2017 DFCM FACULTY AWARDS CELEBRATION
Welcome to the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine's Faculty Award Celebration for 2017.

Tonight, we celebrate the achievements of many members of our Department who have made exceptional contributions over the past year to clinical care, education and research, shaping the future of family medicine in Ontario, in Canada and around the globe.

We recognize those people who have received awards of excellence this year from our own Department and other organisations, along with those whose many contributions have been recognized through academic promotion, and those who have joined us as a new faculty member. All these people are working together to make valued contributions to our Department’s strong and well-deserved national and global reputation for innovation and excellence in family and community medicine. For me, it is an honour to have joined this Department and to have the opportunity each day to work alongside so many extraordinary people.

I congratulate and thank all of you for your great work and your continuing dedication and commitment to advancing clinical care, education, scholarship and research, and to making a difference every day to the health and well-being of our patients, our communities, our nation and our world.

Michael Kidd
Professor and Chair
Department of Family and Community Medicine
The University of Toronto
The awards recognized here include those announced between July 2016 and May 2017.
AGENDA
June 8, 2017

Registration
Welcome from Chair,
Dr. Michael Kidd

DFCM Program Awards
Academic Family Physician of the Year,
presentation by
Dr. William Watson

DFCM Awards of Excellence
External Awards
Recognition of Senior Promotions - Full Professor,
presentation by
Dr. Karen Tu

Recognition of Senior Promotions- Full Professor,
presentation by
Dr. Rahim Moineeddin

Recognition of New Faculty and Junior Promotions

Recognition of Senior Promotions- Full Professor,
presentation by
Dr. Michael Evans

Closing Remarks,
Dr. Michael Kidd
PROGRAM AWARDS
Research Program Awards

Award for Outstanding Peer-Reviewed Publication:
First Place
Dr. Tara Kiran
St. Michael’s Hospital

Award for Outstanding Peer-Reviewed Publication:
Second Place
Dr. Andrew Pinto
St. Michael’s Hospital

Award for Outstanding Peer-Reviewed Publication:
Third Place
Dr. Michelle Greiver
North York General Hospital

DFCM Research Award for Research Mentorship
Dr. Bjug Borgundvaag
Mount Sinai Health System
Bjug’s door is always open to discuss research ideas and/or career planning. His inviting approach encourages not only thoughtful, sincere mentorship opportunities, but also creates an environment of sharing and collaboration.
Quality Improvement Program Awards

PGY1 Impact Award: Quality Improvement

Improving Smoking Cessation Program Referral Rates at Health for All
Dr. Ehsan Samiee-Zafarghandy and Dr. Elbert Manalo - Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Ehsan Samiee-Zafarghandy and Dr. Elbert Manalo were chosen as candidates for this award due to their leadership and engagement of their team, the patient-centredness of their project, application of the Model of Improvement taught to them, the potential for sustainable improvement in their project outcomes and high quality of their presentation to the Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit at the end of their first year of training.

Team:
Ms. Yali Gao - Markham Stouffville Hospital
Mr. Zhanying Shi - Markham Stouffville Hospital
Ms. Caroline Jackson - Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Karuna Gupta - Markham Stouffville Hospital

Optimizing pneumococcal vaccination rates: A focus on diabetic patients over age 65 at the TWH Family Health Team
Dr. Rachel Peters and Dr. Mamoon Rafiq - UHN-Toronto Western

Team:
Dr. Sarah Reid - UHN -Toronto Western Hospital
Ms. Leah McDonnell - UHN -Toronto Western Hospital

Advanced Care Plan (ACP) in Primary Care initiative
Dr. Emilie Beyls and Dr. Mandeep Gaidhu - Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
Dr. Beyls & Dr. Gaidhu made a sustainable positive impact on the dignity and quality of End of Life care that continues in our community. The results have been shared provincially. This was truly an impactful project.

Improving Colon Cancer Screening Rates in Average Risk Individuals Age 50-74
Dr. Lei Liu, Dr. Chen Helen Jin, Dr. Rachelle Kettner and Dr. Jenny Hsueh - Mount Sinai Hospital

Team:
Dr. Kristina Powles - Mount Sinai Hospital
Ms. Claudia Boaventura - Mount Sinai Hospital
Ms. Joana Alves - Mount Sinai Hospital
Ms. Corina Rusu - Mount Sinai Hospital
Reducing Rate of No-Shows to St. Joseph’s Health Centre Diagnostic Imaging appointments
Dr. Melanie Kalbfleisch and Dr. Elmira Dadmarzi - St. Joseph’s Health Centre
This QI project was exemplary in its collaboration, methodology, impact, and sustainability. The residents leading this project brought together two hospital departments, Diagnostic Imaging and Family Medicine, to work towards a common goal. The team followed the steps of the model for improvement beautifully. This team successfully achieved their goal of reducing no-shows by 50% from November 2015 – June 2016.

