

# 2009 GIST Clinician of The Year Award

<b>Sponsor</b>	Life Raft Group
<b>Deadline</b>	February 1, 2009
<b>Purpose</b>	The award is presented to a physician or nurse who demonstrates a level of skill and dedication in caring for GIST patients that exceeds expectation. The award will be presented at the Life Raft Group's Life Fest 2010 meeting.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Any medical professional (doctor, nurse, oncologist, surgeon) who treats GIST patients is eligible.
<b>Geographic coverage</b>	Worldwide
<b>Award</b>	The GIST Clinician of the Year award will be presented in person at Life Fest 2010 on June 26, 2010 in Jersey City, NJ. The person who submits the winning entry will present the award in person to their clinician. They will also receive: round-trip airfare (up to \$500), a complimentary stay at the Grand Hyatt and free registration to Life Fest 2010.
<b>Application process</b>	<p>Any GIST patient or caregiver may submit a nominating form. The individual should demonstrate how their clinician has provided exemplary care and cite specific examples.</p> <p>Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of patients. The winning clinician and nominating patient will be notified by March 1.</p> <p>Nomination forms may be requested by calling the Life Raft Group at (973) 837-9092 or they may be downloaded online.</p>
<b>For more information</b>	Call the Life Raft Group at 973-837-9092. Or send emails to: <a href="mailto:info@liferaftgroup.org">info@liferaftgroup.org</a> .

## 2009 GIST Clinician of The Year Nomination Form

A recent study from the Mayo Clinic shows that most people agree on what makes a good doctor. A patient survey concluded that an 'ideal' physician should be: confident, empathetic, humane, personal, forthright, respectful and thorough. While most would agree that these qualities are essential in a medical provider, it is impossible to find a way to evaluate a doctor or nurse in a formulaic way. As one physician noted, "*To be a doctor requires a lot of science but also a little bit of 'magic.' ... Patients need knowledge, but that is not all. They need someone who cares about people, not about illnesses.*" (Gabriel S. Gorin Rosenbaum, MD). Indeed, the truest measure of greatness is recognition by patients who know firsthand the difference that clinician has made in their lives and the lives of their family.

The Life Raft Group is seeking nominations for GIST Clinician of the Year from GIST patients and family members. Entrants should complete this form and attach a narrative explaining why their clinician deserves to be singled out for excellence. Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of patients and the person who submitted the winning nomination will receive a free trip to Life Fest 2010 to present the award to their clinician.

Whenever possible please include specific examples. **You may also submit testimonial letters, news clippings, pictures, poems, artwork and other materials on the nominee's behalf.**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed forms via email, mail or fax by February 1, 2010.**

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Ensuring that no one has to face GIST alone!