

# **Association for Laboratory Medicine Trent, Northern and Yorkshire Region**

## **Geoffrey Walker Award**

### **Update of Regulations August 2025.**

1. The Award shall be called the "Geoffrey Walker Award" in recognition of Dr Walker's contribution to Clinical Biochemistry in the TNY Region, in particular to staff training.
2. It shall normally be an annual Award of a £100 voucher and certificate in permanent recognition of the winner's achievements. All presenters will receive a £50 voucher.
3. The Award will take the form of short oral presentations with judging based on both content and presentation. Both clinical presentations and basic scientific work will be acceptable. Original work will only be accepted if performed during professional training; work performed for a degree before entry to the profession will not be accepted. Case reports will be accepted only as part of a presentation which includes original work such as the elucidation of a metabolic abnormality or the development or modification of a diagnostic test or treatment.
4. Judging will be undertaken by at least two Committee members and one other audience member nominated by the committee (Individuals will be excluded from judgements on specific presentations where a "personal interest" is involved).
5. The Award shall be open to any junior member (including BMS members) within the Trent, Northern and Yorkshire Region who at the time of her/his application for the Award is considered to be in active training.  
Active training would usually be considered as working towards FRCPath, exceptions to this will be considered by the committee if the sponsoring department considers the person a trainee.  
Applicants must be members of the TNY LabMed.
6. An award may be withheld in any one year where there are insufficient applicants, or where it is deemed that there is not one of sufficient quality to win the award.
7. In the event of there being too many applicants to be included within the set programme, the Chair, or committee member nominated by the chair, will assess the applications based on the title and brief description. The others will be considered for inclusion in the following year's programme unless the applicant wishes otherwise. (The "active training" rule will apply to the year of first application).
8. These rules may be amended by the Committee of the Trent, Northern and Yorkshire Region as is deemed appropriate.