



*The Mary Pazdur Award*  
**Excellence in  
Advanced Practice  
in Oncology**

## ***The Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology***

### **Nomination Guidelines**

This award is dedicated to the memory of Mary Pazdur, NP, whose life and career were instrumental in the creation of the *Journal of the Advanced Practitioner in Oncology* (JADPRO). **The Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology** recognizes and honors an advanced practitioner (AP) member of the Advanced Practitioner Society for Hematology and Oncology (APSHO), who demonstrates exemplary leadership and makes outstanding contributions in the areas of clinical practice, research, education, collaboration, and mentorship.

The APSHO Board of Directors and Awards and Recognition Committee invite you to nominate a deserving advanced practitioner member of APSHO, defined as a nurse practitioner (NP), physician associate (PA), clinical nurse specialist (CNS) or pharmacist (PharmD), for consideration of this prestigious award. The winner of the 2026 Mary Pazdur Award will be recognized during the JADPRO Live conference October 15-18, 2026. Please see the nomination criteria and award details below. For more information on JADPRO Live, please visit the conference website, [JADPROLive.com](http://JADPROLive.com).

**The nomination submission deadline is 11:59pm PDT on Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

Nominations must be completed by 11:59pm PDT on Thursday, April 30, 2026, for the nomination to be considered for this award.

### **Nominator Requirements**

Nominations may be submitted by current or recent former colleagues (within two years) of the nominee. The nominator is not required to practice at the same institution or location as the nominee but should be able to provide a clear description of the qualifications and experience of the nominee through a shared professional oncology/hematology experience, with current relevance and letters of support. The nominator may be an advanced practitioner, physician, or a colleague of a different discipline. The nominator does not have to be a member of APSHO. Self-nominations will not be considered for this award.

### **Nominee Criteria**

**The nominee must be a current member of APSHO and an advanced practitioner**, defined as a nurse practitioner (NP), physician associate (PA), clinical nurse specialist (CNS), or pharmacist.  
*Current practice or role of the nominee:*

The nominee must have a minimum of five years of experience in oncology/hematology and be currently practicing in one or more of the following roles:

- Clinical practice
  - Direct patient care as provider and/or prescriber; collaborative care with physicians or within an interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary team; provision of care during clinical trials, procedures, symptom management, and treatment or level-of-care decisions
  - Settings may include an academic medical center, comprehensive cancer center, community cancer center, hospital inpatient, outpatient hospital-based cancer center, private practice, palliative care, or hospice
- Quantitative or qualitative research
  - Principal investigator or co-investigator experience, protocol development, review board correspondence, patient recruitment and consent, direct patient care, grading and management of adverse events, data collection, data analysis, reporting or presentation, and/or publication
- Committee or other collaborative work
  - Involvement or leadership in tumor boards, guideline development, policy development, education, professional society work/contributions, publication, health care policy work
- Leadership
  - Clinic supervision, administration, team education, development of pilot projects, advanced practice specialty clinics, private practice, mentoring, program development
- Education
  - Faculty, curriculum development, advisor, speaker/presenter, team education, mentoring, professional development
- Advocacy
  - Patient/caregiver advocacy work, mentoring programs, health care policy work, community education, event organization, program development

*Nominee characteristics:*

A nominee should possess and demonstrate excellence, passion, empathy, leadership, ethics, positive influence, vision, collaboration, and continuous learning.

*Nominee work and contributions:*

Nominees must exhibit evidence of contributions to oncology/hematology in areas such as clinical practice, research, quality improvement, guideline development, collaborative practice/projects, AP-led projects, mentorship, or oncology/hematology literature. Nominees must exhibit activity within APSHO, JADPRO, or JADPRO Live. Nominators are encouraged to provide as much information as possible regarding the contributions of the nominee. Strong consideration will be given for the nominee's active contributions/participation in APSHO and/or JADPRO Live.

*Eligibility:*

The following individuals are NOT eligible for the award at this time:

- APSHO Board of Directors (BOD) – current term and/or while under consideration for an APSHO BOD seat\*
- APSHO Awards and Recognition Committee – current membership or chair term

- JADPRO Live Planning Committee and/or conference chair – current term
- Advanced practitioners not currently working in oncology/hematology (such as working in a different specialty or in retirement)
- Advanced practitioners who are not members of APSHO

\*Committee review of nominations and recipient selection for this award typically occurs prior to the annual APSHO BOD ballot creation and voting. Nominees and named award recipients are not precluded from participating in future elections to the APSHO BOD.

