

## ABOUT THE AWARD

**This is a team-based award. A Sterile Processing (SP) team may apply for this award, or an SP employee may submit an essay on behalf of the department.**

This award recognizes a Sterile Processing department (SPD) or team that implemented a quality improvement (QI) initiative or program over the past year that enhanced the department's outcomes for the healthcare organization and its patients.

Nominees will be evaluated on a typewritten essay about the team's QI initiative and the results realized through its implementation. The submission must include supporting evidence and data to clearly explain the program and the outcomes achieved.

The team that receives this award will be recognized during the 2026 HSPA Conference, and will receive an engraved plaque and a \$1,000 HSPA educational grant.

*Please note: a person may not be the recipient of this award for two consecutive years.*

## SECTION 1: **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Team Name/Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: **TEAM PARTICIPANTS**

Names and Titles of All Team Participants (Including the Team Manager/Supervisor): \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION 3: **DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Nominations for this award must include the following:**

- ☐ A typewritten essay about the SPD's quality improvement program or initiative and the results realized through its implementation.
- ☐ Supporting evidence and data to clearly explain the program and outcomes achieved.

## SECTION 4: **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

**Please submit this application and supporting documents to:**

Mail: **HSPA**  
**c/o Awards Committee**  
**55 West Wacker Drive, Suite 501**  
**Chicago, IL 60601**

Fax: **312.440.9474**  
Email: **awards@myhspa.org**

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 23, 2026**