Team:
Ms. Oliva Larabee - St. Joseph’s Health Centre
Ms. Tracie Draffin - St. Joseph’s Health Centre
Dr. Priya Sood - St. Joseph’s Health Centre

Understanding and improving routine viral load testing in patients with HIV who are loss-to-follow-up
Dr. Nanky Rai and Dr. Jessica Leah - St. Michael’s Hospital
Viral load testing is vital to the quality of care for patients with HIV. As such, this QI project aimed to understand qualitative reasons behind patients not having viral load tests within six months, with the ultimate goal being to increase the number of viral load tests performed within the past six months.

Team:
Dr. MaryBeth DeRocher - St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Gord Arbess - St. Michael’s Hospital
Mr. Daniel Bois - St. Michael’s Hospital
Ms. Lisa Miller - St. Michael’s Hospital

Improving transition from hospital admission to outpatient care for patients with COPD
Dr. Esther Rosenthal and Dr. Liana Kaufman - St. Michael’s Hospital
Patients with COPD are a priority for post-discharge follow-up. This QI project sought to understand not only how we can increase the proportion of patients with COPD being seen in a timely way post-discharge, but also to optimize the care they receive at the post-discharge visit.”

Team:
Ms. Lisa Miller - St. Michael’s Hospital
Ms. Amy McDougall - St. Michael’s Hospital
Ms. Sam Davie - St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Noor Ramji - St. Michael’s Hospital
PGY2 Impact Award: Quality Improvement

*Improving advance care planning in a primary care unit*

**Dr. Ginah Kim - St. Michael’s Hospital**

Advance care planning (ACP) is a process of planning for future medical care in the event an individual becomes unable to consent to treatment. The aim of this QI initiative was to increase rates of ACP discussions between patients age 65 or greater and their primary care provider by creating a custom form to help guide ACP discussions.

**Team:**

Dr. Renata Leong - St. Michael’s Hospital  
Dr. Irene Ying - St. Michael’s Hospital  
Dr. William Warson - St. Michael’s Hospital

Faculty & Staff Impact Award: Quality Improvement

*St. Michael’s Hospital Academic Family Health Team Smoking Cessation Working Group. Optimizing smoking cessation efforts within the St. Michael’s Hospital Academic Family Health Team*

**Ms. Brenda Chang, Dr. Noor Ramji and Ms. Lisa Miller - St. Michael’s Hospital**

The St. Michael’s Hospital Academic Family Health Team created an interprofessional Smoking Cessation Task Force to develop a program that offered a structured approach to identifying smokers ready to quit (Ottawa Model for Smoking Cessation), along with the provision of pharmacotherapy and counseling support (STOP with FHT Study). The team generated an ideal process map that allowed for staff to integrate smoking cessation into their regular work-flow.

*Improving the regular ordering and documentation of A1Cs in patients with diabetes*

**Ms. Judith Manson and Ms. Leigh Caplan - Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre**

For this project led by Judith Manson and Leigh Caplan, the team participated in system analysis resulting in multiple tests of change. The tests of change were varied in scope and scale speaking to the ability of the team and leaders to motivate the Family Health Team and patients to engage in improvement work.

**Team:**

Ms. Andrea Goncz - Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre  
Ms. Ingrid Wirsig - Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre  
Ms. Annie Hoang - Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

**Dr. Melissa Witty**

*Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre*

Dr. Witty has demonstrated strong leadership and innovative thinking with the Quality Improvement Program at the Royal Victoria Hospital Barrie site. She has developed a program that is well organized, comprehensive and has engaged Residents. Dr. Witty has been a leader in dissemination of knowledge and philosophies of Quality Improvement to our community Family Physicians using our Resident projects as the template.
Global Health Program Awards

Faculty Award for Excellence in Global Health

Dr. Eileen Nicolle  
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Dr. Nicolle’s passion for family medicine and commitment to global health has been evidenced in her key role as an advocate, clinician, educator, and researcher at Markham Stouffville Hospital, St. Michael’s Hospital, the Inner City Health Associates, and the Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto.

Dr. Praseedha Janakiram  
*Women’s College Hospital*

Dr. Janakiram has made outstanding contributions to family medicine and global health particularly through her role as co-coordinator of the PGY3 Enhanced Skills Program in Global Health and Care of Vulnerable populations (GHVP) and Co-lead of the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration in Family Medicine.

Dr. Kimberly DeSouza  
*UHN - Toronto General*

Dr. DeSouza has demonstrated excellence in education as well as humanitarian efforts through activities in global health in a variety of impressive settings throughout her medical career. Her unique skills, collegial nature, enthusiasm for education and medicine have left many inspired.

Faculty Development Awards

Jamie Meuser Award for Excellence in Leadership and Innovation in Faculty Development

Dr. Curtis Handford  
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

This award recognizes Dr. Handford’s many years of visionary leadership and sustained, top quality contributions to Faculty Development in the Department of Family and Community Medicine’s Academic Fellowship and Graduate Studies Program. He was instrumental in founding the Masters of Public Health (Family Community Medicine) program, which provides a pathway for higher education in Family Medicine that is effectively integrated into Public Health.
Excellence in Faculty Development

Dr. Jana Lazor

*Undergraduate MD/Office of Education Scholarship*

Dr. Lazor has created a competency based assessment in the MD program and has contributed to the use of models such as constructive alignment to create coordination between assessment and curriculum.

