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Annual SHA Innovation Awards

Innovation in healthcare isn't just about breakthroughs—it's about the everyday efforts to improve care, solve challenges, and make a difference.

The Annual SHA Innovation Awards recognize and celebrate the teams and projects that are driving meaningful change across Saskatchewan's health system. From creative problem-solving at the point of care to collaborative initiatives that transform provincial outcomes, these awards shine a spotlight on the power of innovation close to home.

Designed to inspire and acknowledge, the awards provide a moment to step back and appreciate the ingenuity, dedication, and impact of SHA teams. Whether it's a small improvement that makes a big difference or a bold idea shaping the future, we invite you to take part in recognizing innovation and celebrating impact.

We're excited to invite nominations for the **Annual 2025 SHA Innovation Awards**, celebrating teams and initiatives that have made a meaningful impact on healthcare staff, patients, and communities in Saskatchewan.

If you know of an initiative that has transformed care, improved outcomes, or introduced creative solutions in our healthcare system, we encourage you to nominate it for this special recognition.

This is a chance to highlight the inspiring work happening across SHA and honor those who are making a difference. **Thankyou for taking the time to help us celebrate innovation in Saskatchewan health care!**

If you have any issues or questions when completing this form, please do not hesitate to send us an email at: **SHAInnovates@saskhealthauthority.ca**

Name of Project or Initiative being nominated

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Email Address

of the Nominator

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Telephone number

of the Nominator

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Location of the Project or Initiaitive

(Community and/or Health Network)

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If the initiative spans more than one community or region, simply indicate "multiple regions" or "province-wide" as appropriate.

Name of the Project Contact

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Please provide information for the primary contact who can speak to the details of the initiative.

Email for the Project Contact

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Department/Portfolio

of Project Team

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Names of Additional Team Members (optional)

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You are encouraged to credit all members of the team that contributed to this entry.

1. Please be sure to spell names correctly and get titles correct.
2. You may also use this space to credit any contributing organizations or other departments/portfolios.
3. Email addresses are not required. All communication or requests for more information will be directed through the nominator or primary contact for the project.

This form contains **seven questions** designed to gather a well-rounded picture of the project or initiative, including its collaborative efforts, impact, and innovative practices.

Here are some tips to help you make a strong submission:

• **Be specific:** *Highlight the initiative's goals, actions, outcomes, and any unique challenges it addressed.*

• **Show collaboration:** *Describe any partnerships or teamwork that played a key role in achieving the initiative's goals.*

• **Focus on the innovation:** *Share how this initiative introduced novel or creative solutions, overcame resource challenges, or made a notable impact on healthcare.*

Please keep responses brief (120-150 words or fewer) for each question. Bullet points are encouraged for clarity and readability.

Thank you again for your nomination, and best of luck!

Q1: What specific problem or challenge did this initiative aim to solve, and who did it affect? Briefly describe why addressing this issue was important.   150 words

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Tip: Be clear about the need for this innovation—describe the issue in a way that highlights its significance. Consider including a brief example or context to illustrate why this mattered.

Q2: Describe the innovative solution to the problem and explain how it differs from typical approaches.   150 words

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Tip: Focus on what makes this initiative stand out from the status quo. Did it introduce a new method, repurpose existing resources in a novel way, or overcome constraints creatively?

Q3: Who were the key collaborators (ie: internal teams, partners, or patients), and how did their involvement contribute to the initiative's results?

150 words

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Tip: Innovation rarely happens in isolation. Showcase how teamwork played a role—whether across departments, organizations, or with the community.

Q4: What measurable or observed impact has this initiative had on patients, staff, or healthcare operations? If available, please share an example, data, or a story to illustrate.

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Tip: If you don't have hard data, anecdotes and qualitative feedback can be just as compelling. A short, specific example makes a big difference.

Q5: What was the most difficult challenge or barrier encountered during the initiative, and how was it overcome? What key lessons learned might benefit similar initiatives?

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Tip: Every project faces obstacles—judges value learning as much as success. Share how the team adapted and what insights came from the experience.

Q6: How might this innovation be adapted for other areas or contexts within healthcare? What new support or collaboration would be needed to help realize its full potential?

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Tip: Think beyond the original setting. Could this idea work elsewhere in SHA? What would make scaling or adaptation possible?

Q7: In what ways does this initiative reflect our organization's values, such as safety, equity, compassion, and our commitment to Truth & Reconciliation?

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Tip: Link the initiative to broader SHA priorities and CARES framework. Even if values weren't a direct driver, consider how the project aligns with the bigger picture.

We encourage you to attach up to five images that help showcase the team and/or the initiative. While we may not use all submissions, images are valuable for promoting teams, innovations and the awards throughout the year - as well as preparing event materials for the awards celebration in May. (optional)

Please note images are not used by the judges and will not affect the assessment of your nomination. Submitted images are for promotion purposes only.

Material may be supplied as follows:

1. Upload JPEG, PNG or PDF files. Maximum file size is 5MB per piece. A maximum of five pieces can be uploaded with your entry.
2. You may also add other media, such as providing a website or intranet URLs to the publicly accessible campaign or landing pages.
3. ***Please do not upload any further written material as the judges will not consider these.*** The written component of your entry should be fully explained within the provided form fields.

That's it! You are ready to do the final review of your nomination on the next tab.

Please provide a description of the image and/or any credit required.

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If available, please provide a link to other promotional or publicly available information for the nominated   (optional) project.

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Types of materials may include a link to a video (ie: hosted on YouTube), a program website or intranet link, an online news article, or other publicly accessible sources.

You're almost done! Before you hit 'Submit', take a moment to review your nomination to ensure it's complete and accurate. Once submitted, you can still edit your nomination until the deadline, but a final check now will help make the process smoother.

Use this checklist to confirm everything is in place:

 Spelling & Accuracy – Double-check the spelling of names, titles, and key details.
 Contact Information – Ensure the nominee's and nominator's contact details are correct.
 Clear & Concise Responses – Have you answered each question within the suggested word count (120–150 words) while clearly demonstrating the impact?
 Supporting Materials – If you are submitting optional images, are they high quality and relevant?
 Future Edits – Remember, you can return to edit your nomination anytime before the deadline.

Once everything looks good, click '**Submit**' to complete your nomination.
Thank you for recognizing and celebrating innovation within the SHA!

Please watch *SHA Rounds* and *Leader Resources* for updates and more information.
Nominated initiatives and award recipients will be recognized during the **Annual SHA Innovation Awards celebration held in May.**