**Call for Nominations**

**Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists**

**Gita Patel Best Practice Recognition Award 2016**

The Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) is pleased to solicit nominations for the **Gita Patel Best Practice Recognition Award**. This award was established in honor of Dr. Gita Wasan Patel. Dr. Gita Wasan Patel committed herself to providing optimal care to patients and was passionate about infectious diseases. Although not formally trained in the discipline of infectious disease, Dr. Patel proactively sought out ways to improve provision of optimal antibiotic therapies to patients, and was committed to communicate the impact her interventions had to patients and the health system. The purpose of this award is to recognize an SIDP member who has implemented and documented the impact of an innovative or collaborative “best practice” initiative to improve care in patients with infectious diseases. Areas of “best practice” to infectious diseases may include, but are not limited to, development of innovative services to deliver quality care or implementation of guidelines or pathways. Research should include documentation and preferably publication of benefits and highlight reliable methods of delivering optimal, effective, and evidence-based use of anti-infective agents.

The “Gita Patel Best Practice Recognition Award” is awarded to a pharmacist with exemplary skills as a practitioner and educator who demonstrated expertise in infectious disease pharmacy practice, as exemplified by:

(a) Maintenance of an active clinical practice in infectious diseases pharmacy;

(b) Outstanding capabilities as a practitioner;

(c) Leader in development and implementation of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy program or intervention demonstrated to provide benefit to the treatment of patients with infection.

Preference will be given to pharmacists providing patient care in the community setting and to those that do not receive salary support dedicated to research. Previous formal infectious disease training is not a requirement.

This award provides a plaque to the recipient, who may be asked to give a brief presentation at the SIDP annual meeting in Boston, MA, June 16, 2016.

You may nominate any current active or associate SIDP member, including yourself (which is encouraged). With your nomination, include a written description of what the candidate has done and why he or she is being nominated.

**Nominations should consist of:**

a) Letter of nomination by an SIDP member or colleague, which includes a brief description of the nominee’s clinical practice, implementation, and outcomes of the “best practice”.

b) Two solicited letters of recommendation from co-workers (exclude the nominator) who can comment on the qualifications of the nominee and the impact of the implementation of the practice.

c) The nominee’s curriculum vitae.

d) A letter from the nominee stating his/her willingness to 1) accept the nomination (if nominated by a colleague), and 2) be present to accept the award at the SIDP annual meeting in Boston, MA, June 16, 2016.

*Please Submit Nominations To:*

Julie Ann Justo, Chair of the Recognition Awards Committee

**Email:** [**justoj@sccp.sc.edu**](mailto:justoj@sccp.sc.edu)

**Call for Nominations** will begin **Monday, February 29, 2016,** with bi-weekly reminders

**Nominations** must be received by **Monday, April 4, 2016**

**Supporting materials** must be received by **Monday, April 18, 2016**

**Award Notifications** will be sent by **Friday, May 13, 2016**