National Healthcare Innovation and Productivity Medals 2026

Supported by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and managed by the Centre for Healthcare Innovation (CHI), the annual National Healthcare Innovation and Productivity (HIP) Medals provide an opportunity for Healthcare and Community Care institutions to acknowledge, showcase and celebrate excellence in healthcare innovation and productivity.

The National HIP Medals 2026 award ceremony will be held on 2 July 2026 *(tentative)* at the Centre for Healthcare Innovation (CHI) Innovate 2026, an international conference organised by the CHI.

The Medals recognise teams who achieve excellence in the following medal types:

1. **Best Practice Medals** in the following categories:
    - Care Redesign (CR)
    - Automation, IT and Robotics Innovation (AIR)
    - Workforce Transformation (WT)
2. **Excellence Champion Medal**
3. **Best Adopter (BA) Medals**

There will be two **Best Practice Medals** with awards of **S$1,000** each for projects[1] that have demonstrated exemplary innovation and productivity in that category.

There will also be an overall **Excellence Champion Medal** with an award of **S$2,000** for a project that has demonstrated successful adoption of innovation, increased productivity and achieved sustainability, scale and spread in more than one of the Best Practice Medals categories.

In keeping with the increasing focus and interest in healthcare environmental sustainability and population health, applications that has demonstrated measurable impact in the below-mentioned system level transformation will be taken into favourable consideration for NHIP 2026 Best Practice Medals.

The Best Adopter (BA) Medals, recognise **teams** that have adopted past Nationally or Internationally awarded solution(s)[2] outside of their institutions and have demonstrated positive impact through improved efficiency, productivity and sustainability. There will be up to three **Best Adopter Medals** with awards of **S$1,000** each. Solution(s) adopted may be modified from the originator, to suit the needs of institutions.

To incentivise the winning teams to ride on the momentum of innovation, a seed fund of **S$50,000** will be awarded to each eligible[3] winning team for a 12-month period to develop and implement new innovative projects.

The selection committee reserves the right to award all or selective Medals.

[1] Cash Prize will only be awarded to winning teams from MOH/MOHH entities/MOH-subvented providers or those collaborating with MOH/MOHH entities/MOH-subvented providers on the winning projects.

[2] Please refer to Annex A for the list of awards (non-exhaustive)

[3] Seed Fund is only available to winning teams from MOH/MOHH entities/MOH-subvented providers or those collaborating with MOH/MOHH entities/MOH-subvented providers on projects, to support new iterations/ enhancements of existing projects (awarded under National HIP 2026) or new innovation projects.

GUIDE FOR ENTRIES

The information below should be used as a guide to support you in submitting your entries for the National HIP Medals 2026.

Please read all the information provided before submission.

Deadline for submissions

All completed entries comprising the submission template and poster artwork (portrait orientation in high resolution) must be submitted to **nhip@chi.sg** by **11 February 2026, 12pm**. All entries submitted after the deadline will not be entertained.

If you have any questions, please contact **nhip@chi.sg.**

General

1. Applications are open to all local public and private healthcare[4]; as well as Community/ Intermediate and Long-Term Care institutions. This includes and is not limited to Community Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Day Care/ Rehabilitation Centres and Home Care providers.

2. All National HIP Medal applications must be accompanied with the required submission documents (see below) **by 11 February 2026, 12pm**. Kindly note that there are 2 different application forms for **Best Practice Medal** and **Best Adopter Medal**. Please complete the correct form for the medal that you are applying for.
3. Only fully completed applications will be accepted.

Award Criteria

1. **Best Practice Medal**
    i. Applications are open for **Team Awards** only, including joint agency applications.

    ii. Submission documents required:

        a) Please complete "**National HIP 2026 Best Practice Medal Application Form**" with a total word limit of 2,000 words. There is no restriction on the word limit for each individual section of the application form. Entries that exceed the word limit will not be accepted.

        - Graphs, high quality resolution images and tables can be used to enhance the submission. While these will not be included as part of the word count, they should not be used as a substitute for written words.

        b) **Summary deck** (in PowerPoint format, no more than 5 slides excluding title slide. Additional 1 slide/impact is allowed if the project also demonstrated system level impact – refer to point xi.)

[4] Teams from government and statutory board who submit as the main applicant will not be considered. However, they are considered for joint agency applications (e.g. Projects led by hospital/community institutions where government agency team participated in it)

c) **Poster Artwork** (A0 size, portrait orientation, in PowerPoint format with high resolution images). The poster will be displayed at CHI INNOVATE 2026 conference (virtually and/or physically) for the purposes of celebration of success and co-learning.

