board of Directors.
- Decision criteria will include:
 - Type of contribution to the medical profession benefiting their community.
 - Year of practice.

Recognition:

- The physician will receive a recognition plaque/award
- All expenses paid for travel to and attendance (including accommodation) at the Fall Representative Assembly Awards banquet.
- Recipient will receive local, regional, and provincial media attention as well as social recognition.