



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Arizona Medical Association Announces 2022 Health Care Award Recipients

May 5, 2022 (Phoenix) — The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) is proud to announce and recognize the recipients of our [**2022 Health Care Awards**](#). Given to members of our community annually, these awards honor the excellence and achievements of Arizona physicians, organizations, and other exemplary individuals. This year's recipients are innovative, compassionate, and driven to make a difference in the world of health care.

"ArMA is pleased to honor our award recipients, who have shown dedication to providing the highest level of care to Arizonans and advocating for improvements in health policy," expressed Libby McDannell, ArMA CEO. "This year's recipients have gone above and beyond in their support of Arizona's healthcare community by dedicating their efforts to improving the lives of the patients and communities we serve. We congratulate them and thank them for their excellence in healthcare."

Distinguished Service Award: Representative Amish Shah, MD

- Presented to an individual or organization that provides outstanding service to the community, this year's Distinguished Service Award is awarded to Representative Amish Shah, MD. Dr. Shah is a true champion for Arizonans' health in both his capacity as a public servant and as an emergency room physician. [**Watch Dr. Shah's acceptance speech »**](#)

Health & Fitness Award: Anikar Chhabra, MD

- Awarded to an individual or a group that demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to Arizonans' health and fitness, this year's Health & Fitness Award recognizes Dr. Anikar Chhabra. Using his platform as a physician leader, Dr. Chhabra advocates for the advancement of safety in youth sports. [**Watch Dr. Chhabra's acceptance speech »**](#)

David O. Landrith Humanitarian Award: Representative Joanne Osborne

- The David O. Landrith Humanitarian Award recognizes an individual for the selfless actions they take to improve our community. As the Arizona State Legislature's House Health and Human Services Committee Chair, Representative Joanne Osborne has consistently brought the kindness, professionalism, and dedication to Arizona healthcare that this award's namesake embodied. [Watch Representative Osborne's acceptance speech »](#)

Public Health Service Award: Theresa A. Cullen, MD, MS

- Presented in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), the Public Health Service Award recognizes an individual, organization, or educational program that has performed extensive efforts regarding public health issues. As director of the Pima County Health Department (PCHD), Dr. Theresa Cullen is more than deserving of this honor, having demonstrated tremendous commitment, expertise, and compassion in local, regional, and statewide responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Watch Dr. Cullen's acceptance speech »](#)

Walk the Talk Award: Senator Tyler Pace

- Senator Tyler Pace is awarded the Walk the Talk Award, which recognizes an individual or organization that goes above and beyond in their support of medicine, often in health policy-related matters. As the Vice-Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senator Pace's deep understanding of the healthcare system makes him a voice of reason and healthcare champion within the Arizona State Legislature. [Watch Senator Pace's acceptance speech »](#)

CH William Ruhe Award: HonorHealth

- HonorHealth continues to develop new and innovative continuing medical education (CME) programs to serve the highly matrixed network of physician learners as well as professionals in other disciplines. For this service to the healthcare community, HonorHealth is awarded the CH William Ruhe Award, which recognizes excellence in accredited CME. [Watch HonorHealth's acceptance speech»](#)

National Leadership Award: Scott Swanson, MD

- The National Leadership Award is presented to an individual who has served in a leadership position within a national medical organization. Having recently completed a term as president of the American Urological Association (AUA), Dr. Scott Swanson is an exemplary recipient of this award. [Watch Dr. Swanson's acceptance speech »](#)

Rising Star Award: Laura Hamant, MD

- The Rising Star Award recognizes an ArMA medical student, resident, fellow, or early-career physician who has demonstrated enthusiasm for organized medicine. This year's recipient, Dr. Laura Hamant is a dedicated leader, and she has been instrumental in the development, implementation, and growth of ArMA's Medical Student and Resident Fellow Sections. [Watch Dr. Hamant's acceptance speech »](#)

ArMA's President's Award: Susan Whitely, MD

- Each year, ArMA's president identifies an individual or group of individuals who supported them during their presidential term. ArMA's Immediate Past President Miriam Anand, MD, is pleased to honor Dr. Susan Whitely for consistently and generously offering her assistance and support. [View Dr. Whitely's acceptance speech »](#)

Wallace A. Reed, MD Award: Tiffany Pankow, MD

In recognition of her innovative mindset, Dr. Tiffany Pankow is the recipient of the Wallace A. Reed, MD Award, which is presented to an individual who applies ingenuity to challenges in health care. Committed to improving patient care by changing the systems of care, Dr. Pankow is an ideal recipient of this award. [Watch Dr. Pankow's acceptance speech »](#)

###

About the Arizona Medical Association

The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) is the largest organization in the state representing the interests of all physicians. Since 1892, ArMA has been advancing patient care and providing its members with leadership, advocacy, education, and community. For more information, visit www.AZmed.org and follow ArMA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).