



Massachusetts General Hospital
Patient Care Services

Clinical Recognition Program Updates

The Clinical Recognition Steering Committee has made some improvements in the Clinical Recognition Program based on feedback from clinicians as well as the experience of the Review Board. The intent of these changes is to better support clinicians who are seeking recognition.

- **Effective January 2004** portfolios that do not reflect the three themes of practice- or in the case of Occupational Therapy and Physical therapy the four themes- will be returned, with an explanation to the applicant, by a member of the Review Board.
- **Effective June 2004** all letters submitted in the portfolio- cover letter, letters of support- must be dated within six months of the portfolios submission date. This timeframe is consistent with the programs charge to recognize clinicians who have been practicing at the applied level for at least six months.
- **Effective June 2004** letters of support must address the Clinical Recognition Program and its criteria. Because letters of support together with other documents within should reflect the 3 themes of practice and criteria at the level the clinician is applying for it is important that the letters are written for recognition within this program. Letters of support written for other awards and programs will not be accepted and the portfolio will be returned to the applicant.
- **Resources-** If you are developing your portfolio or preparing for your interview with the Review Board the following resources are available to you:
 - **Portfolios-** Clinicians who have been recognized at The Advanced Clinician and Clinical Scholar level have made their portfolios available to other clinicians to review. These are a wonderful resource and may assist you in preparing your own portfolio.
 - **Coaches-** Advanced Clinicians and Clinical Scholars are available to talk with clinicians on how to develop their portfolio and prepare for the Review Board interview. Those clinicians who have utilized Advanced Clinicians and Clinical Scholars as consultants have found this to be very helpful.
 - **Contact-** The Knight Nursing Center at 6-3111 for more information.