- Please ensure that the poster does not contain any sensitive or confidential information, such as patient details, detailed financial data and etc, and that your institution has deemed it suitable for public visibility.

ii. The application should demonstrate sustained outcomes with at least 2 data points (Pre and Post implementation) in improved productivity and/or effectiveness (through manpower savings/avoidance, cost savings/avoidance, sustained improved care outcomes, etc). **Entries that do not provide Pre and Post implementation data will not be considered.**

iii. Project implementation and/or data collection with analysis must have at least taken place **on and after 1 July 2023**.

iv. Project must have demonstrated sustained implementation with a minimum period of 6 months.

v. The solutions will be reviewed based on the following criteria:
- Problem Definition
- Project Scope & Complexity
- Quality of Project idea/concept
- Innovation
- Impact
- Extent of Spread & Scale

vi. If the project has demonstrated exemplary innovation and productivity in more than one area, please indicate up to two secondary award categories you are entering in. The secondary award categories are used by the selection committee to consider projects for the Excellence Champion Medal.

vii. Projects that have been awarded international-level awards are considered eligible. Examples of international awards are Asian Hospital Management Awards (AHMA), Word Hospital Congress of the International Hospital Federation etc.

viii. Incomplete and Proof of Concept[5] (POC) projects will not be considered, projects should be minimally Proof of Value[6] (POV) and beyond.

ix. Projects that testing existing commercial off the shelf products will not be considered.

x. Projects that have been awarded National HIP or other national-level awards will **not** be eligible to submit.

a) Any concurrent project application for other national-level awards must be indicated. Should you receive another national level award between submission deadline and the judging period of National HIP, you will be withdrawn from the National HIP Medals. The applicant should keep the secretariat informed of the outcome of the concurrent national-level award application in a timely manner. All

[5] To test how an idea may work / look / feel like

[6] To test for quantifiable value proposition including demonstration of efficacy of solution, assessment of risks and cost-benefit ratio, integration into workflow and workforce transformation etc.

past award(s) for the submitted project must also be declared.

b) National-level awards are defined as awards given by the Ministry of Health or other government agencies. For the purposes of eligibility, the definition of national-level awards will exclude awards given by healthcare clusters and institutions. The selection committee will have full discretion in determining the eligibility of any submission.

c) Examples of some national-level awards include the NMRC National Clinical Excellence Team Award, AIC Community Care Excellence Awards, Public Sector Transformation (PST) Award, MOH National Quality Improvement Conference Awards, National Healthcare Innovation and Productivity Medals etc.

xi. In keeping with the increasing focus and interest in healthcare environmental sustainability and population health, applications that has demonstrated measurable impact in the below-mentioned system level transformation will be taken into favourable consideration for NHIP 2026 Best Practice Medals. If the project has demonstrated system level impact as well, it is strongly encouraged to indicate in the application, along with relevant description for the selection committee to note.

a) **Healthcare Sustainability impact** – where projects should display outstanding effort and impact in ensuring environmental sustainability while maintaining the healthcare safety, quality, and efficiency at the ecosystem level.

b) **Population Health impact** – where projects should display great impact on population health such as life expectancy, health equity, and/or cost per capita in the general population and community at the system level.

2. **Excellence Champion**

i. Not for application, to be selected by review committee.

ii. Project that demonstrated successful adoption of innovation, increased productivity and achieved sustainability, scale and spread in more than one category.

3. **Best Adopter Medal**

i. Applications are open for **Team Awards** only.

ii. Submission documents required:

a) Please complete "**National HIP 2026 Best Adopter Medal Application Form**" with a <u>total</u> word limit of 1,000 words for each adopted solution. There is no restriction on the word limit for each individual section of the application form. Entries that exceed the word limit will not be accepted.

- Graphs, high quality resolution images and tables can be used to enhance the submission. While these will not be included as part of the word count, they should not be used as a substitute for written words.

b) **Summary deck** (in PowerPoint format, no more than 2 slides per adopted solution)

c) **Poster Artwork** (A0 size, portrait orientation, in PowerPoint format with high resolution images). The poster will be displayed at CHI INNOVATE 2026 conference (virtually and/or physically) for the purposes of celebration of success and co-learning.

