

2023 BCLA Hospital Optometry Practitioner of the Year Award

The BCLA is looking for a Hospital Optometrist who can demonstrate the important role Contact Lenses play in the management of complex corneal disease and the correction of refractive error, in patients provided with services in a Secondary Care Ophthalmology/Optometry hospital environment.

The BCLA Hospital Optometry Practitioner of the Year Award will be given to an individual working in a Hospital Setting, with a proven record in successfully managing complex corneal and refractive error patients within a hospital setting. It is aimed to honor and recognize the work of a Hospital based Contact Lens Practitioner who has improved the health, vision, and ophthalmic care of patients receiving care within a hospital setting.

Nominee criteria

- Awarded to a Hospital Optometrist, who can demonstrate an understanding of the management of complex corneal disease, and refractive error, in patients, through the application of contact lenses.
- Nominees must be employed (Full Time or Part Time) as a Hospital Optometrist.
- Nominees should be willing to share their experience, if required by the judging panel to assess criteria for the suitability of the award.
- Nominees should be able to demonstrate how their use of contact lenses supports their patient's needs, whilst maintaining their ocular health.
- Nominees will need to show an in-depth understanding of a range of contact lens products/treatments available in managing patients with complex eye disease and refractive errors.
- Three detailed case records should be presented, demonstrating different aspects of complex contact lens care.
- Nominees must be a registered delegate at the 2023 Clinical Conference & Exhibition to accept the award in-person if they win. Regrettably the BCLA cannot cover any expenses for conference fees or travel/accommodation.

Nominations criteria

- Any member of the BCLA may nominate any person they feel is qualified for the award.
- Nominations must be received by 10 April 2023.
- The nomination must include a statement highlighting why the individual agrees to be nominated, paying particular attention to how they meet the criteria. Supporting documentation such as patient and/or colleague testimonials, images, scans, etc. will be encouraged.

Judging details

- All applications will be reviewed in confidence by the BCLA Academic Committee. The decision of the Committee, once ratified by the BCLA Council, is final and binding. Under no circumstance will correspondence be entered into.
- In the unlikely event of a tied result or any other exceptional circumstances a final decision will be made by the BCLA President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, and CEO.
- A shortlist will be drawn, and shortlisted nominees will be notified.
- The decision will be announced at the BCLA Clinical Conference & Exhibition on 9 – 11 June where the winner will be presented with their award.

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- The recipient of the award will be presented with a commemoration plaque by the President of the BCLA, who will read a citation describing the achievements of the recipient.
- If, for any reason, the recipient, who will have registered to attend the Conference, cannot attend the Conference, this will not preclude them from receiving the award.

2023 Hospital Optometry Practitioner of the Year Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Full Name

Nominee's Contact Details (*email address, telephone*)

Please describe how the nominee meets the nomination criteria and why they deserve the award (*1000 words max. Please attach a separate page and any supporting documentation, if required*)



Nominator's full name (if applicable)

Nominator's contact details (*email address, telephone*), if applicable

Date

To be considered for the 2023 BCLA Hospital Optometry Practitioner of the Year Award, please return the nomination form by **10 April 2023**, together with any additional pertinent information via email to events@bcla.org.uk