

ArMA Health Care Awards

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Nominate a colleague for an ArMA Health Care Award. Recognizing excellence in medicine strengthens our profession and our communities.

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ArMA Health and Fitness Award

Recognizes a group or individual that demonstrates extraordinary commitment to the health and fitness of Arizona residents. (Name changed from the ArMA Sportsman Award in 2020.)

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Teresa Bertsch, MD
2022	Anikar Chhabra, MD
2021	<i>None Given</i>
2020	Brynn Sorenson and Lindsey Buckner of Redfield Elementary School — Girls on the Run Program
2019	Paul Kozak, MD
2018	Christopher Yeung, MD
2017	Mark Westervelt, MD
2016	Anikar Chhabra, MD
2015	Javier Cardenas, MD
2014	Michael Grossman, MD
2013	Gary Figge, MD
2012	David W. Dodick, MD
2011	<i>None Given</i>
2010	<i>None Given</i>
2009	Russell Chick, MD; George Deckey, MD; Jon Wang, MD
2008	<i>None Given</i>
2007	TOPS (Team of Physicians for Students) Program — Ross Kozinski, Ph.D.
2006	<i>None Given</i>
2005	<i>None Given</i>
2004	<i>None Given</i>
2003	Donald E. Porter, MD; Ronnie K. Dowling, MD; George "Kim" Hewson, MD
2002	H. Royer Collins, MD; Steven M. Erickson, MD; George Hershey, DO
2001	Cecil "Cy" Vaughn Jr., MD
2000	Robert O. Wilson, MD
1999	Paul M. Steingard, DO
1998	<i>None Given</i>
1997	L. Alfonso Munoz, MD
1996	Richard L. Collins, MD
1995	Thomas P. Foerster, MD

ArMA David O. Landrith Humanitarian Award

Presented to an individual who unselfishly acts to improve the community. Originally the ArMA Humanitarian Award, it was renamed in honor of ArMA's long-time lobbyist and VP of Policy & Political Affairs, who passed away in 2015.

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Sara Beste, MD, MPH
2024	Dr. Nadia Norton Anspach
2023	Robert Fauer, MD

Year	Recipient(s)
2022	Joanne Osborne
2021	Ricardo Correa, MD
2020	Vicki Copeland, MD
2019	Marc Leib, MD, JD
2018	Rudy Valenzuela, PhD, FNP
2017	Kris Volcheck, DDS, MBA, Founder, Brighter Way Institute
2016	Karla Birkholz, MD
2015	Renamed David Landrith Humanitarian Award
2014	Marc Leib, MD, JD
2013	David Beyda, MD
2012	Jack Dillenberg, DDS, MPH
2011	Kelly McQueen, MD; Susan Webb
2010	O. Melvin Phillips, MD
2009	M. Zuhdi Jasser, MD
2008	Matthew Seidel, MD
2007	Herbert "Tim" Louis, MD
2006	James Bertz, MD, DDS
2005	Burris "Duke" Duncan, MD
2004	L. Alfonso Munoz, MD
2003	Hospice of the Valley
2002	Anthony T. Yeung, MD
2001	John W. Molina, MD; Raymond A. Huger, MD; Neopito L. Robles, MD; Ronald A. Goodsite, MD
1998	Earl J. Baker, MD
1997	Esperanca, Inc.
1996	William J. Dunn, MD
1995	The Rev. Sir William Harnischfeger, MD

ArMA & ADHS Public Health Service Award

Presented, jointly, with the Arizona Department of Health Services, to an individual, organization, or educational program that has performed extensive efforts regarding public health issues.

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Holly Geyer, MD
2024	Dr. Craig Norquist
2023	Lisa Villarroel, MD, MPH
2022	Theresa Cullen, MD
2021	Honor Health Vaccine Team
2020	<i>None Given</i>
2019	Mesa Public Schools; Aram Mardian, MD; Lisa Villarroel, MD, MPH
2018	Christopher Yeung, MD
2017	Mark Westervelt, MD

Year	Recipient(s)
2016	Anikar Chhabra, MD
2015	Javier Cardenas, MD
2014	<i>None Given</i>
2013	<i>None Given</i>
2012	John N. Galgiani, MD; Bart Demaerschalk, MD; Deborah Roepke
2011	<i>None Given</i>
2010	Michael Grossman, MD; Karl Kern, MD; Gordon A. Ewy, MD; Bentley Bobrow, MD
2009	Teresa Ehnert, Chief of Emergency Preparedness, ADHS
2008	ArMA Disaster Preparedness Task Force (M. Zuhdi Jasser, MD, Chair)
2007	Peter C. Kelly, MD
2006	Robert W. England, MD
2005	Richard H. Carmona, MD, US Surgeon General
2004	Wilfred "Bud" Potter, MD
2003	Mary E. Rimsza, MD
2002	Douglas Campos-Outcalt, MD
2001	Dennis J. Cahill
2000	Representative Barbara Leff
1999	Representative Susan Gerard
1998	Clifford J. Harris, MD
1997	Leonard J. Kirschner, MD
1996	Leland L. Fairbanks, MD

Award in Memory of Edward Sattenspiel, MD

Recognizes ArMA member physicians who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to organized medicine. (Established in 2004.)