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iii. Applying team must have adopted at least 1 nationally or internationally awarded solution. The adoption solution(s) must be from outside of the applying team's institution.

iv. Solution(s) adopted must have demonstrated sustained implementation with a minimum period of 6 months.

v. The solutions will be reviewed based on the following criteria:
- Number of national or international level awarded solution(s) adopted
- Duration of solution(s) adopted
- Whether the solution(s) adopted from institution of same cluster or cross cluster(s)
- Risk, complexity and impact of implementation

vi. Solution(s) adopted may be modified from the originator, to suit the needs of team(s). Please refer to **Annex A** below for the list of National or International awards example (note: the list is non-exhaustive).

vii. Applying teams must not be part of the original project team from the adopted solution(s).

viii. Please note that adoption of own cluster level initiative(s), national-wide initiative(s) or involvement of MOH sandbox projects (e.g. MIC@Home such as TTSH@Home or SGH@Home, etc) would not be considered.

ix. Project implementation and/or data collection with analysis must have at least taken place **on and after 1 July 2023**.

Publishing Rights

1. Shortlisted and winning submissions (posters) will be published on CHI Innovate 2026, CHI websites and disseminated to the media for publicity purposes.

2. By contributing your content to the National HIP Medals 2026, you hereby agree to grant permission to the National HIP Medals 2026 Award Secretariat to contribute your content (limited to poster) to the CHI Learning and Development (CHILD) system. CHILD is a national knowledge management platform that aims to provide the much-needed common space for burgeoning innovations where healthcare institutions, industry players and academia come together to "Do, Learn, Share". This is to be achieved through two broad functions of the CHILD platform:

    i. Sharing – A live, central repository of information including but not limited to best practice stories, ongoing projects and toolkits; and

    ii. Doing and Learning – A space where like-minded individuals and/or institutions connect with each other to work on cross institution collaborations, co-create innovation initiatives, as well as harness the collective knowledge of the community to make practice-based decisions.

3. As an author, you and/or your affiliated institution will remain the owner of all rights (including intellectual property rights, if any) to the above-mentioned content. However, by contributing above-mentioned content to CHILD you will grant permission to the CHILD administrative team to publish and store your material for viewing, downloading, extraction of content in part or whole for users of CHILD and the public.

4. As an author, you hereby acknowledge that all above-mentioned content submitted to CHILD does not contain any sensitive or confidential information, such as patient details, detailed financial data etc.; and that your institution has deemed it suitable for public visibility.

For shortlisted and winning submissions, you will be required to

1. Present the winning project during the award ceremony at the CHI INNOVATE 2026 conference; and in the exhibition area or at specific presentation sessions/ stipulated timings during the conference.

2. Attend the CHI Innovate 2026 Conference, including the award rehearsals.

3. Provide quotes and other information needed for media publicity purposes.

4. Participate in a short video production by the organisers to showcase your project for publicity purposes (post award ceremony).

The selection committee reserves the right to disqualify any submission for non-compliance with any of the above deadlines and/or application criteria.

Important Dates

	Date	**Activities**
1	03 December 2025	Launch of National HIP Medals 2026 applications
2	11 February 2026, 12pm	Deadline for entries of submission template, summary deck and portrait poster artwork
3	12 February – 30 May 2026	Shortlisting of finalists and selection of National HIP Medals winners by selection committee
4	01 June – 05 June 2026	Announcement of results (embargoed). Winning teams will subsequently be contacted for: - Details for Medal Production - Arrangement for Award Ceremony briefing/rehearsal
5	02 July 2026 *(tentative)*	National HIP Medals Award Ceremony at CHI Innovate 2026, Project Presentation & Poster Display
6	06 July – 31 July 2026	Winning teams will be contacted for: - Seed Fund offer - Video filming of winning project
7	01 January – 31 December 2027	Duration for Seed Fund

Annex A – List of National & International Awards (non-exhaustive)

National-Level Awards (non-exhaustive)

1. National Healthcare Innovation and Productivity Medals Award
2. NMRC National Clinical Excellence Team Award
3. AIC Community Care Excellence Awards
4. Public Sector Transformation (PST) Awards
5. MOH National Quality Improvement Conference
6. Techblazer (Tech Innovation) Awards (by SGTech & IMDA)

International-Level Awards (non-exhaustive)

1. Asian Hospital Management Awards (by Hospital Management Asia)
2. World Hospital Congress of the International Hospital Federation
3. HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) Award

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Kindly ensure the documents below are ready before submitting your application(s) to nhip@chi.sg by **11 February 2026 (Wednesday) 12pm**.

S/N	Submission Documents Required	
1	**Application Form** - in Microsoft Word/ PDF format	☐
2	**Summary Deck** - in PowerPoint format	☐
3	**Poster Artwork** - in A0 size, portrait orientation, PowerPoint format with high resolution images	☐