### **Nomination Submission Requirements**

The nominator should submit the following information regarding the nominee and include supporting documentation. A nomination will not be considered for review process without the following:

- Full name, credentials, title/position, institution, email, and phone number of the nominator
- Full name, credentials, title/position, institution, email, and phone number of the nominee
- Cover letter for the nomination, including, but not limited to:
  - An introduction of themselves and a description of their professional relationship to nominee
- Separate essay on why this person is being nominated (**1,000 word maximum**), to include:
  - Description of nominee attributes
  - Nominee's key contributions to oncology/hematology **using descriptive examples**
  - Highlights of the nominee's APSHO involvement and contributions
  - Statement as to why this person should receive the award
- Letters of recommendation\* from two additional sources (**2 letter maximum**), to include:
  - Full name, credentials, title/position, institution, email and phone number of the sources
- Curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee is required (a current CV is preferred but may be from within the past 6-12 months). The nominee's CV should include their membership with APSHO and APSHO areas of involvement as indicated.
- Additional supporting documentation or statements the nominator would like to provide (**2 document maximum**)

*\*Letters of recommendation must come from current or recent colleagues (within two years) who can add to or support the narrative of the nominator regarding the qualifications and experience of the nominee. For this purpose, a colleague may or may not be an advanced practitioner but should also be able to express support through a shared professional oncology/hematology experience.*

Submission requirements must be met and approved for a nomination to move into the review process. If there are questions regarding the submission information for a nomination, the nominator will be notified by the nomination coordinator for the APSHO Awards and Recognition Committee.

### **Nominee Review Process**

All nominations meeting submission requirements will undergo review by members and leadership of the APSHO Awards and Recognition Committee via this nomination system. The committee may

contact nominators with questions regarding the information in the nomination and may also contact sources of the supporting letters of recommendation. During the review process, the committee may contact nominees with questions or for additional information.

**Reviewers will answer the following questions during the review process:**

- There is sufficient evidence of a shared professional experience between the nominator and nominee (yes/no)
- There is sufficient evidence of the nominee having five years or greater experience in oncology/hematology (yes/no)
- The nomination provides a description of nominee attributes and examples of key contributions (yes/no)
- The nomination provides adequate recommendation from two additional colleagues (yes/no)
- The nomination provides sufficient information for consideration of the nominee for this award via demographics, cover letter, essay, letters of recommendation, CV and additional supporting documentation as applicable (yes/no)
- The nominee CV includes APSHO membership and activities as indicated.

**Reviewers will rate the nomination in each of the following areas using a scale of 1-5, where 1 = does not meet criteria and 5 = surpasses expectations of the criteria:**

1 = The nomination does not meet the criteria

2 = The nomination meets the minimal expectations of the criteria

3 = The nomination meets the standard expectations of the criteria

4 = The nomination effectively exceeds the standard expectations of the criteria

5 = The nomination surpasses the expectations of the criteria

- The nominee is currently practicing in one or more of the following areas: clinical practice, quantitative or qualitative research, committee/collaborative work, leadership, education, and/or advocacy.
- The nominee's characteristics and work demonstrate excellence, skill, and strong ethics.
- The nominee embraces and participates in continuous learning.
- The nominee exhibits passion, empathy, and positive influence in both character and work.
- The nominee works with vision and demonstrates exemplary leadership.
- The nominee values collaboration in practice.

**Nomination Review Period**

The nomination review period will be May 1 – May 31, 2026.

**Nominee Selection**

Once nomination reviews are complete, the selection of the 2026 award recipient will be determined by the APSHO Awards and Recognition Committee in June 2026. The committee will first notify the nominator and the award recipient. Once acceptance is confirmed, all remaining nominators and their nominees will be notified.

The award recipient will receive \$5,000, recognition during the JADPRO Live conference, travel to JADPRO Live 2026 (including registration to the JADPRO Live conference, hotel accommodations for 3 nights at the Hilton Minneapolis, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 15–18, 2026, roundtrip airfare, hotel transfers and meals which are included in conference registration), and recognition at the conference as well as potential APSHO/JADPRO Publications and social media. Please review ***The Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology Official Rules*** for important information on the details of each of the award components listed here, including value and stipulations. The Official Rules can also be found at [MaryPazdurAward.com](http://MaryPazdurAward.com).

Up to three, highest-scoring, eligible nominations that are not selected for this year's award will automatically roll forward for a second-year review in 2026. Consent for a second review will be obtained from the nominee and nominator. A rollover nomination will require an updated nominee CV and a written statement from the nominator (500-word max) summarizing any new information since the original nomination that should be considered in review. If a top-scoring nominee has previously rolled forward, the nominator will be notified, as subsequent nominations beyond one rollover must be submitted as a new nomination.

### **Recipient Responsibilities and Activities**

Once the award recipient is confirmed, the conference Events Team will work with APSHO and the recipient on preparation for award activities at JADPRO Live. This will include paperwork, orchestration of interviews/videography, registration, and travel. The recipient will be asked to deliver the Mary Pazdur Award lecture, in conjunction with the presentation of the award at JADPRO Live. The lecture will be 45-60 minutes and will be CE accredited. The Editorial Team of JADPRO Live will work with the recipient in preparation for the lecture, including providing assistance with topic/content and slides.

### **Accessing the Nomination Submission System**

Nominators may access the nomination submission system by going to the award website, [MaryPazdurAward.com](http://MaryPazdurAward.com).

For questions or concerns about the nomination process of *The Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology*, contact [info@apsho.org](mailto:info@apsho.org).

For more information about Mary Pazdur and this award dedicated to her memory, please visit [MaryPazdurAward.com](http://MaryPazdurAward.com).