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FAMILY MEDICINE LECTURE**



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Welcome

Dear colleagues and friends,

Welcome to tonight's 2019 Faculty Awards Event for the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine, and to our Inaugural International Family Medicine Lecture.

Tonight we celebrate the achievements of our faculty, residents, students and staff. All of your efforts contribute to making this an extraordinary department that is shaping the future of family medicine and health care both here and around the world. Each of the colleagues we are honouring tonight contribute, in no small way, to our Department's strong, and growing, national and global reputation.

As part of the 50th Anniversary of the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine, we are also honoured to have Dr. Iona Heath present our Inaugural International Family Medicine Lecture. Dr. Heath is a world-renowned family medicine scholar and advocate. I know you will walk away from her talk feeling more inspired to nurture the relationships in our practices and our lives. I thank Iona for travelling from the United Kingdom to join us this evening.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to quality clinical care, to education and to research, and for everything that you do, each day, to improve the health and well-being of our patients, our communities, and our world. I hope you enjoy tonight's event.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Kidd

Professor and Chair

Department of Family and Community Medicine

Inaugural Lectureship

Dr. Iona Heath

Retired inner city general practitioner in Kentish Town in London (1975-2010). Member at Large of the WONCA world executive (2007–2013). Past President of the UK Royal College of General Practitioners (2009–2012).

Iona Heath has written regularly for the British Medical Journal and has contributed essays to many other medical journals across the world. She has been particularly interested to explore the nature of general practice, the importance of medical generalism, issues of justice and liberty in relation to health care, the corrosive influence of the medical industrial complex and the commercialisation of medicine, and the challenges posed by disease-mongering, the care of the dying, and violence within families.



International Lecture Title: Family Medicine Nurturing Relationships in a Hyperconnected World

Relationships are fundamental to human existence and human beings seek to create enduring and trusting relationships in all spheres of life, not least within healthcare, and particularly, within family practice where, in the face of the terrors and uncertainties of illness, the possibility of serial encounters over time can be used to foster continuity of care within an ongoing and mutually trusting relationship. Yet everywhere in our globalised and hyperconnected world, these ongoing relationships are threatened by fragmentation and the myth of certainty.

Order of Events

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Opening Remarks

Program Awards

Remarks by Professor Cynthia Whitehead

International Lecture by Dr. Iona Heath

Break

Awards of Excellence

Remarks by Professor Jeff Kwong

External Awards

Remarks by Dr. Mary Tierney, recipient of Outstanding
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Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Research and Advocacy

■ Department of Family and Community Medicine

Research Award for Mentorship

Dr. Rick Glazier | St. Michael's Hospital

"He demonstrates, and excels at, all the key qualities of an outstanding mentor" –
Drs. Aisha Lofters and Karen Weyman

■ First Place Publication

Dr. Jeff Kwong | Toronto Western Hospital

Kwong JC, Schwartz KL, Campitelli MA, Chung H, Crowcroft NS, Karnauchow T, Katz K, Ko DT, McGeer AJ, McNally D, Richardson DC, Rosella LC, Simor A, Smieja M, Zahariadis G, Gubbay JB. Acute myocardial infarction after laboratory-confirmed influenza infection. *NEJM*. 2018 Jan 25; 378(4):345-353.

■ Second Place Publication

Dr. Tara Kiran | St. Michael's Hospital

Kiran T, Moineddin R, Kopp A, Frymire E, Glazier R. Association between Emergency Department Use and Enrollment in a Medical Home Providing After-Hours Care. *Annals of Family Medicine*. 2018 September/October; 16(5): 419-427.

■ Third Place Publication

Dr. Aisha Lofters | St. Michael's Hospital

Lofters AK, Mark A, Taljaard M, Green M, Glazier RH, Dahrouge S. Cancer screening inequities in a time of primary care reform: A population-based longitudinal study in Ontario, Canada. *BMC Fam Pract*. 2018; 19: 147.

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Quality and Innovation

■ Faculty & Staff Impact Award

Data Standardization Committee

We are pleased to nominate the Data Standardization Committee for the Faculty and Staff Impact Award. Using QI tools such as brainstorming benefits, surveys and PDSA cycles, they determined there was a lack of consistent and accurate data entry in the different EMRs used by offices. This resulted in difficulty tracking information, performing searches and doing quality work. Quality dimensions such as patient safety, equity, timeliness, efficiency and effective care were being affected.

Data Standardization Committee:

Ms. Dianne Adair | North York General Hospital
Ms. Suja Arackal | North York General Hospital
Dr. Dahlia Balaban | North York General Hospital
Dr. Harvey Blankenstein | North York General Hospital
Ms. Megan Butt | North York General Hospital
Ms. Briar DeFinney | North York General Hospital
Dr. Michelle Greiver | North York General Hospital
Ms. Rita Ha | North York General Hospital
Dr. David Kaplan | North York General Hospital
Dr. Doug Kavanagh | North York General Hospital
Dr. Katie Ker | North York General Hospital
Ms. Sabrina La Tona | North York General Hospital
Dr. Bonnie Lee | North York General Hospital
Mr. Andrew Levstein | North York General Hospital
Dr. Allyson Merbaum | North York General Hospital
Dr. Maria Muraca | North York General Hospital
Ms. Jennifer Otley | North York General Hospital
Ms. Jessica Pearlstein | North York General Hospital
Ms. Jennifer Prats | North York General Hospital
Mr. Rustam Rafikov | North York General Hospital
Ms. Kelsee Stephenson | North York General Hospital
Dr. Eric Stutz | North York General Hospital
Ms. Christine Truong | North York General Hospital
Dr. Kimberly Wintemute | North York General Hospital

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Quality and Innovation

■ Faculty & Staff Impact Award

Adacel Immunization in Pregnancy

We are pleased to nominate Dr. Joshua Yuen, Dr. Stephanie Duquette and primary staff member, Dr. Michelle van Walraven for the Faculty and Staff Impact Award. This dedicated team worked together on an Adacel Immunization in Pregnancy initiative for the QI Curriculum Project. This was the first QI project outside the Family Medicine Teaching Unit patient practices, into a community physician's practice. As such, this project spread QI to the broader community.

Team:

Dr. Stephanie Duquette | Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

Dr. Michelle van Walraven | Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

Dr. Joshua Yuen | Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

■ Faculty & Staff Impact Award

Choosing Wisely: Sedative-Hypnotic Deprescribing and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Insomnia Practices at Health for All Family Health Team, Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit, Markham Stouffville Hospital

This project centered around individual and joint counselling for patients 65 years of age or older to deprescribe sedative-hypnotics for insomnia, improving this approach by developing a co-facilitated Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Group Program for Insomnia (CBT-I). The aim was to deprescribe sedative-hypnotics safely while providing patients with the skills to improve their quality of sleep without needing these medications.

