January, 2017

Hello,

The Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program is requesting nominations for the 2017 Annual Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards. These awards were established in memory of Dr. Lee to provide annual recognition of excellence by individuals dedicated to pediatric emergency care and childhood injury prevention initiatives within Illinois. Dr. Lee was the first Principal Investigator of the Illinois EMSC program and was instrumental in establishing and fostering an Emergency Medical Services for Children program in Illinois which aims to further pediatric emergency care and childhood illness/injury prevention efforts throughout our state.

We are requesting your assistance in identifying and nominating an individual, group of individuals or organization that exemplifies commitment and dedication to childhood care. The nomination categories are listed below.

- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **Clinical Excellence Award**
- **Community Service Award**

Enclosed is an award nomination form and an application information form that outlines submission requirements. Nomination applications can also be obtained via the EMSC website at [www.stritch.luc.edu/emsc](http://www.stritch.luc.edu/emsc). All nominations must be received in the EMSC office no later than **Friday, March 24, 2017**. A select panel has been established to review the nomination applications. An award presentation will take place in May in recognition of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. Of special note, Wednesday, May 24, 2017 is recognized in Illinois as Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day.

We encourage your nomination of an individual or organization who exemplifies a commitment to children. Please contact Evelyn Lyons at (708) 327-2556 or email at Evelyn.Lyons@illinois.gov for any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Illinois EMSC
The Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Award program was established in 1999 by Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) to recognize outstanding achievement by individuals dedicated to pediatric emergency care and childhood injury prevention initiatives. This award honors the memory of Dr. Lee (1949-1998) who was instrumental in establishing the Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children program. His mission was always one of caring for others.

Illinois EMSC encourages excellence in activities that serve children and adolescents. The award categories provide an opportunity to honor individuals, a group of individuals or organizations dedicated to advancing the goals of the Illinois EMSC program.

Year 2017 Award Categories
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Clinical Excellence Award
- Community Service Award

Review Criteria
The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominations for the Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
  - This individual or organization must:
    - have a minimum of 15 years of experience (individual) or in existence for 15 years (organization);
    - be recognized as an expert in their field or area of service;
    - be viewed as an advocate for children, increasing public attention and action at the highest levels;
    - have devoted significant personal time and effort to promoting and advancing childhood initiatives;
    - have worked to positively change the manner in which we care for children.

- **Clinical Excellence Award**
  - The individual receiving this award must:
    - be a healthcare professional with a minimum of five years of experience;
    - be dedicated to providing the highest level of pediatric patient care, which can include publications, research activities, prevention initiatives, healthcare professional pediatric education or other pediatric related initiatives
    - have an excellent understanding of pediatric care issues.
    - demonstrate activities above and beyond scope of normal duties.

- **Community Service Award**
  - The recipient of this award must:
    - be an individual, group of individuals, business or organization (including schools) that effectively promotes or engages in activities that serve children and adolescents;
    - have positively impacted a significant number of individuals or substantial geographic area.
    - demonstrate activities above and beyond scope of normal duties.
Review Process
A review panel of the Illinois EMSC Advisory Board will review the submitted nominations and select recipients based on the strength of the submitted material. Each nomination will be blinded prior to review. Criteria will be weighted, with each receiving a separate numerical score.

Application Process
To nominate an individual or organization, please submit **ALL** of the following documentation:

1. **Nomination Form.** Please complete the attached nomination form and select the appropriate award category. Additional forms can be downloaded from the Illinois EMSC web site at www.stritch.luc.edu/emsc.

2. **Biographical Information.** Submit a typed biographical summary or a resume. Also submit the individual’s job description or the organization mission statement. **NOTE:** A resume is required for Clinical Excellence and Lifetime Achievement nominations.

3. **Summary Statement.** Prepare a summary statement (see attached format) no longer than **two double-spaced typed** pages describing how the nominee meets the criteria for the appropriate award category.

4. **Supporting Materials.** Supporting materials are limited to **five pages** and should include strong rationale for justifying the applicant’s submission. These materials can include abstracts, bibliography, articles, letters of support and any additional information to support the candidate’s nomination.

**NOTE:** Incomplete nominations will not be considered. In addition, the review committee reserves the right to award a nominee in a category other than that which was submitted by the nominator.

