

Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award

The **Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award** shall be given on the occasion of the 2026 APHL Newborn Screening Symposium (NBSS) to honor a person working in newborn screening (NBS) worldwide and judged by the 2026 APHL NBSS Planning Committee to have made significant and outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas:

- Enhancing the caliber of the NBS system
- Improving follow-up and education
- Developing creative short-term follow-up strategies that significantly reduce the time to diagnosis and treatment of affected infants
- Developing or enhancing long-term follow-up strategies
- Establishing novel approaches or methods for managing the integration of new technologies in NBS
- Translating novel approaches or methods into best practices or guidelines for follow-up and education
- Providing innovative NBS follow-up training/education for best practices
- Improving practices to ensure timely detection, reporting, intervention and treatment for newborns detected with disorders/conditions

The contributions of the proposed recipient must have had a direct impact on improving the quality of follow-up and education for the NBS system.

The award will be for lifetime achievements. Contributions to voluntary, proprietary screening do not qualify one for this award.

Nomination for the Award

Nomination for the **Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award** may be made by any person working in NBS activities or a consumer thereof. The nomination must be accompanied by:

1. A brief statement of entry explaining why you believe your nominee deserves this award
2. A letter of nomination of 100-200 words (English) which describes the nature of the nominee's contribution(s)
3. Two seconding letters
4. Supporting documentation such as a resume, publications, presentations, newsletter articles, photographs of program events highlighting the individual's contributions or other relevant information to demonstrate the contributions of the nominee

Previous winners of the [Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award](#) and the [International Society of Neonatal Screening awards](#) are ineligible for nomination. A person may

not nominate more than one candidate per award period. Nominations, selection discussions and accompanying materials will be kept confidential by the NBSS Planning Committee except for information about the winner, which will be shared at the awards ceremony.

All nominations must be submitted through the NBS Awards Nomination Platform by **Friday, July 31, 2026**. Nominations not submitted through the platform will not be considered. Directions for submitting a nomination can be found on the platform.

Award Selection

Nominations will be solicited, and awardees will be selected by the NBSS Planning Committee of the 2026 APHL NBSS. Voting will take place on the platform.

If no nominations for outstanding contributions are received or if those nominated are deemed without merit, the Planning Committee may elect not to present an award.

Announcement of the Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award

The recipient of the **Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award** will be announced at the 2026 APHL NBSS. The announcement will be accompanied by a brief biography of the recipient and an explanation of their contributions. The recipient will have the opportunity to make a brief acceptance speech.

In advance of the awards ceremony, nominators and the award recipient will be made aware of the final decision. Please submit nominations for the award through the platform. The deadline to submit a nomination is **Friday, July 31, 2026**.