Team:

Ms. Stefanie Belli | Markham Stouffville Hospital

Dr. Karuna Gupta | Markham Stouffville Hospital

Ms. Zhanying Shi | Markham Stouffville Hospital

Dr. Lindsay Wong | Markham Stouffville Hospital

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Quality and Innovation

■ Faculty & Staff Impact Award

An Interprofessional Team Approach to Improving Health Inequities by Addressing Poverty at the Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team

This project team was assembled to address health inequities among patients of the Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team (SAFHT). This QI project was successful as it developed a way to identify patients who may be having financial difficulty and we now have a sustainable QI initiative in place to identify and provide a patient-centred resource to assist our patients having financial challenges.

Team:

Dr. Lisa Del Giudice | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Ms. Andrea Goncz | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Walter Leahy | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Ms. Karin Pereira | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Ms. Corrie Procak | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Ms. Chandra Ram | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

■ Faculty & Staff Impact Award

High Risk Opioid Deprescribing

The aim of this project was to implement proactive, pharmacist-led reviews of patients with chronic non-cancer pain co-prescribed opioid(s) and benzodiazepine(s). This project demonstrated interprofessional collaboration with the site-based Pharmacist increased alignment with Health Quality Ontario's opioid prescribing standards. This initiative is being expanded to the remaining four FHT practice sites with associated evaluations as this project demonstrated a significant role for FHT pharmacists as opioid stewards.

Team:

Ms. Samantha Davie | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Norm Dewhurst | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Jonathan Hunchuck | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Tara Kiran | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Margarita Lam-Antoniades | St. Michael's Hospital
Ms. Trish Tili | St. Michael's Hospital

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Quality and Innovation

■ PGY1 Impact Award

Reducing No Shows to the Addictions Shared Care Clinic

The SJHC Quality Steering Committee would like to nominate Naushin Walji and Matthieu Hubert's QI project "Reducing No Shows to the Addictions Shared Care Clinic" for the PGY1 QI Impact Award. Their project standardized the referral process to the outpatient Addictions Shared Care Clinic at St. Joseph's Health Centre in an effort to reduce the proportion of "no shows" to the clinic, a pervasive problem in addictions clinics across the country.

Team:

Dr. Matthieu Hubert | St. Joseph's Health Centre

Dr. Naushin Walji | St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Simone Best | St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Tammy Heise | St. Joseph's Health Centre

Ms. Vera Neto | St. Joseph's Health Centre

Dr. Eric Solway | St. Joseph's Health Centre

■ PGY1 Impact Award

Increasing lung cancer screening using low-dose chest-CT: A QI Initiative

These residents demonstrated an excellent understanding of quality improvement principles and utilized appropriate system diagnostic tools to identify processes that contributed to low rates of lung cancer screening in two primary care offices. Their hard work resulted in an overall increase in lung cancer screening rates of 225% and their selected interventions are easily carried forwards, which we believe will contribute to their project's lasting impact.

Team:

Dr. Neil D'Souza | Scarborough Health Network

Dr. Rahim Haji | Scarborough Health Network

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■ PGY1 Impact Award

Improving Hepatitis C Screening Based on Age Cohort at the TWH Family Health Team Led by Dr. Rebecca Shalansky, Dr. Sophie Bourgeois, Dr. Ruphen Shaw & Dr. Maelynn Burridge

This QI project's goal was to increase age cohort-based Hepatitis C screening rates at the Toronto Western FHT with three PDSA cycles over a period of three months, including provider education with an EMR prompt, patient questionnaires, and multimedia clinic posters. Overall, by increasing awareness and screening of hepatitis C, this project aimed to reduce the health burden of this condition and improve access to treatment.

Team:

Dr. Sophie Bourgeois | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Maelynn Burridge | Toronto Western Hospital
Ms. Inthuja Kanagasabapathy | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Jeff Kwong | Toronto Western Hospital
Ms. Sandra Palmer | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Rebecca Shalansky | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Ruphen Shaw | Toronto Western Hospital

■ PGY1 Impact Award

Smoking cessation initiative at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Family Medicine Teaching Unit

This smoking cessation project incrementally improved the number of patients receiving smoking cessation counselling, smoking cessation codes billed and documented—a benefit to the patient/system and provider, reflecting the concept of Triple Aim Improvement. The work of these residents made a sustainable, positive impact on patient care that continues within our community practices, this was truly an impactful project.

Team:

Dr. Anastasiya Nelyubina | Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
Dr. Cameron Spence | Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

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Quality and Innovation

■ PGY1 Impact Award

Optimizing Appropriate Provider Referrals to Mental Health Services at Women's College Hospital Family Practice

Led by Dr. Debi Banerjee, Dr. Mary Choi & Dr. Rajini Retnasothie

For this QI project, we decided to develop a QI project to improve Women's College Hospital FPHC providers' awareness & knowledge towards internal mental health services for patients with depression and/or anxiety – specifically in utilizing individual and group psychotherapy counselling sessions. Our project was well-received – we increased appropriate patient referrals based on triage level and improved provider awareness, knowledge and comfort with discussing mental health services available at WCH.

Team:

Dr. Debi Banerjee | Women's College Hospital

Ms. Karen Burrell | Women's College Hospital

Dr. Mary Choi | Women's College Hospital

Ms. Holly Finn | Women's College Hospital

Dr. Susie Kim | Women's College Hospital

Dr. Claire Murphy | Women's College Hospital

Dr. Sivarajini Retnasothie | Women's College Hospital

Ms. Chantal Simms | Women's College Hospital

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■ PGY1 Impact Award

Smoking Cessation Counselling During Post-Discharge Visits

Led by Dr. Franky Fanfan Liu, Dr. Cassy Shitong Wang, Dr. Rajesh Girdhari

This project aimed to examine a potential gap in smoking cessation counselling among recently discharged patients. A smoking cessation prompt was introduced in routine post-discharge visit assessments completed by Nursing, which led to 6 out of 6 post-discharge patients having documented discussions on smoking cessation. This project has been nominated for its inter-professional and patient-centred approach to quality improvement work resulting in significant patient impact during transitions in care.

