



SCTS NAHP Team Awards 2024-2025

Nursing and Allied Health Professionals are a rapidly growing group within our SCTS, who play a vital role in the delivery of high-quality patient care in Cardiothoracic surgery. The nominated work for this award must have had tangible positive outcomes, such as demonstrable improvements in patient care or in the effectiveness of service provision, demonstrating the value of health care professionals in this important year for the profession.

Deadline: 16:00, 31st January 2025.

Who can enter? Anyone working in CT surgery can enter for their team.

What do you need to do?

- Name of the person nominating and their title, hospital name and contact details.
- Please pick one of the categories from below to nominate your team.
- Please write 1000 words covering all aspects mentioned in the **criteria** section below for judging/scoring.
- Please write all the names of the team and contact details of who have been nominated for this award.

Categories are: Please note that a hospital is allowed to enter only **two categories** from the following list per year. All allied health professionals, nursing and surgical care practitioner teams can enter as a team as a whole or as separately. You can nominate a chosen individual for the inspirational star award.

- Cardiac team of the year
- Thoracic team of the year
- Theatres team of the year
- Excellence award for innovation in practice
- Inspirational star of the year

These awards are open to professional teams working in CT surgery. It aims to recognise the team initiatives that contribute to achieving the best clinical care in our speciality, which are outlined in the SCTS NAHP vision for the next 5 years.

These are:

- Improving awareness and understanding of the CT speciality by actively promoting the relationship between high-quality care and clinical outcomes.
- Demonstrating leadership to share best clinical practice locally, nationally and internationally.
- Demonstrating education, teaching and development of future generations to deliver the best clinical practice locally, nationally and internationally.



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- Dynamically connecting with colleagues to network/benchmark best practice using a wide variety of media sources.
- Actively promoting patient involvement and engagement ensuring increased opportunities for patients, families, and communities to access best evidence based and clinical care opportunities.
- Improving continuity of care by developing new methods of sharing of information.
- Implement a service development across an organisation to involve all staff in improving patients' experience of care.

Each entry will be judged against the following criteria:

- **Innovation:** Originality of the idea.
- **Value:** Impact of the initiative on patient care and/or service effectiveness.
- **Patient focus:** Evidence that patient/service user need was central to the work.
- **Collaboration:** Evidence of the involvement of other professionals (MDT), services and/or patients in the project.
- **Clinical effectiveness:** Data demonstrating how this initiative drives clinical enhancements.
- **Leadership:** Evidence of entrants championing their innovation in their organisation or more widely.
- **Adaptability:** Ideas that could be adapted for use elsewhere in applicants' organisations or other organisations.
- **Sustainability:** Initiatives that can be embedded within organisations to operate without the input of the people who developed them.

If your team is shortlisted for this award you will be informed via email. The winners will be announced at the SCTS annual dinner in March 2025. Shortlisted teams will be asked to produce a short video to be showcased at this year's annual meeting and may be published on the website.

*Please make sure that at least half nominated members in the team are current SCTS members or willing to become member. If not, please ask them to apply for the membership as soon as possible at the following link: <https://scts.org/join/default.aspx>

Many thanks

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