

Innovation Care Partners' Dr. Heather O'Toole Named the 2021 Dr. Martin L. Block Award Winner

We are excited to announce that our very own, Dr. Heather O'Toole, was recently announced as the recipient of the annual RISE Dr. Martin L. Block Award for Innovation & Excellence. This prestigious accolade is an esteemed award for quality and is presented each year to an individual who has advanced and significantly impacted the lives of seniors, while demonstrating the RISE mission to promote continuous improvement in the health care system over years of exemplary work.

The award was named in honor of Dr. Martin L. Block, who was lauded for his life's work in improving patient care and as an expert in the risk adjustment industry. Dr. Block passed away in 2013 from brain cancer and was posthumously recognized with the first Martin L. Block Award in 2014. Since that time, a respected nominee has been selected as a recipient for this prestigious honor. In 2020, RISE opted to forgo the traditional nomination and selection process and instead, used the award as an opportunity to recognize frontline health care workers that contracted and died from COVID-19.

With the 2020 award dedicated to the frontline health care workers, it only makes sense that Dr. O'Toole would be the 2021 recipient. Dr. O'Toole has put in countless hours since the start of the pandemic keeping the network up-to-speed with regular broadcasts on trends, medical advancements, hospital numbers, vaccines and so on. That dedication alone deserves special recognition. Dr. O'Toole was one of three finalists for the award after the initial field of 11 qualified nominations from across the country had been identified. We should certainly all take pride in this achievement and acknowledgement on a national scale. Click [HERE](#) if you would like to view Dr. O'Toole's acceptance speech included in the award ceremony.

Our PCPs will undoubtedly see the correlation between the RISE mission and many of the initiatives that are covered during our quarterly meetings, where Dr. O'Toole is a consistent resource and advocate. The work that Dr. O'Toole does for ICP and shares with our members certainly aligns with the qualities that made Dr. Martin L. Block so respected in the industry.

Thank you, Dr. O'Toole, for everything that you do and congratulations!

Click [HERE](#) to see the RISE announcement in its entirety.



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to Excellence ”

DR. HEATHER O'TOOLE

Chief Medical Officer
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2021 Dr. Martin L. Block Award Recipient