Deadline
**All applications must be received by the Illinois EMSC office by Friday, March 24, 2017.** Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed.

**Mail to:**
Evelyn Lyons, RN, MPH
Illinois EMSC Program
Loyola University Medical Center
2160 S. First Avenue, Bldg 110, Lower Level
Maywood, IL  60153

**Fax to:**
(708) 327-2548

**Email to:**
Evelyn.Lyons@illinois.gov

**For More Information**
For additional information, please contact Evelyn Lyons at (708) 327-2556 or email at Evelyn.Lyons@illinois.gov.
Please complete this form and submit along with the biographical information and summary statement describing how the nominee meets the award criteria, and any additional materials (articles, letters, etc.) to support the nomination.

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Using the format below submit a 1-2 page summary statement (double-spaced typed) specifically describing how the nominee meets the following award criteria for the category in which they are being nominated. The summary statement must include information that addresses each bullet point within the selected category.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

If you are nominating an individual or organization for this category, you must submit a summary statement providing strong rationale that the individual or organization:

- Has a minimum of 15 years of experience (individual) or in existence for 15 years (organization);
- Is recognized as an expert in their field or area of service;
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**Clinical Excellence Award**

If you are nominating an individual for this category, you must submit a summary statement providing strong rationale that the individual:

- Is a healthcare professional with a minimum of five years of experience;
- Is dedicated to providing the highest level of pediatric patient care, which can include research activities, prevention initiatives, healthcare professional pediatric education or other pediatric related initiatives.
- Has an excellent understanding of pediatric emergency care issues;
- Demonstrates activities above and beyond scope of normal duties.

**Community Service Award**

If you are nominating an individual or organization for this category, you must submit a summary statement providing strong rationale that the individual, group or organization:

- Is an individual, group of individuals, business or organization (including schools) that effectively promotes or engages in activities that serve children and adolescents;
- Has positively impacted a significant number of individuals or substantial geographic area;
- Demonstrates activities above and beyond scope of normal duties.
Previous Recipients of the Ron W. Lee, MD - Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

2000
Susan Fuchs, MD, FACP, FAAP
Associate Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago

2001
Shriniwas Nadia, MD
Vice Chairman, Department of Pediatrics
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge

Demetra Soter, MD
Pediatric Trauma Coordinator
Cook County Children’s Hospital, Chicago

2002
Jeanne Meyer, RN, BSN
Head Nurse
Highland Community School District #5 Highland

2003
Barbara Velzor Freeland, PhD, RN
Associate Professor
Midwest School of Nursing
Loyola University Chicago

2004
The Children’s Memorial Hospital Transport Team at Children’s Memorial Hospital (CMH), Chicago

2005
Edward A. Miller, MD
Emeritus Chief of Staff
Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago

Rick Miller, MD, FACEP, FAAP
EMS Medical Director
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

2006
Karen Sheehan, RN, MHP
Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago

2007
Robert Bighammer, MD, FAAP
Danville Pediatric Center, Danville

2008
Leslee Stein-Spencer, RN, MS
Manager of Quality Assurance for the Medical Administration of Regulatory Compliance Division Chicago Fire Department

2009
Earl Field (Posthumous Award)
Paramedic Services of Illinois, Schiller Park

Charlie Nazicka, DO, FAAP, FAAEM
Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Services
Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville

2010
Kathleen Ferket, RN, MSN, APN
Director, Children’s Services
Northwest Community Healthcare, Arlington Heights

2011
Steven Leliyesty, MD, FAAP, FACEP
Director, Occupational Medicine, Department of Medicine and Pediatrics
Cassandra O’Brien, RN, BSN, EMT-B
Comer Children’s Hospital, University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago

2012
Patricia Metzlser, RN, TN, SANE-A, SANE-P, CPN, Interpersonal Violence and Safety Education Coordinator, Pediatric Quality Coordinator, SANE Program Coordinator, Risk Watch Coordinator, Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana
Kaye L. Savig, MD, Medical Director, Children’s Hospital of Illinois, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

2013
Victoria Malley, RN, MSN, MEd
School Nurse, Rockford Public Schools District 205, Rockford

2014
Hatim Hawkins, RN, CCRN, CPEN, FAEN
Resuscitation Education Coordinator, Ann & Robert Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Chicago

