

## **AFHTO “Bright Lights” Award Nominations are open:**

### **Opportunity for grant to attend IHI Conference**

The first ever “Bright Lights” awards will be presented at the AFHTO 2012 Conference Awards Dinner, on October 16. This award program recognizes the leadership, outstanding work and significant progress being made to improve the value delivered by Family Health Teams. There are 11 award categories corresponding to the themes of the AFHTO 2012 Conference.

In one of the award categories – **Best Practices in Health Promotion and Chronic Care** – four winners will be supported **to attend the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Conference on April 7-9, 2013, in Scottsdale, Arizona.**

With this award sponsorship now in place, nominations for all of the award categories are being re-opened. **Application deadline is Tuesday, September 4, 2012.**

### **Awards for Best Practices in Health Promotion and Chronic Care**

- Boehringer Ingelheim is sponsoring a grant of \$3000 for each of four FHTs (\$12,000 in total) that demonstrate strong performance in Health Promotion and Chronic Care programs. Examples include programs targeted to healthy living, weight control, hypertension/cardiovascular disease, lung health/respiratory disease, diabetes, chronic pain, etc.
- The \$3,000 grant is to be used by the FHT to send one team member to the IHI’s 14th Annual International Summit on Improving Patient Care in the Office Practice & the Community.
- Award recipients are asked to share their learning from the IHI Conference within their Family Health Team and/or with others as appropriate.
- To be considered for an award in the **Best Practices in Health Promotion and Chronic Care** category, The FHT must be an AFHTO member and the nomination form must be completed in full for this category, on line, in full: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3CM399J>
- Award recipients will be selected by an independent panel consisting of four AFHTO board members at arm's length from the nominees.
- The award sponsor will present the four awards at the AFHTO Conference Dinner. The sponsor has no other involvement in the program – it has no role in establishment of award criteria, call for nominations, judging nor selection of the program winners.

### **Awards for all other categories**

- To nominate an individual or FHT for recognition as a “Bright Light”, please complete the generic award nomination form, on line, in full: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YZQPW2Z>
- Award recipients will be selected by an independent panel consisting of four AFHTO board members at arm's length from the nominees.
- Recipients will receive an award that can be proudly displayed in FHT waiting rooms or offices.
- Recognition will also include a write-up on the AFHTO website and e-mail blast.

**For more information go to: [www.afhto.ca/events/brightlights/](http://www.afhto.ca/events/brightlights/)**