



Sixth Annual Illinois Rural Physician of Excellence Award

This coming fall of 2010 will mark the sixth year the Illinois Rural Health Association has hosted the *Rural Physician of Excellence Award* (Doc Hollywood Day). This event is held to honor rural physicians for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the health and welfare of their patients, their community, and for humanitarian activities. This year IRHA will again honor outstanding physicians from rural and underserved areas of the state of Illinois and are seeking nominations from our community partners.

This Annual event is made possible by sponsors who are committed to the advancement of rural health in Illinois. Past sponsors have included the Illinois Hospital Association, SIU School of Medicine's Rural Health Initiative, OSF Medical Group, Illinois State Medical Society, The National Center for Rural Health Professions, Litchfield Family Practice, Prairie Heart Institute and SIU School of Medicine-Office of External and Health Affairs.

IRHA is pleased to announce that we have received our first commitments of sponsorship for the 2010 Physicians of Excellence from **SIU Healthcare** and **Prairie Heart Institute**. We welcome all other sponsors for this valuable event.

Selection factors:

- ◆ Contributions to his/her local community in civic, cultural, or health care arenas
- ◆ Expertise and contribution to the profession of medicine
- ◆ Other humanitarian activities
- ◆ Years in practice

If you would like to nominate a physician in your community, please complete the attached form and mail it with the required letters of support to:

Alice Foss, Executive Director
Illinois Rural Health Association
310 E. Adams St.
Springfield, IL 62701

Please feel free to contact Alice if you have any questions at 866-921-4742 or by email at irha@sbcglobal.net

Letters of support should explain how the nominee:

- ◆ Contributes to the better health and improved quality of life for his/her patients and/or community
- ◆ Contributes to the public understanding and appreciation of the role of medicine
- ◆ Contribute to the advancement of medicine and health through leadership of local, state, national, or international organizations.

Nominations and letters of support must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2010 to be considered. Nominators and award winners will be notified by August 2nd. The date set for the presentation is September 15, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hilton Springfield.

Nomination Form 2010
Rural Physician of Excellence Award

Nominee

_____ **Is nominated for the Illinois Rural Physician of Excellence Award**

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Years in practice: _____

Nominator

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Will you be available to attend the award presentation in September? Yes No

In addition to the nominator's letter of recommendation, at least two (2) letters of support from people who are familiar with the nominee must accompany this completed form. Please list the names and contact information of those individuals that are submitting letters of support.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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