Team:

Dr. Cassy Shitong Wang | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Franky Fanfan Liu | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Rajesh Girdhari | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Jonathan Hunchuck | St. Michael's Hospital

Mr. Gabriel Lee | St. Michael's Hospital

Ms. Amy McDougall | St. Michael's Hospital

■ PGY1 Impact Award

Time for the talk: Optimizing Hepatitis C treatment discussion rates in HIV-Hepatitis C co-infected patients

Led by Dr. Genevieve Rochon-Terry

This project's focus was to improve HCV treatment rates at the St. Michael's Hospital Academic FHT. This project has been nominated as it has led to the generation of a valid EMR-based search to identify a HCV treatment-naïve cohort, the development of a patient-centered phone script inviting patients for an HCV treatment discussion with their Primary Care provider and identified a significant opportunity for work in the treatment and eventual eradication of Hepatitis C.

Team:

Dr. Tony Antoniou | St. Michael's Hospital

Mr. Daniel Bois | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Marybeth DeRocher | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Genevieve Rochon-Terry | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Ann Stewart | St. Michael's Hospital

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■ PGY1 Impact Award

Medication Reconciliation in Patients with Congestive Heart Failure at Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit

Led by Dr. Jessamyn Little

We are pleased to nominate Dr. Jessamyn Little for the QI PGY1 Impact Award. Dr. Little demonstrated excellence in QI methodology through her focus on the quality domains of patient safety and patient-centeredness relevant to clinical improvement at Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit (MFMTU). She and her team were successful in improving MedRec rates in CHF patients to 38% over a three-month period, surpassing their goal of 30%.

Team:

Dr. Karuna Gupta | Markham Stouffville Hospital

Dr. Jessamyn Little | Markham Stouffville Hospital

Ms. Zhanying Shi | Markham Stouffville Hospital

Dr. Lindsay Wong | Markham Stouffville Hospital

■ PGY1 Impact Award

Enhancing routine monitoring of patients on direct oral anticoagulants (DOAC) through flowsheet use

Led by Dr. Thomas Ringer, Dr. Sarah Gage & Dr. Brian Chang

This project concerns an important aspect of patient care and safety. This group worked well to identify an area for improvement and with the judicious use of different and appropriate QI tools, completed 3 PDSA cycles. Reflection and careful deliberation after each PDSA allowed the team to guide further tests of change, ultimately resulting in an improvement in their outcome measure.

Team:

Dr. Brian Chang | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Sarah Gage | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Thomas Ringer | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Ms. Suzanne Singh | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. David Tannenbaum | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

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■ PGY1 Impact Award

Preventing Long-Term Use of PPIs in the Family Clinic

For this project, the residents explored whether it is possible to evoke behavioral change on the part of patients by using an educational discussion/counselling tool. They held this discussion prior to prescribing a proton-pump inhibitor (PPI), where they explained the potential long-term risks. The aim was to determine if the patient was more likely to stop the medication after the recommended time frame as a result of this counselling.

Team:

Dr. Tiffany Ng | North York General Hospital

Dr. Jessica Sennet | North York General Hospital

Dr. Talia Sudai | North York General Hospital

■ PGY2 Impact Award

Spreading the Ottawa Model for Morbidity and Mortality Rounds (OM3) and promoting a QI approach to the analysis of adverse events

Dr. Alexandra Stoianov | Michael Garron Hospital

The aim of the project was to spread the Ottawa Model for Morbidity and Mortality Rounds (OM3) promoting a QI approach to the analysis of adverse events. Dr. Alexandra Stoianov's QI work deserves to be recognized with an award because it addresses the important topic of Patient Safety through improving Critical Event Analysis using a QI-Patient Safety approach into the traditional hospital M&M rounds.

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■ PGY2 Impact Award

Ductal Carcinoma In-Situ (DCIS) Patient Repatriation Project: From Consultants To Primary Care Providers

We are pleased to nominate the above residents for the PGY2 Impact Award. They worked on this initiative as their PGY1 QI project working closely with experts in the area and all relevant stakeholders. They have now expanded their work into their PGY2 academic project. They have made excellent use of QI methodology. The aim is for family physicians to provide ongoing care of stable patients as an extension of the cancer survivorship program.

Team:

Dr. Samantha Avadiev | North York General Hospital

Dr. Kira Bensimon | North York General Hospital

■ PGY2 Impact Award

Improving Vaccination Rates Against Shingles at the Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team (SAFHT) South Team in patients age 65-70

We believe this team is deserving of the PGY-2 Impact Award as they demonstrated a solid application of QI methodology and assembled an interprofessional team which resulted in project sustainability and spread at our site. Their project focused on the number of patients who had not been vaccinated against shingles. The excellent work done by this team has resulted in on-going work to improve shingles vaccination rates at our site.

Team:

Dr. Sharanya Rajendra | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Jing Yu | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

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Undergraduate

■ Excellence in Advocacy

Dr. Carol Kitai | Women's College Hospital

"I am inspired by Dr. Kitai is because of her selfless attitude towards advocacy. She does not seek out recognition, but merely sees her advocacy work as a passion, interest, and expectation for herself. I was honored to work with her and have truly felt that I have grown to be a more compassionate and caring clinician and I aspire to have a passion that serves others so abundantly as Dr. Kitai."

Dr. Judith Thompson | St. Joseph's Health Centre

"Throughout her many years of practice, Judy Thompson has demonstrated a deep commitment to the well-being of high needs patients and their communities. She advocates tirelessly on behalf of patients to try and remove barriers to health care, primarily by working hard to facilitate access to needed services. In the course of doing this work, she shares her knowledge and experience not only to the medical students and other learners whom she teaches, but to her colleagues as well."

■ Excellence in Mentorship

Dr. Jane Chow | Women's College Hospital

"She took this time to understand my future career goals, my learning style, and introduce her style as a teacher and see if there was any way she could accommodate me."

"Dr. Chow provided me with feedback by not only giving me her own opinions but also by allowing me to learn from the natural progression of my patient's diseases."

"Dr. Chow went above and beyond to provide me with knowledge of how a staff physician actually practices."

Dr. Kathleen Doukas | St. Michael's Hospital

"What I believe truly separates Dr. Doukas is her ability and willingness to bring her personality into the work that she does. By taking the time to get to know her learners and by developing a relationship with them, Dr. Doukas creates a unique opportunity for mentorship and offer students an education which transcends medical knowledge."

Dr. Nadine Laraya | St. Joseph's Health Centre

"As a lifelong student that interacts regularly with various faculty members as co-president of my medical school class, I can think of few physicians that have had as lasting an educational impact in such a discrete period of time. Dr. Laraya is an outstanding physician, an exemplary educator, and a worthy recipient of this teaching award. She is among the top 5% of instructors"

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Undergraduate

Dr. Scott Nguyen | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

“Dr. Nguyen encouraged me as a clerk to take on new learning opportunities and work through challenging patient cases. He took the time to discuss how I felt during these situations, how we might have acted differently, and what we did well with the patient. Moreover, he challenged me to think of multiple treatment options, to explore these with patients, and to consider what practice guidelines had suggested.”

