

Alberta Doctors' Digest

AMA seeks 2026 nominations for our highest awards

The Alberta Medical Association is calling for Achievement Award nominations for individuals who have contributed to the improvement of the quality of health care in Alberta.

The [Medal for Distinguished Service](#) is given to a physician(s) who has made an outstanding personal contribution to medicine and to the people of Alberta, and in the process has contributed to the art and science of medicine while raising the standards of medical practice.

The [Medal of Honor](#) is awarded to a non-physician(s) who has raised the standards of health care and contributed to the advancement of medical research, medical education, health care organization, health education, and/or health promotion to the public.

The [AMA Award for Compassionate Service](#) honours a physician who is AMA member and, during their career, has demonstrated outstanding compassion, philanthropy, and/or volunteerism to improve the state of the community in which they are giving back.

The [Medal for Excellence and Achievement in Rural/Remote Medicine](#) is awarded to a physician(s) who has made an outstanding personal contribution to patients of rural/remote Alberta and to the community(ies) in which they live.

Nominations must be submitted by April 30, 2026. The awards will be presented at the AMA's fall 2026 annual general meeting in Calgary.

To request a nomination form for these awards, please contact Sarah Zieminek, Administrative Assistant, Advocacy & Engagement, sarah.zieminek@albertadoctors.org, 780.733.3633, toll-free at 1.800.272.9680, ext. 3633 or visit the [AMA website](#).

2025 Honourees

In 2025, three physicians were recognized with Medals for Distinguished Service:

- Dr. Heather Armson, Calgary
- Dr. Joseph Dort, Calgary
- Dr. Sebastian Straube, Edmonton

In 2025, two individuals were recognized with the Medal of Honour:

- Amy Metcalfe, PhD, Calgary
- Lauren Beaupre, PhD, Edmonton

In 2025, two individuals were recognized with the Medal for Excellence and Achievement in Rural/Remote Medicine:

- Dr. Abdul Mateer, Drumheller
- Dr. Jonathan Somerville, Sundre

To read more about the 2025 honourees visit the [AMA website](#).