Excellence in Continuing Education

The Women’s Health Equity Curriculum Group is a multidisciplinary team that includes health professionals, administrative staff and equity experts who have created a needs assessment addressing health equity issues in family practice. From there the group collaborated to create a health equity curriculum with the hope to take it across the GTA to other family health teams with similar needs.

Women’s College Hospital Team:

- Nicole Bourgeois
- Karen Burrell
- Ken Callaghan
- Tania Denmark
- Jennifer Dockery
- Holly Finn
- Diana Hsiang
- Inna Genkin
- Yee Lee
- Jennifer Muir
- Sherry Teeter
- Charlie Wharton
- Sheila Wijayasinghe
- Cheryl Woodman

Community-based Contributor to Faculty Development

Dr. Ahmed Mian

*DFCM distributed medical site/Humber River Hospital ER*

Dr. Mian is recognized for his valuable contributions as Post-Graduate Education Lead and established several opportunities for professional development in ER at Humber River Hospital.

Mentorship

Dr. Ruth Heisey

*Women’s College Hospital*

Dr. Heisey goes above and beyond to provide formal and informal mentorship to the faculty and staff in Family Practice. She has mentored faculty in research funding, publications, and advancement in scholarship.
Excellence in Scholarship in Faculty Development

Leigh Caplan  
*Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre*

Ms. Caplan, a Diabetic Nurse Educator from the Sunnybrook Diabetes Education Centre, created an innovative program which was offered to the interprofessional Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team. This unique program provides the opportunity to live with diabetes for a week. Team members learned about the patient experience of living with diabetes and about each other’s roles and perspectives around caring for patients with chronic conditions.

Learner: Contributor to Faculty Development

**Dr. Bradley Lichtblau and Dr. Linda Wong**  
*Women’s College Hospital*

Dr. Lichtblau and Dr. Wong have organized academic sessions for fellow residents based on Practice Based Small Group modules and developed an impressive scholarly case-based writing mentorship program.

New Leadership in Faculty Development

**Dr. Suzanne Turner and Dr. Maya Nader**  
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Drs. Turner and Nader’s vision and passion has led to the development of a substance use in pregnancy and addiction medicine consult service within our Family Health Team at St. Michael’s Hospital. They are already recognized as leaders in this field. Their skill as clinicians, teachers and scholars has already had meaningful impact on faculty colleagues, their learners, and their patients in managing a prevalent and challenging illness.

New Leadership in Faculty Development

**Dr. Elana Fric** *(awarded posthumously)*  
*The Scarborough & Rouge Hospital*

The late Dr. Fric accomplished a great deal in short period of time. She was a department of Family and Community Medicine Peer Reviewer, a member of the FMTU at The Scarborough Hospital, and a Faculty Development Lead. She supervised EBM and the Journal Club, and was a member of the Ontario Medical Association Health Policy Committee.
Postgraduate Education Awards

Clinical Teaching Award - Excellence in Teaching

**Dr. Erin Bearss**  
*Mount Sinai Hospital*

Dr. Erin Bearss has demonstrated a passion and dedication for teaching residents. (She has) taught residents through interactive didactic teaching sessions at Academic Half-Day where she exemplified the role of an educator with clear, concise, and targeted presentations that captured learner attention and interaction.

**Dr. Paul J. Das**  
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

The versatility of his special interests makes him an incredible asset in teaching residents a broad range of skills. Unique to Dr. Das is his ability to mentor residents beyond clinical situations, as he inspires us to reach our full potential as teachers and assisting with career planning.

Clinical Teaching Award - New Teacher Award

**Dr. Michael James Quejada**  
*North York General Hospital*

Dr. Quejada is especially effective as a teacher because he inspires the family medicine resident to “pay it forward”. Now completing my rural year, I have tried to teach medical students, and to channel Dr. Quejada’s passion for teaching.

**Dr. Michael H. Lee**  
*Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre*

He inspires the family medicine residents he supervises with his remarkable clinical knowledge base and empathetic patient care. He encourages residents to independently work through clinical problems while providing them with consistent, non-judgmental support.
Clinical Teaching Award
Role Modeling Clinical Excellence

Dr. David Tannenbaum
Mount Sinai Hospital

Dr. Tannenbaum balances administrative duties, teaching roles, and clinical duties seamlessly. He treats medical trainees with respect and fosters learning in a friendly environment. As residents, we admire his dedication to patient care, resident education and research.

Dr. E. Jean Robison
St. Michael’s Hospital

Dr. Robison uses the skills of a storyteller to coach residents on how to approach challenging cases or simply for comic relief. She demonstrates how positivity is contagious and the importance of non-verbal communication. This is important for her practice of marginalized populations. She reminds us that “sometimes just winning one small victory is enough for a visit.

