

# Public Health Awards 2011

Public health is what a community does to make sure its residents are healthy. Public health is at the heart of much of Bermuda's day-to-day functioning, but is largely invisible. Public Health Week which includes World Health Day provides a unique opportunity to promote actions that can improve our health. The key health issue for Public Health Week 2011 is Preventing Antibiotic Resistance with the theme "*Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work*". Antibiotic resistance, also known as drug resistance, occurs when antibiotics can no longer cure bacterial infections due to improper use and abuse of antibiotics. For example, over-prescribing antibiotics, starting and stopping medications, giving leftover medications to a friend who appears to have the same ailment you had, all contribute to the problem of antibiotic drug resistance. Physicians and pharmacists play a vital role in protecting the public's health through promoting appropriate antibiotic use. Antibiotic resistance is combated when physicians prescribe antibiotics only when needed and pharmacists recommend over-the-counter medication for relief from cold and flu symptoms. Appropriate use of antibiotics is important in protecting the public's health and this is why the Department of Health wishes to recognise physicians' and pharmacists' contribution to public health in Bermuda. If you know a physician or pharmacist who has contributed significantly to the health of Bermuda's population, you are invited to nominate them for a Public Health Award.

Nominations must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Nominations will only be considered if:

- the Public Health Awards Nomination Form is completed
- the Form is received by the Health Promotion Office by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011
- the nominees fulfil all the criteria detailed below

Recipients of the Public Health Award will be selected by the Public Health Awards Committee.

## Guidelines

This year the Public Health Awards will recognize "*Physicians and Pharmacists Contribution to Public Health*". The Award will recognize a physician and a pharmacist who has distinguished himself/herself and the profession by outstanding contribution in medical or pharmacy practice that has resulted in a significant improvement in the health of the population he/she serves.

**Criteria:** Nominees whose actions have made a significant contribution to improving health in the Bermuda community, will be considered for the Public Health Awards 2011. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. The individual nominated has made a real difference in protecting the public's health.
2. Nominee must be currently working as a Physician or Pharmacist.
3. Nominee interacts with and educates patients on the appropriate use of antibiotics.
4. Nominee has gone **above and beyond** the call of duty.
5. Nominee "Thinks outside of the box" to find creative ways to be effective.
6. Nominee's actions have sustained impact and contributions to positive patient or health outcomes.
7. Nomination reached the Health Promotion Office by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 on appropriate form.

**NOTE: Nominations may be submitted by any individual; however, persons with executive or managerial positions cannot nominate themselves. This is to ensure a fair process.**

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## Nomination Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Position of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's address: \_\_\_\_\_

How has nominee made a difference in protecting the public's health?

Is nominee currently working as a Physician or Pharmacist? Tick:  Yes  No

Explain how the nominee interacts with and educates patients on appropriate use of antibiotics?

How did nominee go above and beyond the call of duty?

How were nominee's contributions different or creative?

How did nominee's actions make a difference?

SUBMITTED BY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to the Health Promotion Office by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011:

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