■ **Role Modelling Clinical Excellence**

Dr. Michael Kates | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

“Dr. Kates is truly passionate about family medicine. He often provided me with a safe space to self-reflect on difficult patient encounters. He provided me with feedback on a regular basis and helped me come up with concrete steps to improve as a clerk. He gave me the opportunity to not only come up with comprehensive management plans on my own but to also communicate these plans with patients under his supervision.”

Dr. Kimberley Kent | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

“Dr. Kent always took the time to gather all necessary information about her patients, performed a thorough physical examination, and made decisions that were consistently evidence-based and patient-centred. She finds the time to connect with her patients, staff, and students, and demonstrates true dedication to her work. Never the tiniest bit jaded or cynical, and always empathic and a good listener — her patients are lucky to have her as their doctor.”

Dr. Jennifer McCabe | St. Michael's Hospital

“She has been a wonderful mentor, encouraging me to consider family medicine as a specialty, and meeting with me outside of clinical time to offer advice. I am so grateful to have had the chance to work with her, as she truly role models clinical excellence, and has offered me a wealth of opportunities as a learner.”

Dr. Debra Small | North York General Hospital

“Dr. Small is an exceptional role model for her commitment to providing learners with a complete and rewarding learning experience in family medicine. Furthermore, Dr. Small always provided a supportive environment for learning and made each encounter an opportunity for learning and professional growth. Both as a mentor and physician, Dr. Small has been an exceptional role model in her ability to optimize each learning opportunity for trainees and provide excellent medical care to patients.”

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Undergraduate

■ Teaching Excellence

Dr. Casey Corkum | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

“Dr. Corkum was an enthusiastic and attentive preceptor. He was consistently available after each clinic to offer feedback and encouragement. He always encouraged me to try to come up with a comprehensive management plan on my own for all patient encounters and made it a safe and positive environment to propose my ideas.”

Dr. Kimberley McIntosh

“Dr. McIntosh was an exemplary preceptor. She facilitated my involvement with patients along the continuum of care - from the clinic to home visits. She took the time to speak to me about my interests and passions, found opportunities within family medicine that aligned with those interests, stimulated my thinking about clinical scenarios, meanwhile also encouraged me to reflect about career aspirations and goals. Additionally, she consistently made herself available to discuss difficult cases and situations.”

Dr. Dana Newman | St. Joseph's Health Centre

“She is an astounding teaching. She immediately made me feel welcomed with her positive and uplifting attitude. Dr. Newman did an excellent job at ensuring my involvement in patient cases. She consistently forwarded to me investigation results of patients we had seen together so that I had the opportunity to experience patient continuity and follow up. She is dedicated to her role as a clinical teacher and this is apparent in her interactions with learners.”

Dr. Noor Ramji | St. Michael's Hospital

“Dr. Ramji is an excellent preceptor! Not only is she very knowledgeable and thorough, she takes the time to review each case with her students and teach around the case. She is extremely passionate, and her passion for her patients, her work and her students make her an excellent mentor. I especially appreciated how she involved me in her OB call work while I was on my family med rotation. She truly made me feel welcome and like I was part of the team!”

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Dr. Gerald Rockman | St. Michael's Hospital

“Dr. Rockman was amazing!!! Fantastic mentor, teacher and friend! Amazing physician who truly cares about his student's education. Able to tailor the needs of the students with their interests and field of medicine they may be pursuing. Constantly provided new knowledge and important clinical takeaways with every patient. Pushed and challenged students to learn more as they progressed through the rotation. One of the best physician I have had the pleasure to work with and become acquainted with.”

Dr. Evelyn Rubin | Women's College Hospital

“Excellent teacher and role model. Willing to let students take on adequate patient care responsibilities. Has a clear passion for helping students learn and often went above and beyond to create learning moments. Great at giving feedback. Excellent role model in both medical expertise and empathetic patient-centred care. Very Supportive, gives good feedback”

Dr. Karen Swirsky | St. Michael's Hospital

“Dr. Swirsky is an enthusiastic teacher who is committed to engaging and developing learners. While many preceptors enquire about learning objectives, Dr. Swirsky was the first preceptor who took my objectives to heart and made it a priority to help me achieve them.”

“Dr. Swirsky is well known among learners and her colleagues for her clinical excellence, and for good reason. She is always pushing herself and her learners to do better.”

■ Teaching Excellence – New Teacher

Dr. Melanie Beswick

“Dr. Beswick was an outstanding FMLE preceptor. She struck a perfect balance in encouraging both independence and support, while simultaneously challenging and comforting her students. Dr. Beswick is incredibly deserving of an FMLE teaching award, as she has left a lasting impression on me and has motivated me to exhibit the qualities she demonstrated in being an excellent family physician.”

Dr. Robert Cho | Trillium Health Partners

“I would like to nominate Dr. Robert Cho For Teaching Excellence. He has an excellent approach to teaching that is both stimulating and encouraging for his learners. Multiple learners at all levels of training has expressed their appreciation of him as a teacher. Combining his dedication to teaching and excellence in his bedside manner, he is a role model for future physicians and an excellent teacher.”

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Undergraduate

Dr. Amy Forbes | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

“Dr. Forbes is greatly deserving of this award. She not only is an excellent physician, which is clearly evident by the relationships she has with her patients, but she is also a wonderful teacher. She treats all cases as a teaching opportunity and spends time out of her schedule to ensure learners come out with a positive experience. She makes you feel like a valued member of the team, and always considers your opinions and suggestions.”

Dr. Nasreen Ramji | St. Michael's Hospital

“I could very well go on for pages and pages in describing Dr. Ramji's commitment to excellence as a clinical educator and patient advocate. It goes without saying that she has had a huge impact on the earliest, and therefore, most impressionable part of my training. Everyday, Dr. Ramji challenged me to think critically, pushed me to create management plans, filled in the gaps in my knowledge with innovative tools and resources and supported me in advocating for my patient across a variety of social determinants of health.”

Dr. Naveed Syed | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

“Great teacher, teaching was very student-focused i.e. he cared about our learning goals and gave us the flexibility that adult learners need. Encourages students to take responsibility for patients. Highly effective supervisor. Very supportive, positive learning environment. Encourages independence and critical thinking, in a supportive way. Working with him greatly increased my confidence and competence heading into residency. Treats you “like a resident”, but in a supportive and SAFE way. EXCEPTIONAL preceptor!

