

2018 Transplant Nurses Day Essay Contest

Transplant Nurses: The Heart of Healthcare

All nominations must be received by Wednesday, 28 February 2018.



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In April 2006, the International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS) created Transplant Nurses Day to raise awareness of the unique contributions transplant nurses make in the lives of the people with whom they work, especially their patients. The celebration takes place the third Wednesday in April, this year 18 April, and recognizes the skill and commitment of transplant nurses around the world.

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As appreciation of this important day grows, ITNS is committed to creating more opportunities for nurses to celebrate their contributions. The Transplant Nurses Day Essay Contest allows patients to nominate an ITNS transplant nurse who has made a difference in their lives. The winning essay will be featured in a future issue of the *ITNS Insider*. In addition, the nurse will receive a recognition award, a letter sent to his or her supervisor, and acknowledgement on the ITNS website and in an ITNS E-Updates membership e-mail.

WHO can enter?

Any transplant patient currently or formerly under the care of an ITNS-member transplant nurse can participate. Ask your nurse or transplant coordinator if he or she is a member of ITNS.

WHAT is the theme of the essay?

The 2018 theme is "Transplant Nurses: The Heart of Healthcare." What is unique about your nominee? Why is he or she important to you, or your family, or both? How did your nominee make a difference in your life?

HOW LONG should the essay be?

The essay should be 300-500 words in length and formatted to fit on one page.

WHAT do I need to submit?

- A 300-500 word essay focusing on the topic "Transplant Nurses: The Heart of Healthcare." Each essay must be original, authentic, unpublished, and the sole property of the entrant.
- Your personal information printed in the top-right corner of the essay:
 - ✓ First and last name
 - ✓ Address
 - ✓ Phone
 - ✓ E-mail
- A copy of the completed entry form (below).

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Patient's Name _____ Nurse's Name _____

Patient Information

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

E-mail address _____ Date _____

Daytime phone _____ Signature _____
(of parent or guardian if entrant is under 18)

Eligibility: The contest is open to transplant patients currently or formerly under the care of an ITNS-member transplant nurse.

Deadline: All submissions are due by Wednesday, 28 February 2018.

Prizes: One winning submission will be chosen for publication in a future issue of the *ITNS Insider* and for possible use in ITNS materials such as a press release, the ITNS website, and an e-blast.



Submit entries to: ITNS
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