

2018 Woman of the Year

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Attributes	
Tenure in Northern California	We wouldn't rule out a "newcomer" but would prefer to choose someone who has lived and worked in the area for at least five years.
Diversity	Demographic diversity is important, but so is diversity within healthcare. We welcome candidates from academia, industry, from the provider and payer communities, from not-for-profits, the professions, consulting and high-technology. Healthcare is ubiquitous and there are countless ways that women make their mark.
Balance	Many of us measure ourselves against our Honoree each year and always come up short! But WHCE prefers not to honor one who has achieved success by pouring 100% into her career alone. We prefer role models who show how to make a contribution to community, family and friends as well as achieving success in one's professional career.
Courage	We need women who encourage fearlessness in pursuit of our goals and desires. Those who have overcome adversity are obvious candidates, but anyone who refuses to settle for the status quo deserves to be honored. We are looking for candidates who are innovative, creative and tenacious and whose contributions to health care make a lasting impact.
Spirit	We all need and want to be inspired. Our Woman of the Year need not be charismatic but she must demonstrate achievements resulting from a spirit of inclusiveness and collaboration. A successful candidate is one who demonstrates an openness to new ideas and points of view, is a good listener and, of course, a treasured mentor.

We welcome your nominations! Please [submit your nominations](#) before **March 4, 2018**