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Lindsay Ackerman, MD, FAAD
2024	Dr. Andrew Carroll
2023	Maria Manriquez, MD
2022	<i>None Given</i>
2021	Thomas Rothe, MD
2020	Charles Daschbach, MD
2019	Gretchen Alexander, MD
2018	M. Zuhdi Jasser, MD
2017	Robert Orford, MD, MPH
2016	Ronnie Dowling, MD
2015	William Thrift, MD
2014	Michael Grossman, MD
2013	Gary Figge, MD
2012	<i>None Given</i>

Year	Recipient(s)
2011	William Mangold Jr., MD; Marc L. Leib, MD; John E. Oakley, MD
2010	<i>None Given</i>
2009	<i>None Given</i>
2008	Marilyn Laughead, MD; Phillip Keen, MD; Richard Zonis, MD; Jacque A. Chadwick, MD; Ronald P. Spark, MD
2007	Thomas Hicks II, MD
2006	Joseph W. Hanss Jr., MD
2005	Mark Ivey Jr., MD
2004	Richard L. Collins, MD

ArMA Walk the Talk Award

Recognizes individuals or organizations that go above the usual in their support of medicine, often in health policy-related matters. (Established in 2001.)

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Brandi Giles, RN; Ashley Chambers, JD
2024	Senator Brian Fernandez
2023	Laura Mercer, MD; Jasleen Chhatwal, MD
2022	Senator Tyler Pace
2021	<i>None Given</i>
2020	Pete Wertheim, CEO Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
2019	<i>None Given</i>
2018	Stephen Ferrara, MD; Representative Kelli Butler; Representative Pamela Powers Hannley, MPH; Representative Alma Hernandez, MPH; Representative Amish Shah, MD
2017	Senator Kate Brophy McGee
2016	<i>None Given</i>
2015	<i>None Given</i>
2014	Melissa (Rutala) Kotrys, MPH; R. Screven Farmer, MD; Michael T. Liburdi, JD
2013	<i>None Given</i>
2012	Suzanne A. Sisley, MD; Jeff Mueller, MD; Steve Nash
2011	<i>None Given</i>
2010	Eric N. Novack, MD; Al Wendt, MD; Representative Cecil Ash
2009	Ken Iserson, MD
2008	<i>None Given</i>
2007	Senator Amanda Aguirre; Representative Bob Robson; Gary Smethers, MD
2006	Senator Barbara Leff; Arizona College of Emergency Physicians; Representative Olivia Cajero-Bedford; Representative Bob Stump
2005	Todd B. Taylor, MD; Senator John Huppenthal; Senator Carolyn Allen; Arizona Orthopedic Society; Stanton Cohen, MD; George Deckey, MD; Roberto Garcia, MD; Timothy Graham, MD; Brian Grogan, MD; Lee Hieb, MD; Sultan Lalani, MD
2004	<i>None Given</i>
2003	<i>None Given</i>
2002	<i>None Given</i>

Year	Recipient(s)
2001	Dale F. Webb, MD; Jane M. Orient, MD; Ronald P. Spark, MD; Jeffrey A. Singer, MD; Jerry L. Dennis, MD

Wallace A. Reed, MD Award

Recognizes individuals or organizations for excellence in healthcare innovation. (Established in 2014.)

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Hahn Soe-Lin, MD
2024	Dr. Keith Frey
2023	Lisa Rimsza, MD
2022	Tiffany Pankow, MD
2021	Craig Norquist, MD
2020	Priya Radhakrishnan, MD, FACP
2019	<i>None Given</i>
2018	<i>None Given</i>
2017	Thomas Grogan, MD, Founder, Ventana Medical Systems
2016	<i>None Given</i>
2015	Daniel Von Hoff, MD
2014	Inaugural award to Wallace Reed, MD (posthumous)

ArMA National Leadership Award

Presented to an Arizona physician who has served in a leadership position of a national medical organization. (In 2021 the criteria was expanded and the award name changed.)

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Priya Radhakrishnan, MD, FACP
2024	Dr. Daniel Briceland
2023	Jeff Mueller, MD — American Society of Anesthesiologists
2022	Scott Swanson, MD
2021	<i>None Given</i>
2020	<i>None Given</i>
2019	<i>None Given</i>
2018	Robert Orford, MD, MS, MPH; Robert Jones, MD; Nadeem Kazi, MD
2017	<i>None Given</i>
2016	<i>None Given</i>
2015	William Bohnert, MD; Douglas Faigel, MD; Keith Lindor, MD
2014	<i>None Given</i>
2013	Daniel Duick, MD
2012	<i>None Given</i>
2011	Suzann M. Connolly, MD; Nicholas D. Morrison, MD
2010	Robert R. Orford, MD
2009	John K. Crowe, MD

Year	Recipient(s)
2008	<i>None Given</i>
2007	Lawrence Housman, MD; William Grana, MD, MPH
2006	Michael V. Rock, MD
2005	Anthony T. Yeung, MD
2004	H. Royer Collins, MD
2003	Anna R. Graham, MD; Vincent J. Russo Jr., MD
2002	James E. Bertz, MD, DDS, FACS
2001	Thomas F. Purdon, MD
2000	Reginald M. Ballantyne III; Steve Morris
1999	David J. Gullen, MD
1998	Paul L. Schnur, MD

ArMA Rising Star Award

Presented to an ArMA medical student, resident, fellow, or early career physician (in first five years of practice) who has demonstrated enthusiasm for organized medicine by representing ArMA through internal and/or external activities, roles, and efforts.