Educational Achievement Award
Innovation in Education

Dr. Laurie Green
St. Michael’s Hospital

Dr. Green is an innovator and can often be seen at 7 p.m., spreading out in the clinic hallway and letting residents use her office space. She leads Reach Out and Read, a teaching program for residents to empower parents. She works tirelessly to find new sources of funding for this childhood reading program. Other days, she is working on the developmental disability curriculum.

Dr. Rajani Vairavanathan
Michael Garron Hospital

Dr. Vairavanathan is strongly committed to improving resident education! This year alone, she has initiated changes that have helped improve residents’ patient volumes, increased urgent care exposure, increased in-office procedures, and addressed resident late nights. For our male residents, she helped increase women’s health experiences (IUDs, prenatal care).
Educational Achievement Award - Program Leadership

Dr. Gurpreet Mand  
*Southlake Regional Health Centre*

During that time, she has fostered a strong sense of commitment to teaching/learning excellence by modeling everything that an academic leader should be: passionate, collaborative, supportive and receptive. Her mantra has been to build the program through thoughtful consideration of feedback from our learners.

Dr. Lawrence Erlick  
*The Scarborough Hospital*

Dr. Erlick showed great personal strength...his efforts were very much appreciated by residents and faculty.

Educational Achievement Award - Resident Advocacy

Ms. Paula Da Rocha  
*Mount Sinai Hospital*

Paula is our residency program administrator by title, but in reality she is our resident advocate extraordinaire. She is the first person we go to for support, help or advice. Her door is always open both physically and metaphorically to anyone.

Dr. Holly Knowles  
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

She facilitates Balint groups and activities for us such as the gingerbread house competition at the clinic holiday party. She is approachable and genuinely interested in our lives inquiring about wellness, relationships, and our passions.

Resident Award - Advocacy for Patients

Dr. Emily Rae Harrison  
*St. Joseph’s Health Centre*

Dr. Harrison is one of the strongest resident advocates for patients I have experienced. She goes the extra mile for patients most in need. She provides excellent follow-up, including phone calls to ensure they understand their rights and their care.

Dr. Nanky Rai  
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Nanky also spends her time as a Health Provider Against Poverty Indigenous solidarity member and a member of the Toronto Street Medics. In short, she is socially conscious, fearless, and compassionate!
Resident Award - Clinical Excellence

Dr. Elizabeth Niedra
St. Joseph’s Health Centre

Elizabeth uses creativity while considering her patients’ context, from being housebound to being on the Ontario Disabilities Support Program, to seamlessly individualize their care. The most extraordinary thing about Elizabeth is that while integrating her superior clinical skills and patient-centered approach she is consistently a pleasure to work with, sharing patience and respect with patients and colleagues.

Dr. Rachel Peters
UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

Observing Dr. Peters is a master tutorial in how the art and science of medicine should be practiced. Dr. Peters is a kind and compassionate physician who prides herself on providing evidence-based clinical care adapted to her individual patients to encompass their personal preferences and experiences.

Resident Award - Leadership

Dr. Benjamin Langer
St. Joseph’s Health Centre

(Ben feels) a responsibility not only for contributing towards a safe environment for his resident peers and team members.

Dr. Michel Alessandro Saccone
Southlake Regional Health Centre

Mike has led the meetings with Belinda’s Place (shelter in YR) so that eventually our residents can provide care to this vulnerable population and hone their skills in that setting. Mike has been instrumental in setting up meetings with various organizations, working on the MOU with us and helping to advise on policies and procedures for this initiative.

Resident Award - Teaching Excellence

Dr. Rosamond Elizabeth Lougheed
The Scarborough Hospital

Dr. Lougheed has also made significant contributions to the clerkship seminars. Following the Teaching Residents to Teach Program, she has facilitated or co-facilitated seminars in Domestic Violence and Motivational Interviewing.

Dr. Lauren Diamond
UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

Lauren exemplifies the physician as a teacher, in informal mentorship relationships, formal one on one teaching and in large groups.
Undergraduate Education Program Awards

Teaching Excellence in Clerkship - New Teacher

Dr. Sarah Callaghan
St. Michael’s Hospital

Dr. Callaghan is an exceptional teacher; known for novel learning strategies that are appreciated by students such as neurology videos, ophthalmology comics, and even a fantastic song about arrhythmias. Dr. Callaghan instills in learners the joy of medical learning and practice, and inspires them to be better doctors because of her dedication.

Dr. Cristina Pop
St. Michael’s Hospital

Dr. Pop’s patient-centered approach and dedication to her patients is very inspiring to learners. Students appreciate learning a new skill or technique in every clinic and were amazed with how she broke down complicated exams and patiently taught them her skills. Learners describe themselves as very fortunate to learn from Dr. Pop, as she was an excellent clinical educator, mentor, and role model.

Dr. Karim Vellani
St. Michael’s Hospital

Dr. Vellani is described by a learner as the best preceptor so far in clerkship. Not only did he spend time teaching during his clinics, but more importantly he spent his time outside of clinic helping learners. He is an excellent role model and someone who learners look to for advice and mentorship.

