Excellence in Clinical Practice Award nominees will be sent a selection criteria form to complete. Activities cited must occur within the previous five (5) years. Categories are similar to the type of projects and activities included in a clinical ladder:

- CPAN or CAPA certification
- Development of perianesthesia standards of care/chair, author, committee member
- Development of pre-printed or electronic care plan for specific population/chair, author, committee member
- Development of perianesthesia documentation record/chair, author, committee member
- Development of perianesthesia patient teaching tool/chair, author, committee member
- Develop or implement unit-based or hospital-wide quality of care program/chair, author, committee member
- Development of unit-based perianesthesia competency
- Implemented teaching/validation of perianesthesia competency
- Functioned in role of charge nurse > 50% of scheduled work time
- Mentored new charge nurse (formal program) at least 50% of orientation
- Coordinated unit competency based orientation program
- Preceptor to new staff nurses
- Coordinated unit-based quality improvement program for one year (identified what to monitor, evaluated progress, recommended corrective actions, reported outcomes)
- Monitored clinical activities related to quality improvement for one year (data collection)
- Coordinated CE program for unit for one year
- Provided unit-based or hospital-wide in-service on perianesthesia nursing <one hour long
- Presented CE lecture at least one hour in length on perianesthesia nursing locally or regionally
- Presented CE lecture on perianesthesia nursing at the national level
- Participated in community affairs, legislative activities or organizations that affect nursing
- Participated in perianesthesia research activity
- Conducted or published perianesthesia research activity
- Published a perianesthesia article (unrelated to committee responsibilities) in a civic, hospital or specialty newsletter
- Published a perianesthesia article in a national nursing journal
- Received award/recognition for excellence in patient care