■ Teaching Excellence and Role Modelling in Clinical Excellence

Dr. Ruby Alvi | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

“Dr. Alvi is the epitome of an excellent teacher, she shows respect for her students; is interested in both their professional and their personal growth, encourages their independence, and sustains high expectations. She is incredibly approachable and kind. This reflects in her practice, where she is empathetic, honest, and compassionate and is an inspiration to me of who I want to be. Her passion for quality care and patient advocacy is something we as the next generation of physicians should strive to emulate.”

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Undergraduate

Dr. James Crumme

“Dr. Crumme went above and beyond in his role as an FMLE preceptor. He was an excellent mentor, helping me improve my clinical skills and giving constructive feedback on how to take a better history. He offered insight into all aspects of family medicine, bettering my understanding of the field. His approach to discuss each case collectively helped me consolidate and build on my medical learning and helped me develop a practical approach to the delivery of care.”

Dr. Mary Romaniuk

“Dr. Romaniuk was an incredible and enthusiastic teacher, and made every effort to tailor the experience to my learning goals. She asked me about my interests within medicine and emphasized particular aspects of different patient interactions accordingly. Dr. Romaniuk also acted as a mentor throughout my FMLE placement, providing useful advice on both core clinical skills and the personal aspects of life in medicine.”

Dr. David Sedran

“Dr. Sedran is deserving of this award because: 1. He was very invested in my learning - answering all questions, inviting me to participate in different clinical scenarios, always inviting me to follow-up on complex cases. 2. He is an incredibly family doctor who demonstrates how to ensure the patient is at the center of the encounter. 3. Understands how to teach and provide holistic medicine.”

Dr. Shaul Tarek | North York General Hospital

“Dr. Tarek was a fantastic teacher. Not only did he give me the opportunity to practice my clinical skills, but he also helped facilitate the interaction between myself and patients. He was able to keep me on track & teach me as we were going, while still making myself and the patient feel comfortable. He would then take the time to follow up about particular presentations to discuss the medicine behind it and expand on it.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Postgraduate

■ Advocacy for Patients

Dr. Katy Harrington | Michael Garron Hospital

“Dr. Harrington is an exemplary health advocate, as demonstrated by her committed approach to patient care. She builds strong, trusting relationships with patients and ensures their needs are heard. She always respectfully acknowledges individual patient’s medical challenges and finds ways to support them, enabling a better quality of life.”

■ Clinical Excellence

Dr. Alessandro Francella | Enhanced Skills Program

“Dr. Francella has been stellar from day 1, consistently exceeding expectations in all faculty evaluations and 20 field notes from this academic year. Dr. Francella demonstrated excellence through academic productivity within the short academic year and his attitude toward maximizing his learning and collaborating with faculty has garnered the utmost respect from his teachers and colleagues.”

Dr. Aanika Gupta | Southlake Regional Health Centre

“Consistently performed above level of training; managed extremely complex patients with excellent clinical expertise; maturity, as well as empathy and compassion. Always, always open to feedback and seeking ways to improve clinical skills. Outstanding resident and respected member of our team.”

Dr. Christopher Haddad | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

“Dr. Haddad has an outstanding clinical skill set, and, in combination with an understanding of the patient’s illness experience, a strong sense of advocacy. With a continued thirst for knowledge, he is a role model for his peers and faculty alike. He is highly professional and genuine in all encounters.”

Dr. Jeffrey Chun Sing Ho | Scarborough Health Network

“Dr. Jeffrey Ho possesses clinical knowledge and acumen far beyond his peers. Not only does he deliver outstanding evidence-based, patient-centred care, but also he also constantly strives to learn more ways to refine his superb skills. He exhibits deep compassion towards his patients and their families, and truly deserves this award.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Postgraduate

Dr. Bahar Khojasteh | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

“Throughout her residency, Bahar has shown herself to be one of the most thorough and hardworking trainees we have ever had. She is always well prepared, efficient in clinic and conscientious in follow up. She is extremely bright and self-motivated, holding herself to an exceptionally high standard. She has continually challenged herself and our staff to do better and we are very grateful.”

Dr. Ailin Li | Markham Stouffville Hospital

“Dr. Li demonstrates superior clinical knowledge and presents a thoughtful differential diagnosis during her patient encounters. She consistently goes the extra mile for her patients. Using a patient centered approach, and her excellent communication skills, Dr. Li incorporates the patient’s values seamlessly into her evidence-based management plans.”

Dr. Aseel Masaad A Alassimi | Women’s College Hospital

“Dr. Aseel Alassimi’s ability to integrate and function at a high-level both in her clinical practice and in terms of collaboration with peers and colleagues is a testament to her interpersonal skill set. She has consistently achieved outstanding evaluations throughout her rotations. Her consistent dedication to self-directed learning and the care she provides to her patients is clear.”

Dr. Carly Schenker | Toronto Western Hospital

“Dr. Carly Schenker is an outstanding resident. Her medical knowledge is well above that of her peers and can easily manage even the most complicated patients with great skill. She is thoughtful, and measured in her ordering of investigations and referrals. She takes time to listen and you can tell she truly cares about her patients.”

Dr. Cameron Edward Spence | Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

“Cameron is a very well rounded learner, his professionalism is solid, and he is most respectful of all: patients, administrative staff, allied health, supervisors. He is particularly gifted in understanding and empathizing with the patient’s view of an illness and treatment while simultaneously practicing evidence-based medicine.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Postgraduate

Dr. Naushin Walji | St. Joseph's Health Centre

"Dr. Walji has consistently demonstrated exemplary clinical and interpersonal skills during her residency. She has skillfully developed strong therapeutic relationships with a wide variety of patients, moving them through various stages of change to better health outcomes. She is an example of clinical excellence for all physicians."

■ Dr. Samuel Leitenberg Memorial Scholarship for the Humanitarian Practice of Family and Community Medicine Award

Dr. Melissa Maria Ng | Markham Stouffville Hospital

"Dr. Melissa Ng is a competent and knowledgeable resident, who has the special ability of taking everything she has learned and translating it into patient centered care. She provides care for patients of differing complexities including those with psychiatric illness, vulnerable housing and addiction with compassion and ease. Dr. Ng embodies all the characteristics a remarkable family physician."

■ Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Elaine Cheng | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

"Dr. Elaine Cheng deserves this award because she is an exemplary family physician and a joy to work with. She is kind, patient, and easy to approach. Dr. Cheng demonstrates a genuine interest in the residents' well-being and always takes the time to tailor learning to relevant topics."

Dr. Neil Dilworth | Enhanced Skills Program

"Dr. Dilworth exemplifies the best in a teacher by being clinically excellent, approachable, and innovative in all he does. His passion for teaching is evident through the variety of ways he educates and he even developed the first Canadian MSK educational website entitled sportmedschool.com. He has raised the level of Sport & Exercise medicine education and continues to elevate the quality of training here in Toronto."