Dr. Melissa Singer
North York General Hospital

Dr. Singer genuinely cares the experiences of the learners. She asks thought-provoking questions based on the cases and encourages them to choose study topics to research in the literature for discussion. Dr. Singer offers learners a rewarding and pleasant learning experience, and inspires them to be academic physicians that engage in teaching in the future.
Teaching Excellence in Clerkship

Dr. Erin Bearss  
*Mount Sinai Hospital*

Dr. Bearss has been described by a learner as the most influential, welcoming, caring and motivating physician they have ever had the honor of working with; who gained an entirely new respect and love for medicine by watching the way that she cares for her patients. Dr. Bearss takes the time to let learners discuss their own differential and challenges them to develop an evidence-based approach to medicine.

Dr. Sharon Domb  
*Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre*

Dr. Sharon Domb is a compassionate clinician that inspires learners, providing constructive and valuable feedback on the art and science of family medicine -- both of which she has exemplifies. She remains humble and thanks learners whenever we teach her something new -- fostering a reciprocal, inviting learning environment.

Teaching Excellence in Interprofessional Teaching

Ms. Yali Gao

Ms. Gao has really embraced her role as a teacher. Feedback from students is consistent that these sessions are valuable learning experiences. Students also appreciate Ms. Gao’s assistance with resources and that she is very approachable to students and welcomes their questions.

Teaching Excellence in Clerkship

Dr. Christina Pereira  
*THP - Credit Valley Hospital*

Dr. Pereira is described by a learner as one of the most dedicated, thorough, thoughtful, and skilled teachers they have had. She provides personalized, clear, and actionable feedback, making them feel like valued team members. Learners say they leave their shifts feeling more competent, more knowledgeable, and more prepared for their careers as physicians.

Dr. David Wheler  
*The Scarborough Hospital*

Dr. Wheler is an outstanding professional role model who exudes a great passion for teaching and contagious enthusiasm for his clinical work. Students are struck by Dr. Wheler’s genuine dedication to motivating medical students to thrive, explore, and develop their potential as learners and future physicians.
Excellence in Advocacy

Dr. Joyce Nyhof-Young  
_UHN - Toronto General Hospital_

Dr. Nyhof-Young mentors learners as a part of Varsity Docs, an after-school sports program in communities where many people are living below the poverty line. Dr. Nyhof-Young is continuously envisioning new ways to enhance community access to resources, health and social care. Dr. Nyhof-Young is an exemplary role-model for students who wish to, or are, pursuing advocacy work.

Role Modelling Clinical Excellence - Clerkship

Dr. Kimberly McIntosh  
_office-based physician_

Dr. McIntosh is a skilled and gifted clinician. She has an amazing ability to relate and build a therapeutic alliance with her patients. She always makes sure to ask how their condition is affecting their work, family, friends, and home life while providing the most current and relevant patient-friendly medical recommendations.

Dr. Gina Yip  
Markham Stouffville Hospital

Dr. Yip has spent countless hours assisting medical students and has provided meaningful feedback to guide them along their journey. She has been inspirational to many students to choose family medicine as their career of choice and Markham as the place of residency.

Excellence in Mentorship

Dr. Sarah Fleming  
_UHN - Toronto Western Hospital_

Dr. Fleming goes above and beyond in her role as hospital program director, providing caring, dedicated and skillful mentorship. She is committed to each student’s well-being; respecting their individual differences and interests to offer support, deliver constructive feedback, and to impart a true passion for family medicine.

Dr. Sheila Wijayasinghe  
_St. Michael’s Hospital_

Dr. Wijayasinghe is an outstanding mentor who goes out of her way to involve leaners in patient care and follow-up. She contacts learners when diagnostic tests are returned and challenges them to think through all stages of decision making in patient management. One learner indicated that Dr. Wijayasinghe has definitely influenced them in the direction of Family Medicine.
Innovation in Family Medicine Education

Ms. Brenda Chang  
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Ms. Chang took the lead to create and present, “I Can Prescribe a Drug” mnemonic at Residents’ Academic Half-days; the mnemonic has been recognized by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. In her expert role as a clinical pharmacist, she proposed, developed and coordinated programs to promote best practices for clerks.

Excellence in Program Development and Coordination

Dr. Christine Stewart  
*Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre*

Dr. Stewart has worked hard to advance the rural Family Medicine. Based on evaluations from students and preceptors she has made timely revisions to the design of the rotations to ensure that students have a comprehensive and stimulating learning environment at rural sites.

Teaching Excellence in the Family Medicine

Longitudinal Experience

Dr. David Satok  
*Office-based physician*

Dr. Satok provides feedback that is respectful, backed with specific examples, given at an appropriate time and place, and was followed up with suggestions. His feedback helps learners to improve in confidence and performance. He challenges learner’s ideas in a way that make them think about the case very thoroughly and allows them to correct their own mistakes rather than being told the answer.
Role Modelling Clinical Excellence
the Family Medicine Longitudinal Experience

Dr. Anca Facy
office-based physician

Learners speak highly of Dr. Facy as a mentor, teacher, and professional role model. Dr. Facy’s office is a supportive environment where students are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones. Dr. Facy ensures learners always feel valued in the discussion of cases, which contributes greatly to their learning. One learner describes Dr. Facy as an incredible professional role model in building rapport with patients and conveying empathy – watching these interactions is cited as an invaluable experience by learners.