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	David Baltazar, DPT, DO, FAAD
2024	Dr. Christine Erie
2022	Laura Hamant, MD

CH William Ruhe, MD Award

Recognizes meritorious achievement and innovation in continuing medical education.

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Jaime Manser — The Department of Psychiatry at University of Arizona Tucson
2024	Hospice of the Valley
2022	Honor Health
2021	Mayo Clinic School of Continuous Professional Development
2020	<i>None Given</i>
2019	St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center; Flagstaff Medical Center; Tucson Hospital Medical Education Program
2018	Honor Health
2017	Mayo Clinic School of Continuous Professional Development Arizona
2016	Mayo Clinic School of Continuous Professional Development Arizona
2015	Mayo Clinic School of Continuous Professional Development Arizona
2014	Flagstaff Medical Center
2013	<i>None Given</i>
2012	<i>None Given</i>
2011	Flagstaff Medical Center
2010	<i>None Given</i>

Year	Recipient(s)
2009	<i>None Given</i>
2008	Verde Valley Medical Center; Phoenix Children's Hospital; MICA
2007	<i>None Given</i>
2006	<i>None Given</i>
2005	<i>None Given</i>
2004	<i>None Given</i>
2003	Scottsdale Shea (excellence in overall CME standards)
2002	VA Medical Center (innovation and creativity)
2001	Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona (MICA) (excellence in overall CME standards)
2000	<i>None Given</i>
1999	Verde Valley (innovation and creativity)
1998	THMEP (excellence in overall CME standards)

ArMA Distinguished Service Award

Presented to an individual or organization providing outstanding service to the community.

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Jennifer Hartmark-Hill, MD, FAAFP
2024	Dr. Gretchen Alexander
2023	David Greenberg, MD
2022	Amish Shah, MD
2021	Ross Goldberg, MD
2020	Banner University Whole Health Clinic
2019	Roopashree Prabhushankar, MD
2018	Jeffrey Webber, MD
2017	Cronkite News — Arizona State University
2016	M. Walt Davis; Carol Wagner
2015	Raymond Woosley, MD, PhD
2014	Stuart Flynn, MD
2013	Representative Heather Carter
2012	Margaret (Peggy) Stemmler, MD
2011	Thomas J. Betlach
2010	Ana Maria Lopez, MD, MPH, FACP
2009	Beth A. Purdy, MD
2008	Victor F. Trastek, MD
2007	Richard Daley, MD
2006	Ram R. Krishna, MD; Larry Etchechury; Vanessa Weber; Sheryl Kornman; ArMA Financial Services Inc.; Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association; Foundation for Senior Living
2005	Steve Nash; Assistance League of Phoenix; Charlie & Kay Dries; Robert F. Crawford, MD; James B. Klein, MD; Angela Gonzales; St. Luke's Health Initiatives
2004	<i>None Given</i>

Year	Recipient(s)
2003	Ronald S. Weinstein, MD; Upward Foundation; Merlin W. Kampfer, MD; Phyllis Biedess
2002	Walt Sosey, MD; Merrill M. Abeshaus, MD
2001	David Landrith; Rotary International
2000	James Balserak, MD; Bruce Bethancourt Jr., MD; Harold Magalnick, MD; J. Michael Powers, MD; Snell & Wilmer
1999	MICA Board of Directors; Debbie McCune-Davis
1998	Wendy Baldo; James E. Dalen, MD
1997	Kendall Allred; St. Luke's Men; Governor Jane D. Hull; Monsignor Ed Ryle; Ram Krishna, MD; Frank Parks, Esq.
1996	Robert O. Wilson, MD
1995	Anne T. Denogean
1994	Leonard Kirschner, MD
1993	Tu Nidito
1992	Richard D. Zonis, MD; Anthony Mitten, JD; The Honorable Roger L. Kaufman; Douglas N. Cerf; Lucy Jackson; Kathy Utzinger; Marshall B. Block, MD; The Honorable Jon Kyl; Pioneer Ford CUP Program; Arizona Multi-Cultural Youth Theater
1989	Jack E. Brooks, MD, Scottsdale Prevention Institute

ArMA President's Award

Selected at the discretion of the immediate past president.

Year	Recipient(s)
2025	Libby DeBie, CAE
2024	Dr. Tim Beger
2022	Susan Whitely, MD
2021	ArMA Staff
2020	<i>None Given</i>
2019	Dave Madden, MD, FACR; Libby McDannell; Ross Goldberg, MD
2018	Sharla Hooper
2017	Chic Older
2016	Judy Laufer
2015	<i>None Given</i>
2014	Governor Jan Brewer