Dr. Rahul Jain | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

"Dr. Jain's average teaching clinic is by no means average, and in fact reflects his dedication and enthusiasm for nurturing clinical skills and reasoning among his learners. In terms of time commitment, mentorship and creating a cheerful, safe and intellectually stimulating environment for all residents, he is our group's unanimous choice for this prestigious award."

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Postgraduate

Dr. Benjamin Kaasa | Toronto Western Hospital

“Dr. Kaasa has excellent teaching skills in both outpatient and inpatient clinical settings. He takes the initiative to understand residents’ learning objectives and subsequently ensures that both formal teaching and clinical opportunities fulfill these objectives. His commitment to resident education across all CanMEDS roles is unparalleled.”

Dr. Maya Rose Maliakkal | Markham Stouffville Hospital

“Dr. Maliakkal is an excellent instructor, mentor, and leader within Health For All. As a preceptor, she establishes a stress free learning environment while still probing students’ knowledge. As a mentor, she is always open to providing career advice and supporting the professional goals of students. She works diligently to liaise with educators throughout the hospital to ensure residents are getting the most out of their learning opportunities.”

Dr. Karim Vellani | St. Michael’s Hospital

“Dr. Karim Vellani has demonstrated a commitment to teaching and resident wellbeing that is apparent through his actions in supervising learners. He facilitates goal-setting and addressing learning gaps, provides consistent and reliable clinical support, ensures regular teaching moments, and pushes learners to grow within a respectful and psychologically safe environment.”

■ Family Medicine Resident Leadership Award

Dr. Inna Genkin | Enhanced Skills Program - Women’s Health

“Dr. Genkin’s recognition of inequitable access to abortion nationally prompted her work on primary care adoption of Mifepristone practice. As team lead, she developed materials, recruited and trained MD providers, implemented and disseminated her work via the OCFP ASA, FMF, WCH and Rosser Day. Her advocacy on behalf of patients and the inequity that they experience based on gender, ethnicity, access and other social determinants of health locally and nationally, is exemplary.”

■ Hollister King Preceptor Award

Dr. Alison Appelton | Lion’s Head/Tobermory

“Dr. Appelton had a way of talking with patients that encouraged honesty and trust. She had made it her goal to provide small procedures to patients directly in their community to minimize need for distant referrals and shared her resources for doing so with me. She has inspired me to strive to provide local care to rural communities. Dr. Appelton is an inspiring role model in work-life balance and as a provider for patient-centered care.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Postgraduate

Dr. Harvey Windfield | Flesherton/Markdale

“Dr. Winfield exemplifies the CCFP’s four principles of Family Medicine. He is extremely hard working and dedicates his life to his community working long hours in Family Clinic, OR, ED and Hospitalist. He practices lifelong learning more thoroughly than any physician I have worked with. He has taught me to be a true patient advocate and think practically about my management plans taking into account the best medicine but also what is best for the individual patient.”

■ Hollister King Resident Award

Dr. Matthieu Hubert | St. Joseph’s Health Centre

“Dr. Hubert has exemplified the CCFP’s four principles of Family Medicine remarkably in the first few weeks of his rotation. Not only is he an extremely skilled clinician, he puts the needs of the patient’s he sees first. He takes time to truly listen and advocates for their needs. He has integrated himself to our small community and understands the uniqueness of a small town doctor- patient relationship. He is an excellent resource to my practice population, regardless of age, sex, race or sexual orientation.”

■ Innovation in Education

Dr. Paul Kobic | Enhanced Skills Program

“Dr. Paul Kobic is the coordinator of the FM/EM PGY3 residents’ monthly patient simulation curriculum and completely re-designed the content of the half-day sessions to cover the 37 Key Features in the competencies outlined by the CCFP. The patient simulation portion of the resident curriculum is the only item on the yearly resident exit survey that uniformly receives the highest possible rating.”

Dr. Nina Yashpal | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

“Dr. Yashpal successfully planned and launched the Homebound and Palliative Care initiative at the FMTU in the last year. She has worked passionately to ensure the needs of the residents and the program are met. She has shown commitment to resident development in the FMTU and in the community.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Postgraduate

■ Leadership

Dr. Ammar Saleh Bookwala | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

“Dr. Bookwala has always been an advocate for residents and their wellbeing. Ammar brings valid and practical issues to the table and tries to resolve the problems in a mutually respected way. Ammar has emerged from a good leadership background into a fine physician who loves advocacy and works on troubleshooting problems for colleagues and patients alike.”

Dr. Geneviève Rochon-Terry | St. Michael’s Hospital

“Dr. Geneviève Rochon-Terry and Dr. Gaibrie Stephen have upheld the traits that we have come to know and appreciate from our Chief residents - organization, proactivity, and communication excellence. Together, their approach for bettering the current resident group and the program at large has been firmly established and we could not have asked for better advocates.”

Dr. Jessica Sara Sennet | North York General Hospital

“Dr. Jessica Sennet is an approachable and resourceful leader for the residents at NYGH. She led the organization of the annual resident’s retreat, which had excellent turnout and was a great opportunity for residents to bond. She worked to ensure AHDs were always relevant, organized, and focused on learner needs. Her qualities inspire many residents to become chief residents or take on leadership roles.”

Dr. Gaibrie Stephen | St. Michael’s Hospital

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■ New Teacher

Dr. Vanessa Redditt | Women’s College Hospital

“Dr. Redditt is an incredible teacher and mentor. She is a teacher who truly leads by example, with an approach to patient care that is effortlessly respectful and inclusive. As a learner, she simply inspires you to be your best and to treat patients in the most holistic manner possible. I truly cannot think of a more deserving teacher for this recognition.”

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Postgraduate

Dr. Michelle van Walraven | Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

“Michelle is a very skilled and caring physician, a gifted mentor for learners and an exemplary leader for her colleagues. She is sought after by the residents to help with their house calls and has taken on the supervisor role in the first year QIP projects.”

■ Program Leadership

Dr. Jeff Golisky | Rural Residency Program

“We could simply mention 200 words of superlatives describing Dr. Jeff Golisky, however, true to his modest style, we want to emphasize that his leadership is unassuming while still ensuring a smooth-running system. For undergraduate medical students, residents, and faculty members like ourselves he has been our unwavering touchstone during the growth and success of the DFCM Rural Residency program.”

Dr. Navika Limaye | St. Joseph’s Health Centre

“As SJHC Site Director, Dr. Navika Limaye distinguished herself as a caring and dynamic leader for both residents and fellow staff. She is widely recognized for her support of both the professional and personal needs of residents and will be taking this dedication and leadership into her new position as Chief of Family Medicine beginning in 2019.”