Teaching Excellence in the Family Medicine Longitudinal Experience

Dr. Stephen Cord
Mount Sinai Hospital

Dr. Cord is always attuned to the needs, abilities and learning objectives of his students. He went out of his way on several occasions to ensure adequate exposure to interesting cases and provided ample opportunity for both self-directed and case-based learning.
AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Academic Family Physician of the Year

Dr. William Watson
St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Watson embodies all the attributes of an outstanding academic family physician with exemplary clinical and teaching skills, many scholarly contributions, a commitment to advancing family centered primary care and behavioural medicine, while at the same time valuing relationships and making time for personal interests.

Excellence in Teaching (Early Career)

Dr. Diana Hsiang
Women’s College Hospital
Dr. Hsiang has made many contributions to academic family medicine since her faculty appointment in 2013. She is known for her teaching clarity, ability to teach practical approaches to common as well as complex medical problems and her ability to put material into a relevant clinical context.

Excellence in Course / Program Development

Dr. Rajani Vairavanathan
Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Vairavanathan leads a highly successful and growing simulation program at Michael Garron Hospital and her commitment to academic and clinical excellence has allowed her to cut across disciplinary barriers with ease. The positive impact has reinforced a culture of lifelong learning, critical enquiry, and innovation at Michael Garron Hospital which is invaluable.

Excellence in Creative Professional Activity

Dr. Lisa Del Giudice
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Del Giudice is being honoured for her sustained contributions in the area of cancer awareness in primary care. She is a motivated and caring family physician who has shown tremendous leadership ensuring that primary care providers have the necessary tools required to care for their patients through all stages of their cancer journey.
Excellence in Leadership

**Dr. Bjug Borgundvaag**
*Mount Sinai Hospital*

Dr. Borgundvaag is recognized as an outstanding clinician, teacher, researcher and leader. His most impressive leadership accomplishments have come in the last 5 years as he helped to create a unique academic entity, the Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Medicine Institute ("SREMI") and became its founding director. SREMI is now an internationally recognized academic institute that was built on Dr. Borgundvaag’s initial vision.

Sustained Excellence in Teaching

**Dr. Susan Deering**
*Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre*

Dr. Deering is honoured for her impressive contributions to education at the undergraduate, postgraduate and faculty levels. She is described as being consistently a supportive and dedicated teacher and mentor to medical students, residents, allied health students and practicing physicians.

Outstanding Contribution to Family Medicine Research

**Dr. Rahim Moineddin**
*DFCM*

Dr. Moineddin has performed extensive research in biostatistics and primary care research. He has provided exceptional supervision and mentorship to countless health sciences students and faculty members. Dr. Moineddin’s contribution to capacity development in primary care research is unparalleled in Canada and serves as prime example internationally of how biostatisticians can collaborate with clinicians and graduate students to enhance scientific quality and productivity.

Research Excellence - New Investigator

**Dr. Navindra Persaud**
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Dr. Persaud is recognized for his contributions to primary care research. In a short time, he has developed strong research teams, demonstrated remarkable productivity in projects and publications, and set out a coherent research agenda and plan.
Research Excellence - Senior Investigator

**Dr. Ann Burchell**

*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Dr. Burchell is being honoured for her contribution to Family Medicine Research. She is an internationally recognized leader in community-based efforts to improve the health of marginalized populations through prevention and screening, particularly towards the discipline of HIV epidemiologic research and improving the lives of people with HIV.

The Louise Nasmith Award

**Dr. Rami Shoucri**

*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Dr. Shoucri is being honoured for his involvement in a number of education and research studies including the research and development of the Health Justice Initiative at St. Michael’s.

Larry Librach Award

**Dr. Christine Lau**

*UHN - Toronto General Hospital*

Dr. Ginah Kim

*Baycrest*

Staff Excellence in Collaboration

**Dr. Samantha Davie**

*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Ms. Davie is recognized for her collaborative contributions to the design and development of QI initiatives at St. Michael’s as well as building and fostering relationships with teams at other sites. She is described as an “absolute gem” and a valuable member of the QI team.

Staff Excellence

**Dr. Ingrid Wirsig**

*Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre*

Ms. Wirsig is recognized for her outstanding contribution to the Sunnybrook Department of Family and Community Medicine, patients, families, residents and staff. As a Program Coordinator, she demonstrates enthusiasm, dedication, hard work and brings an inclusive and thoughtful perspective to all her projects.
EXTERNAL AWARDS
International

2017 ASAM Educator of the Year Award
Dr. Peter Selby
Centre For Addiction and Mental Health

North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Pearl Award
Dr. Tara Kiran
St. Michael’s Hospital

National

CFPC Award of Excellence
Dr. Allan Grill
Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Michael Roberts
Mount Sinai Hospital

Associated Medical Services, Phoenix Project Call to Caring Grant; 2017 CAME Certificate of Merit Award
Dr. Cynthia Whitehead
Women’s College Hospital

