

AAOMPT Innovation Award

About the Award

The *Innovation Award* is an individual award for an AAOMPT member (who meets eligibility requirements) whose achievements have promoted excellence through extraordinary innovation. Contributions take many forms and may include a significant role in implementing and effective delivery of a highly innovative concept or idea. The extraordinary innovation must directly impact an area critical to orthopaedic manual physical therapy.

The Innovation Award is peer-nominated reviewed and approved by the AAOMPT Board. The nominations are due by March 31st, and the award recipient is announced at the AAOMPT annual conference.

Examples of Innovation in:

- *Technology* (Ex. software, product, tool, that results in innovation within the profession)
- *Care models* (Ex. supplemental or booster telehealth visits, or virtual delivery models for those not previously able to access traditional care services, etc.).
- *Clinical practice* (Ex. Unique solutions to patient/population/service delivery problems, unique concepts related to improved access, inclusivity)
- *Physical therapy education* (Ex. unique patient education materials or programs that improve accessibility, entry-level or post-professional advancements in education)
- *Professional advocacy* (Ex. unique methods for community engagement, development of advocacy groups, organization of novel events)

Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must be an AAOMPT member in good standing

*Nominees can be individuals or groups that meet the eligibility requirements

Criteria for Selection

In selecting *the Innovation Award*, the following criteria are considered and should be described or expanded upon in the nomination process.

- **Out-of-the-box-thinking:** This specific innovation represents out-of-the-box or cutting-edge thinking.
- **Enthusiasm:** This innovation has led to a new product or idea. It can be integrated widely and can generate revenue or initiate other ideas or exemplary work.
- **Impact:** The innovation has brought fundamental change and/or has moved the profession forward in the direction(s) set by AAOMPT and/or in the association's *Strategic Plan*. It has identified new ways to improve the quality of services or

programming. It has identified new approaches for completing work more efficiently and/or effectively. The idea is practical and sustainable.

- **Replicability:** This innovation can be replicated in multiple settings and even within other areas of physical therapy and/or within other special interest groups and would provide value.
- **Value:** The innovation can be done affordably. The innovation idea has the potential to reduce costs and/or generate funds. Additionally, the idea or concept has improved the efficiency of existing processes or has introduced new, efficient processes.
- **Quality:** The idea or program exemplifies quality through improvement in measurable outcomes.

Procedure for Nomination

1. Any member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists may nominate candidates for the award.
2. One typewritten original and three duplicates of all materials must be submitted for each nomination. Nominations should be sent via email in one “packet” to Paul Mintken, Chair of the Awards Sub-committee at pmintken@hpu.edu.
3. The deadline for submission is March 31st.
4. The materials to be completed and submitted for each nomination shall include the following:
 - a. A statement of support must highlight the rationale for nomination and state the relationship between the nominator and nominee.
 - b. The nomination materials should document examples of how the nominee fulfills the criteria for this award.