



## Richard W. Bowling – Richard E. Erhard Orthopedic Clinical Practice Impact Award

- **Purpose:** To acknowledge individuals who have made an outstanding and lasting contribution to the clinical practice of orthopedic physical therapy as exemplified by the professional careers of Richard W. Bowling and Richard E. Erhard.
- **Eligibility:**
  - APTA Orthopedics Member in good standing.
  - Orthopedic physical therapy clinical practice for at least 15 years.
- **Criteria for consideration:**
  - The Awards Committee will consider the following as guidelines in the selection process:
    - Substantial effect on shape, scope, and quality of orthopedic physical therapy practice.
    - Effect on other physical therapists' ability to practice orthopedic physical therapy.
    - Effect on the development of evidence-based orthopedic physical therapy practice.
    - Contributed to the overall and widespread substantiation of orthopedic physical therapy.
    - Quality and quantity of contributions to the APTA Orthopedics.
- **Required Letters of Support:**
  - Required documents must be submitted with the nominee's CV **by July 1st** in a **single PDF file** compiled by the primary nominator to: [tfred@orthopt.org](mailto:tfred@orthopt.org).
  - A nomination letter up to 3 pages in length.
  - Support statements not to exceed 2 pages in from one to two individuals impacted by the nominee's actions.
  - The nominee's up-to-date CV
- **Resubmission or Update of Nominations**
  - If nominators contact the APTA Orthopedics office before the nomination deadline, the Awards Committee will consider nomination packets for award nominees who are not selected in the following year's awards process.
  - Nominators have the option to submit the previous nomination packet or provide an updated version.

- **Review and Selection:**
  - Number of awardees:
    - Each award will be presented **only** if qualified candidates are nominated. One awardee per award is standard, however in the case multiple exceptional nominees are submitted for a single award, the committee may recommend up to two awardees for the Board of Directors' consideration.
      - In the instance of multiple proposed awardees, the committee should identify their top choice individual.
  - The Awards Committee and Board Members with conflicts of interest must abstain from voting or recommending award winners.
  - The Awards Committee recommends awardees to APTA Orthopedics Board of Directors by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Awards Notification**
  - APTA Orthopedics President will notify Award Recipients by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Nominators of individuals selected to receive the award are notified, thanking them for their nomination and inviting them to attend the APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) Awards Ceremony, where they will be introduced along with the recipient during the presentation of the award.
  - The nominators of individuals not selected will be notified in writing thanking them for participating in the APTA Orthopedics awards program and informing them of the award resubmission policy.
- **The Award and its Presentation**
  - APTA Orthopedics will reimburse awards recipients for round-trip coach airfare from any US location to the conference site in accordance with APTA Orthopedics' CSM Reimbursement Policy.
  - Reimburse one night's lodging at or below the conference hotel's nightly rate and per diem.
  - A plaque recognizing each award recipient.