CFPC 2016 W. Victor Johnston Award
Dr. Rick Glazier
St. Michael’s Hospital
CFPC Scotiabank Family Medicine Lectureship Award
Dr. Jane Philpott
PC MP, Markham, Minister of Health

2016 CFPC Early Career Development Awards
Dr. Danyaal Raza
St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Jeremy Rezmovitz
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

2016 Canada’s Family Physician of the Year
The Reg L. Perkin Award
Dr. Merrilee Brown
Port Perry Hospital

2016 CFPC/CPA Collaborative Mental Health Care Award
Dr. Kristina Powles
Mount Sinai Hospital

CFPC Award of Excellence
Dr. Pauline Pariser
Women’s College Hospital
Dr. Cynthia Whitehead
Women’s College Hospital

2016 CFPC Patient’s Medical Home 60/20 Caring and Compassion Grant
Dr. Purti Papneja
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Liisa Jaakkimainen
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
2016 CFPC Scotiabank Family Lectureship Award
Dr. Jane Philpott
Markham Stouffville Hospital

JANUS Research Grant for novice-intermediate researchers
Dr. Blaise Clarkson
Michael Garron Hospital

JANUS Containing Professional Development (CPD) Grant
Dr. Kimberly Lazare
North York General Hospital

Daniel Glazier Grants in Adolescent Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Dr. Anita Srivastava
St. Joseph’s Health Centre

CCRA Distinguished Service to Cancer Research Award
Dr. Michael Evans
St. Michael’s Hospital

CAME Research Award: Oral Presentation Faculty
Dr. Mahan Kulasegaram
Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Nicole Woods
UHN - Toronto General Hospital

CMA Sir Charles Tupper Award for Political Action
Dr. Carolyn Bennett
CIHR Embedded Clinician Researcher Salary Award
Dr. Tara Kiran
St. Michael’s Hospital

CIHR New Investigator Award
Dr. Aisha Lofters
St. Michael’s Hospital

Joule Grant
Dr. Doug Kavanagh
North York General Hospital

2016 Canadian Academy of Sport and Exercise Medicine Educator/Mentor of the Year.
Dr. Julia Alleyne
UHN - Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

Canadian Association of Physician Assistants (CAPA) Honour Roll.
Dr. Maureen Gottesman
North York General Hospital

Canadian Cancer Society: Innovation to Impact Grants competition
Dr. Amna Husain
Mount Sinai Hospital

Provincial

OCFP: Regional Family Physician of the Year Award
Dr. Andre Bedard
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
Award of Excellence
Ontario College of Family Physicians
Dr. Andre Bedard
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

2016 OCFP Community Teacher of the Year Award
Dr. Jeff Weissberger
Markham-Stouffville Hospital

OMA Presidential Award
Dr. Meb Rashid
Women’s College Hospital

Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science Early Researcher Award
Dr. Nav Persaud
St. Michael’s Hospital

2017 Glenn Sawyer Service Award
Dr. Geordie Fallis
Michael Garron Hospital

University of Toronto

Wightman-Berris Academy Individual Teaching Award
Dr. Paul Arnold
UHN - Toronto General Hospital

Wightman-Berris Academy Individual Teaching Award
Dr. Azadeh Moaveni
Toronto Western Hospital
Faculty of Medicine

Hollister King Teaching Practices Grants - Resident
Dr. Lauren Payne
UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

Hollister King Teaching Practices Grants - Preceptor
Dr. Keith Dyke
Southampton Hospital

Sustained Excellence in Community-Based Clinical Teaching (Office/Clinic) Award
Dr. David Eisen
North York General Hospital
Dr. Sidney Feldman
North York General Hospital

2016 CPD Inter-Professional Education Award

The Basics Program for New Faculty at St. Michael’s was developed to address the need for the interprofessional health care team at the new Sumac Creek Health Centre to be successful teachers. This was the first time the Department of Family and Community Medicine Basics Program was offered at a site level and with a 50/50 split of Health Professional Educators and Physicians attending.

Team

St. Michael’s Hospital:
Dr. Judith Peranson
Ed Ang
Gilda Barillas
Dr. Yee-ling Chang
Jacqueline Chen
Melinda Glassford
Dr. Charlie Guiang
Dr. Curtis Handford
Dr. Deborah Kopansky-Giles
Dr. Bruce Kwok
Laurie Malone

Dr. Brenda McDowell
Dr. James Owen
Morgan Slater
Dr. Karen Weyman
Dr. Abbas Ghavam-Rassoul
Dr. Viola Antao - Women’s College Hospital
Dr. Barbara Stubbs - Toronto Western Hospital
Sole Fernandez - University of Toronto
Tara Munro - University of Toronto
Wilson Centre Mentorship Award
**Mahan Kulasegaram**
*Toronto Western Hospital*

W.T. Aikins Award 2017
**Excellence in Individual Teaching**
**Dr. Philip Berger**
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

Postgraduate Medical Trainee Leadership Award
**Dr. Naveed Syed**
*Markham Stouffville Hospital*

