

WONCA Europe award of excellence in health care: the 5 star doctor

WONCA Europe has decided to (re)instate the yearly "WONCA-Europe award for excellence in health care: the 5 star doctor".

The winner of this award will receive a certificate, and will be one of the European candidates for the WONCA World 5 star doctor award which is presented at every WONCA World Conference.

The 2010 WONCA Europe 5 star doctor award will be presented at the WONCA Europe Malaga conference

The criteria for the WONCA Europe award are as follows:

- a nominee must best meet the principle of the 5-star doctor
- a nominee should be a serving physician in mid-career who in addition to providing regular service:
 - provides innovative services for a community or special group
 - developed services where they were previously not available
 - supported colleagues in another region, country or college
 - performed academic work (teaching, research, quality assurance) of exceptional quality and relevance
- a nominee need not be a family doctor
- a nominee can work outside his or her region, or create something that can be used outside his or her region or serve as a role model to other regions
- the "Towards Unity for Health" criteria will be kept in mind: the attributes of the 5-star doctor are:
 - * care provider who considers the patient as an integral part of a family and the community and provides high standard clinical care (excluding or diagnosing serious illness and injury, manages chronic disease and disability) and personalises preventive care within a long term, trusting relationship
 - * decision maker, who chooses which technologies to apply ethically and cost-effectively while enhancing the care that he or she provides;
 - * communicator, who is able to promote healthy life-styles by emphatic explanation, thereby empowering individuals and groups to enhance and protect their health;
 - * community leader, who has won the trust of the people among whom he or she works, who can reconcile individual and community health requirements and initiate action on behalf of the community;
 - * team member, who can work harmoniously with individuals and organisations, within and outside the health care system, to meet his or her patients and community's needs.

The WONCA Europe 5 star doctor awards committee for 2010 consists of:

- Prof. Jan De Maeseneer, M.D., Ph.D. , Belgium (chair)
Recipient of the WONCA World 2004 5 star doctor award
- Dr Tony Mathie, FRCGP, United Kingdom
- Dr Toni Dedeu, MD, MHE, MPHIC, Spain

Nominations should be submitted on the attached form, which has to be filled in completely, before the first of January 2010 to:

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and
Prof. Jan De Maeseneer: email: jan.demaeseneer@ugent.be.

Applications that arrive after 1 January 2010 will not be considered.