

Judy Cirullo Award for Exceptional Contribution to the Area of Aquatic Therapy

This award is presented to a section member who consistently promotes aquatic physical therapy through service and or clinical practice. The recipient should be actively in conducting excellent clinical programs, providing service to the association and serving as patient advocates. The award acknowledges an individual member who has made outstanding and enduring contributions to promote aquatic physical therapy through service and or/clinical practice

Judy Cirullo, PT, Cert MDT, CMP is the owner of Oregon Spine and Physical Therapy. She graduated from University of Illinois Medical Center in 1979 with her degree in Physical Therapy. She has extensive training and experience in mechanical diagnosis techniques for the spine and extremities. She is credentialed in Mechanical Diagnosis and Treatment (Cert MDT) (McKenzie) and is a Certified Mulligan Practitioner (CMP). She is founder and past president of the Aquatic Section of the American Physical Therapy Association. Her focus and expertise are mechanical problems relating to the spine and extremities. She has published two books, one book chapter: Aquatic Intervention for the Obstetric Female and has published various articles. She volunteers her time with 2 local high schools for their football and wrestling team injuries.

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The purpose of the Judy Cirullo award is to acknowledge a single member of the Aquatic PT Section whose contributions to the Section as a whole, at both the Section level and the APTA level, like those of Judy Cirullo, have been of exceptional value. Please review the suggested criteria and guidelines for the nominating process, and send us your nominees for the award on the form provided on the next page.

CRITERIA

- A Must be a physical therapist, physical therapist assistant or Life physical aquatic therapist member of the Aquatic PT Section. Award may be presented posthumously to those meeting membership eligibility qualifications.
- B Aquatic Physical Therapy Activity
Has participated and involved in the Section through committee and/or task force appointments and other Section activities.
- C Persisting and lasting contributions in the four (3) of the following areas:
 - 1 Professional Competence - Clinical
Has demonstrated evidence of exceptional service in the area of clinical practice on a continuing basis.
 - 2 Delivery of Services
Has developed new or innovative methods, systems or concepts in the practice and administration of aquatic physical therapy services which previously were not adequately addressed.
 - 3 Services to the Profession and Community at Large
Has provided service in the community which demonstrates the scope and dimension of professional responsibility.
 - 4 Participated in the APTA or Other Organizations
Has demonstrated on a continuing basis the development of the profession through involvement with the APTA and has made contributions at the district, chapter, national or international levels. Has served on committees, held elected offices, participated in professional and business meetings, served on regulatory boards, and involved in legislative activities.
 - 5 Commitment to Aquatic Physical Therapy
Has demonstrated an abiding commitment to aquatic physical therapy as evidenced by participating in continuing education, and by actively contributing to the education of others about aquatic physical therapy through such things as publications, seminars, lectures and workshops.
 - 6 Public Relations or Political Participation
Has demonstrated a willingness to publicize the contributions which have advanced the profession of aquatic physical therapy and the Aquatic Physical Therapy Section; has participated in political action activities to further the cause of the profession and aquatic physical therapy.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1 All nominees for the Award must be Aquatic PT Section members in good standing.
- 2 Members excluded from eligibility, during their respective period or terms of service are: Aquatic PT Section employees (Exception: A Section employee shall not be excluded if the services that constitute the basis for the award nomination were performed at a time when the individual was not an employee.), members of the Membership Committee responsible for recommending or selecting recipient(s) of the award; and members of the Board of Directors.

PROCEDURE

A Nominations for the Award must be submitted by Aquatic PT Section members in good standing.

B Nomination packages must be submitted with the current nomination form provided (back of this form).

Nomination forms may be photocopied, but may not be recreated by computer.

C **REQUIREMENTS:** In order for the application to be considered, the following must be completed and received in the Aquatic Section Office by midnight of the deadline date.

- The potential recipient must be a licensed physical therapist or physical therapy assistant in good standing with the Aquatic PT Section at the time of the application submission.
- The following documents are required by deadline:
 - Letter of Recommendation written by an Aquatic PT Section member in good standing, and must include why this applicant is worthy to receive the Section's award for exemplary contribution to aquatic therapy.
 - Description of the contribution to aquatics
- Submission of completed documentation by the deadline published on the Aquatic PT Section website.

D GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR ANY AQUATIC SECTION AWARD

1. Must be typed and be able to be sent via internet
2. Must be auto-signed by the individual submitting this application
3. The one-page application must be completed by the primary submitter; be included with letter(s) of recommendation and submitted as a single packet of information.
4. Letter(s) of recommendation must be no more than 500 words.

E Incomplete award nomination packages (e.g., no signature, no curriculum vitae, no letter of support, or documentation of specific criteria met) will not be eligible for consideration.

F **All nomination packages must be received by the third Monday in December.** Nomination packages will not be returned. The nominations will be judged based on the eligibility and criteria requirements.

G In the event those candidates nominated for the Judy Cirullo Award do not meet the criteria for eligibility, the Awards Committee reserves the right to postpone the selection of a candidate until such time as a candidate meeting the requirements for eligibility is nominated.

Judy Cirullo Award Nomination Form
Deadline for Nomination: December 15, 2015

The following person is nominated for consideration for the Judy Cirullo Award.

I wish to Nominate (Member's Name) _____

Name of Practice _____

Work Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Work () _____ Fax () _____

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Name of Nominator _____

Name of Practice _____

Work Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Work () _____ Fax () _____

Signature _____ Date Submitted _____

(Signature of Nominator)

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