■ Resident Advocacy

Mr. Edwin Ang | St. Michael’s Hospital

“Ed has been an excellent resident education coordinator at St Michael’s Hospital. He is an approachable staff member who continuously invites us to discuss our concerns or future goals when we are in need of direction. We are grateful for his support and collegiality, which has made us feel that he is truly an advocate for our progress and wellbeing.”

Ms. Joanne Mount | Michael Garron Hospital

“Joanne understands the needs of family medicine residents like nobody else. She has developed relationships with virtually every staff physician in the hospital and is able to use these relationships to the benefit of the family medicine residents. She demonstrates her dedication to family medicine residents every single day and has cultivated a learning environment at MGH that truly prioritizes the needs of residents.”

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Postgraduate

■ Role Modeling Clinical Excellence

Dr. Casey Corkum | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

“Dr. Corkum is a wonderful role model to residents and staff. He was instrumental in pushing the online scheduling forward and is a strong resident advocate. Casey was part of the first cohort of residents at our site and is now one of our star teachers, winning multiple resident and local awards. We are very proud of him.”

Dr. Robert M. Doherty | Southlake Regional Health Centre

“The most dedicated, humble and honest physician to work with, who always inspires others to do more. Dr. Doherty is always willing to go the extra mile for his patients and colleagues and never shies away from working longer to achieve the best outcome. A tireless contributor for decades to primary care in Newmarket.”

Dr. Sharon Levy | North York General Hospital

“Dr. Levy is an exemplary clinician and role model through her dedication to her patients and exceptional knowledge in both primary care and internal medicine. She spends extra time after clinic for one-on-one teaching and feedback. She reviews guidelines and consults evidence-based resources to provide specialist-level medicine to her patients.”

Dr. Heather Zimcik | Scarborough Health Network

“Dr. Zimcik is a committed and energetic preceptor. She ensures each rotation is personalized to meet individual goals and spends time role modeling all aspects of Hospitalist work. I experienced exponential growth in independence, confidence and efficiency, as she demonstrated and supported my goal to fully embrace the role of MRP.”

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Postgraduate

■ Teaching Excellence

Dr. Hailey McLinnis | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

“Hailey McLinnis has enthusiastically participated in teaching clerk seminars, taking the initiative to update the teaching materials provided. She is an effective clinical teacher who patiently explains concepts and provides “clinical pearls” during an already busy family medicine clinic. She shares her passion for family medicine with her students.”

Dr. Kate Susanne Reilly | Enhanced Skills Program

“Enthusiasm for teaching displayed from her interview has carried over in Kate’s approach to learning. She has sought MSK teaching opportunities from patient education, medical students, clinical clerks, residents, and allied health teaching in most of her rotations. Her clinical skills have been evaluated as exceptional for her level of training, and her desire to share these skills, including pursuing the Master’s in HPTE through UofT DFCM post-graduation, highlight this commitment.”

Dr. Michael Diamant Rozenbojm | Rural Residency Program

“During his PGY2 year, Michael Rozenbojm has taken on a significant role in teaching and mentoring our third year clinical clerks, providing weekly teaching sessions and including them in opportunities for procedural skills training. He acted as an extremely positive role model and encouraged the clerks to become professional, self-directed learners, all while continuously demonstrating a commitment to clinical excellence.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Faculty Development

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

Dr. Monica Branigan | Sinai Health System - Bridgepoint

“Monica Branigan has been a leader in Faculty Development and CME for over 15 years. She has created innovative programming fostering a supportive learning environment. She created the Division of Palliative Care grand rounds, added a wellness component, produced courses on Mindfulness and the first Resiliency Retreat. She took on a national leadership role during MAiD developing curriculum and hosting speaking engagements. Monica has been a leader and an innovator in FD both locally and nationally.”

■ Excellence in Faculty Development HIV Primary Care Group.

“The St Michael’s Hospital Family Health Team HIV Team is a multidisciplinary team committed to furthering education in the field of HIV medicine, with a focus on continuing education for all levels of learners. Through the organization of weekly HIV rounds, ongoing quality improvement initiatives related to retention and linkage to care for those living with HIV/AIDS, and an annual HIV Primary Care Education Day conference which draws attendees from across the province, this group has contributed significantly to Continuing Education for the past twenty years.”

Team:

Dr. Gordon Arbess | St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Charlie Guiang | St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. James Owen | St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Andrew Pinto | St. Michael’s Hospital
Ms. Sue Hranilovic | St. Michael’s Hospital
Dr. Tony Antoniou | St. Michael’s Hospital
Mr. Daniel Bois | St. Michael’s Hospital

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Faculty Development

■ Mentorship

Dr. Amy Freedman | St. Michael's Hospital

"As Care of the Elderly Program Director, Dr. Freedman goes consistently above and beyond her coordinator role as a mentor, taking a personal, human interest in her learners, and helping them grow in an environment of collaboration and collegiality. Through her warm and attentive mentorship, she is a leader in fostering diversity in the program and broader specialty, a key strength in a field that is growing to meet a wide cross-section of patient needs."

■ Excellence in Scholarship in Faculty Development

Dr. Leah Steinberg | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

"Dr. Steinberg's innovative, interactive, accessible Goals of Care (GOC) e-module (goalsofcaremodule.com) started as a tool for teaching medical learners, but has now been adopted as a key resource for health professionals within palliative care and beyond. Many prominent groups currently support the use of this resource for learning about GOC conversations, including the Ontario Renal Network, Ontario Palliative Care Network, Hospice Palliative Care Ontario and Pallium Canada."

■ Excellence in Continuing Education

Dr. Rahul Jain | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

"Dr. Jain has shown sustained passion and leadership in the creation, implementation and dissemination of important cardiovascular guidelines. He has been the primary care voice on the Canadian Cardiovascular Harmonized National Endeavour (C-CHANGE). He has presented this work both locally and nationally. Video presentations for this important work are also available on the C-CHANGE website and continuously added to the CFPC Prevention in Hand e-learning program for family physicians (MAINPRO+ accredited)."

■ Learner: Contributor to Faculty Development

Ms. Vanessa Sheng | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

"Vanessa and I, as her supervisor and Mentor have been tasked with reaching out to establish the existence of a Community of Practice of Teachers, including Family Physicians, as well as Allied Health Professionals (HPE's). We worked on a project with the aid of a Professional Development Fund to establish an inaugural event for promotion and engagement of Community Teachers and this event, held in November, 2018 was very well received. I am extremely grateful for her energy and enthusiasm."