Sarita Verma Award for Advocacy and Mentorship in Postgraduate Medicine
**Dr. Charlie Guiang**
*St. Michael’s Hospital*

2017 Helen P. Batty Award for Excellence and Achievement in Faculty Development in the category of Innovation in Program Development and Design for the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LInc) Faculty Development Program.
**Dr. Karen Weyman**
*St. Michael’s Hospital*
**Dr. Adam Kaufman**
*Michael Garron Hospital*
University of Toronto Educational Achievement Award in Resident Advocacy

Dr. Melissa Witty
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

Dr. Witty has demonstrated strong leadership and innovative thinking with the Quality Improvement Program at the Royal Victoria Hospital Barrie site. She has developed a program that is well organized, comprehensive and has engaged Residents. Dr. Witty has been a leader in dissemination of knowledge and philosophies of Quality Improvement to our community Family Physicians using our Resident projects as the template. She has promoted Quality Improvement to the Clinical Advisory Committee, and the Board of the Barrie Community Family Health Team.

University of Toronto Educational Achievement Award in Innovation in Education

Dr. Nancy Trimble
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

University of Toronto: Teaching Excellence in Family Medicine

Dr. Susan Smith
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

University of Toronto: Teaching Excellence in Specialty Medicine

Dr. Shannon Causey
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

University of Toronto - Postgraduate Achievement Awards: New Teacher Award

Dr. Matthew Orava
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
University of Toronto - Postgraduate Achievement Awards: Role Modeling Clinical Excellence

Dr. Zahir Poonja
Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

PGME Social Responsibility Award

Dr. Andrew Pinto
St. Michael’s Hospital

The Inaugural 2017 Robert Sheppard Award for Health Equity and Social Justice

Dr. Nanky Rai
St. Michael’s Hospital

Postgraduate Research Award, Postgraduate Medical Education

Dr. Neil Dattani
Office-Based
Department

Sunnybrook Research Institute: Dean’s Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award
Dr. Sandra Black
Sunnybrook Research Institute

TEGH Department Awards in Teaching
Undergraduate Teaching Awards
Dr. Henderson Lee
Michael Garron Hospital

Annual Baycrest Stephen W. Herbert Education Award
Dr. Andrea Moser
Baycrest

Family Medicine Teacher of the Year
Dr. Bruce Topp
North York General Hospital
Dr. Eric Stutz
North York General Hospital

Mississauga Academy of Medicine Excellence in Formal Teaching
Dr. Mira Backo-Shannon
Mississauga Academy of Medicine

Role Modelling Clinical Excellence
Dr. Sherylan Young
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Senior Promotions

2016 Full Professor Promotions
Dr. Rahim Moineddin
Dr. Marla Shapiro
North York General Hospital
Dr. Karen Tu
UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

2017 Full Professor Promotions
Dr. Michael Evans
St. Michael's Hospital

2016 Associate Professor Promotions
Dr. Viola Antao
Women's College Hospital
Dr. Tony Antoniou
St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Risa Bordman
North York General Hospital
Dr. David Carr
UHN - Toronto General Hospital
Dr. James Carson
The Scarborough Hospital - General Div.
Dr. Sheldon Cheskes
Sunnybrook Health Science Centre
Dr. James Downar
UHN - Toronto General Hospital
Dr. Michelle Greiver
North York General Hospital
Dr. Marcus Law
Toronto East General Hospital
Dr. Sumeet Sodhi
UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

2017 Associate Professor Promotions
Dr. Gary Bloch
St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Sharon Domb
Sunnybrook Health Science Centre
Dr. Susan Glover Takahashi
Dr. Curtis Handford
St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Fok-Han Leung
St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Danielle Martin
Women’s College Hospital
Dr. John Malcolm Maxted
Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Arsalan (Alan) Monavvari
North York General Hospital
Dr. Karen Weyman
St. Michael’s Hospital
Junior Promotions
July 2016 - May 2017

Dr. Lesley Adcock
UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Carrie Bernard
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Dr. Anita Chakraborty
Sunnybrook Health Science Centre

Dr. Blaise Clarkson
Toronto East General Hospital

Dr. Frances Nova Cousins
Trillium - Mississauga Hospital

Dr. Susan Deering
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Dr. Praseedha Janakiram
Women’s College Hospital

Dr. Narges Khoshnood
Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Carol Kitai
Women’s College Hospital

Dr. Kate Lazier
Toronto East General Hospital

Dr. Pamela Lenkov
Women’s College Hospital

Dr. Danielle Manis
North York General Hospital

Dr. Lynn Marshall
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Dr. Jennifer McDonald
The Scarborough Hospital - General Div.

Dr. Monica Nijhawan
Southlake Regional Health Centre

Dr. Carrie A. Schram
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Dr. Giovanna Sirianni
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Dr. Andrew Sparrow
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Dr. Suzanne Turner
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Dr. Peter Tzakas
Toronto East General Hospital

Dr. Omid Kyle Vojdani
Toronto East General Hospital
New Faculty
July 2016 - May 2017

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Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

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Dr. Nilanjana Datta
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