Theresa Kuska, RN, BSN, CEN, FAEN
Injury Prevention Volunteer, Retired Regional Program Manager/Highway Safety Specialist National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Olympia Fields

2015
Sally Reynolds, MD
Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago

2016
Leslie Livshin, RN, MS
EMS/Trauma Coordinator, Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet

**CLINICAL EXCELLENCE**

1999
Peter Lizzara, MD-PW10
EMW Coordinator
Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago

2000
Kimberly Joseph, MD
Trauma Surgeon
Cook County Hospital, Chicago

2001
Richard H. Peal, MD
Director, Pediatric Trauma Program
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

2002
Charles Nazicka, DO, FAAP, FAAEM
Medical Director, Pediatric Services
St. Alexius Medical Center, Hoffman Estates

2003
Barbara Weirtraub, RN, MPH, MSN, CEN
ED Critical Nurse Specialist
Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights

2004
Carolynn Zonia, DO, FACEP, FACOEP
Emergency Medicine, St. Francis Hospital, Evanston

2005
Lawrence Vogel, MD, FAAP
Chief of Pediatrics and Medical Director
Spinal Cord Injury Program
Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago

2006
Sall Gupta, MD, FAAP
Neonatologist
St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville

John W. Hafner Jr., MD, FACEP
Emergency Medicine
Children’s Hospital of Illinois
at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

2007
Susan Fuchs, MD, FACEP, FAAP
Associate Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago

Colleen Bingham, MD, FAAP
Emergency Medicine, St. paved at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

2008
Mary Olfing, RN, TNS
EMW Coordinator
Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago

2009
Leslie Wilkins, RN, BSN
CQI Liaison, Emergency Department
 Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington

2010
Dennis L. Vickers, MD, MPH
Chairman, Department of Pediatrics
Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago

2011
Jane Kramer, MD, FAAP
Associate Chair, Education, Department of Pediatrics and Associate Clinical Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, Rush Medical Center, Chicago

Bonnie Moberly, RN, BSN
Manager, KidSTAR Education Program
Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago

2012
Mary Anne Wescoski, RN, MSN, DNS, School Nurse, Barrington School District 220, Barrington

2013
Patricia O’Connor, RN, MEd, IL-CMSN School Nurse, Wheaton-Warrenville School District 200, Wheaton

2014
Elisabeth ‘Sue’ Emmler, RN, BSN, TNS, CEN
Pediatric Emergency Department Nurse, Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville

2015
Stathis Poulos, MD, FACS
Chair, Burn & Wound Services, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Chicago

2016
Rick Miller, MD, FACEP, FAAP
EMS Medical Director
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

2017
Commander Joseph Roccasavva, EMT-P
Community Services and Public Affairs
Chicago Fire Department

2018
St. John’s Hospital, Springfield

2019
The Shrinie Fraternity
Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago

2020
Dawn Frank, RN, BSN, TNS
Nurse Manager, Acute Care Center
Grayslake Outpatient and Acute Care Center, Grayslake

2021
Marion Unit 2 School Board, Marion

2022
School Health LINK, Inc.
Rock Island County

2023
Winnebago County Health Department
Refugee Program

2024
Children’s Hospital of Illinois
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

2025
The Illinois Poison Center
(a program of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, Chicago

2026
Francis Pajak, MD
Director, Physician Assistant Student Success (PASS) program, Champaign

2027
Saftey Village of Western Springs Board, Western Springs

2028
Deborah Gulan, MD
Pediatrician, Lake Shore Pediatrics, Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest

2029
Village of Lake Zurich Fire Department
Lake Zurich

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

1999
Chicago Fire Department
Engine Company 1 & Ambulance 35

Officer Eugene Richardson
Streamwood Police Department

2000
Ronda Salamk
Safety Village of Marseilles

Junior Fire Cadet Program
Broomington Fire Department

2001
Valerie S. Harris, RN, BSN
Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield

Lead Poisoning Initiative
St. Mary’s Hospital, East St. Louis

2002
Ford Green
Telephone Pioneers of America, Alton

John Manasse
Telephone Pioneers of America, Arlington Heights

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