

Sir Charles Burns Memorial Award Criteria

Purpose

The Sir Charles Burns Memorial Award will be presented to any person with diabetes who can demonstrate that he or she has managed their diabetes for a period of at least 50 years through the use of insulin therapy.

Background

Sir Charles Burns is generally acknowledged to be the first resident doctor to administer insulin to a patient in a New Zealand hospital. The patient was Isabell Styche, and the year 1923.

Sir Charles had a distinguished medical career and was knighted following a period as Vice President of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians from 1956 to 1958.

Eligibility

This Applicant must have diabetes which has been managed by insulin therapy for a continuous period of at least 50 years.

The applicant must provide a statement signed by the applicant, or close family member, providing details of the date of diagnosis. The statement needs to be certified by your general practitioner.

Applications

Applications may be made at any time by forwarding to the Chief Executive of Diabetes New Zealand. Applications will be considered by a sub-committee appointed by the Advisory Council.

Award winners will be announced in the subsequent issue of the Wellness magazine and where possible, the award will be presented to recipients at a suitable occasion – either a Diabetes New Zealand conference or a suitable branch function.