

2025 Robert L. Wears Patient Safety Leadership Award

About the Award:

This award is named in honor of Robert L. Wears, MD, MS, PhD, for his pioneer work in patient safety. Dr. Wears was an emergency medicine physician who transformed the way investigators approach patient safety research. Described as both humble and brilliant, Dr. Wears provided mentorship and guidance to an array of healthcare providers pursuing careers in safety science. Dr. Wears served on the editorial boards of 10 major medical and patient safety journals and was a reviewer for 3 dozen more. An active researcher, he was a professor of emergency medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine–Jacksonville, and held professorships at the Imperial College School of Medicine in London; the Institute for Health Innovation at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia; and the University of Southern Denmark.

PURPOSE

The Robert L. Wears Patient Safety Award honors a (a) volunteer; (b) individual; (c) team; or (d) organization who has significantly impacted the field of patient safety through critical analysis, research, education or knowledge dissemination.

CRITERIA

Nominees for the Robert L. Wears Patient Safety Award should be healthcare professionals or entities or teams who:

1. Advance the field of patient safety through meaningful research, policy development, quality improvement and/or scholarship.
2. Develop and mentor future leaders for the long-term work of quality and safety education and practice.
3. Demonstrate excellence in leading interprofessional initiatives designed to improve quality and safety education and advancement of patient safety initiatives in practice and/or academic settings.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

Nominations for the 2025 Robert L. Wears Patient Safety Award must be received by **January 2, 2025, 11:59 PM EST. Submissions received after the nomination deadline will not be considered.** Nominators and the winning Nominee will be notified via email by **February 3, 2025. Include the category for the nomination consideration and the nominee's contact information (e-mail address and phone number).**

Nomination letters (500 word maximum) need to include examples of the Nominee's qualifications per the criteria defined above.

Please e-mail the nomination letter to Dr. Teri Chenot at chenot.4@osu.edu.