

Let us pay tribute to our clinician-teachers

To the Editor:

Every year at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Anaesthetists Society we bestow awards on our colleagues: for distinguished service to the Society and for distinction in research. It is high time we gave recognition also to those who excel themselves in the teaching of future generations of anaesthetists. The contribution of clinician-teachers in the propagation of the specialty is obvious; their role in University centres has been well-debated and upheld recently in national and international journals.^{1,2} How then could we pay tribute to them? *I propose that each University Department of Anaesthesia be requested to elect its "teacher of the year"; and the names of all those so honoured be announced at the Annual Meeting and in the Journal.*

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