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Academic Fellowship & Graduate Studies

■ Continuing Education and Graduate Studies Instructor Award

Dr. Julia Alleyne | Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

“Dr. Alleyne is nominated for educational leadership especially in online and distance learning. She has led the review and redesign of several courses in the Academic Fellowship and Graduate Studies Program. She is always thoughtful and attentive to student learning needs. She brings special expertise in online and distance education and has developed or helped others develop online materials ranging from case studies and graded discussion boards to online assessments.”

Continuing Education Student Award for Overall Excellence

Dr. Hathaitip Tumviriyakul

“Dr. Hathaitip Tumviriyakul began the Academic Fellowship May 2018 and completed her courses in only 13 months, while achieving high academic excellence. For her practicum, she assisted in online course rejuvenation by developing concept presentations to enhance student learning. Her supervisor wrote, “Hathaitip was an invaluable leader who innovated our course material.” Currently, she is completing the Clinical Research Certificate and will return to Thailand to resume her Faculty position with enriched skills in teaching, research and leadership.”

■ Program completion (International)

Academic Fellowship: Dr. Hathaitip Tumviriyakul

Clinical Teacher Certificate: Dr. Hani Ahmed Ibraheem Abozaid

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Global Health & Social Accountability

■ Faculty Award for Excellence in Global Health & Social Accountability

Dr. Melanie Henry | Markham Stouffville Hospital

“Dr. Henry is a compassionate family physician who advocates for health equity in the community, passionately educates residents and faculty about global health, and actively promotes family medicine education around the world”.

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Emergency Medicine

■ Excellence in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Walter Himmel | North York General Hospital

“In his career as an Emergency Physician, Dr. Walter Himmel continues to embody and model the roles of leader, professional, teacher and medicine expert on a consistent basis.”

■ Excellence in Research/Quality Improvement in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Sheldon Cheskes | Sunnybrook Centre for Prehospital Medicine

“Sheldon’s impact is truly remarkable. He has made tremendous contributions to resuscitation science and has become a world leader in the area of cardiac arrest resuscitation.”

■ Excellence in Teaching in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Carly Ng | Markham Stouffville Hospital

“Dr. Ng was the most influential of all the preceptors I had this rotation and one of the best so far in clerkship. She is an extremely positive and supportive individual who allows learners the space to function independently but still supervise and debrief with students and patients.”

■ Excellence in Teaching & Education in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Cheryl Hunchak | Markham Stouffville Hospital

“It has been an incredibly rewarding experience to have Dr. Hunchak’s guidance throughout my EM residency. Her mentorship has shaped me into a better emergency physician. She is an excellent teacher and a wonderful asset to the University of Toronto’s clinical faculty.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Department of Family and Community Medicine Awards of Excellence

■ Academic Family Physician of the Year

Dr. Joshua Tepper | St. Michael's Hospital

"Dr. Tepper is a family physician and the President and CEO of NYGH. Previously he was the President and CEO of Health Quality Ontario. Prior to HQO, Dr. Tepper was the inaugural VP of Education at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Assistant Deputy Minister in the Health Human Resources Strategy Division of the MOHLTC. In addition to his many leadership roles, Dr. Tepper has always been committed to providing patient care for marginalized populations."

■ Excellence in Teaching (Early Career)

Dr. Vanessa Rambihar | Women's College Hospital – Fully Affiliated Site

Students rave about Dr. Rambihar:

"She has an exceptionally organized and focused teaching approach."

"Dr. Rambihar inspires her learners to develop their own conclusions before augmenting the treatment plan with her own practical knowledge and advice."

"She stimulates engaging discussions around patient cases creating memorable learning experiences."

"Dr. Rambihar encourages learners to reflect on their clinic encounters and develop self-directed learning goals to take home. Overall she is a stellar role model."

Dr. Eva Knifed | North York General Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

"As a faculty member in the DFCM, Dr. Knifed has distinguished herself as an outstanding teacher, mentor, scholar and clinician. As a preceptor, she engages students to ensure their learning needs are met and receives consistent praise about her supportive, enthusiastic teaching style. As a prior resident remarks: "I strive to emulate her personal commitment to her patients, excellence as a clinician teacher as well as her commitment to being a lifelong learner."

Dr. Tara Somerville | Port Elgin Family Health Network – Community Site

"Dr. Somerville is a shining new star in the Teaching Practice division. Many residents have declared her as one of their favourite teachers in their residency experience. She has inspired many residents to grow their interest in rural family medicine as a career choice. Dr. Somerville provides an environment where autonomy is encouraged and in which independence is fostered in an extremely supportive way."

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■ Sustained Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Vanna Schiralli | St. Michael's Hospital – Fully Affiliated Site

“Dr. Schiralli embodies the ideal qualities of a nominee for the Sustained Excellence in Teaching award. As exemplified by thoughtful and genuine letters of support, she has spent more than twenty years teaching Family Medicine, while providing care to some of the most vulnerable patients in our community. She excels in learner evaluations, and has had significant impacts on their futures in primary care. Unequivocally, she has quietly and collaboratively made significant educational contributions to our department.”

Dr. Peter Tzakas | Michael Garron Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Dr. Peter Tzakas has shown excellence in teaching for over eight years with medical students at all levels on clinical rotations, in the classroom. In addition, he is heavily involved with residents as a clinical preceptor and in academic teaching. He has also significantly contributed to physician assistant learners.”

Dr. Ken Uffen | Grey Bruce Health Services – Community Site

“Dr. Uffen has been teaching Family Medicine for 38 years and has been a valued faculty in the Teaching Practice Program. His colleague and previous student, Dr. Engmann, summed Dr. Uffen up as “a man who is beyond summary, who cannot be given enough accolades and who has no comparison”. He has shaped the lives of many medical learners and as a department we are proud to recognize him and his sustained excellence in teaching.”

■ Excellence in Faculty Development

Dr. Barbara Stubbs | Toronto Western Hospital – Fully Affiliated Site

“Dr. Stubbs has had a profound impact and has made very significant and sustained contributions in Faculty Development within the Department of Family and Community Medicine through her role as Director of the DFCM Professional Development / Faculty Development Program from 2010 to 2016. She has advanced the importance of mentorship within the FD program and the DFCM.”

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Dr. Michelle Homer | Markham Stouffville Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Dr. Michelle Homer’s work as the Faculty Development Lead at Markham Stouffville since 2015 has led to a significantly more robust program of offerings for development for faculty within our department. Her efforts have not only provided opportunities for faculty members to expand their knowledge on teaching and clinical matters, but also has helped to build a sense of community amongst physicians and faculty.”

■ Excellence in Course/Program Development

Dr. Heather Sampson and the John Bradley Clinical Research Program (JBCRP) | The course team are DFCM faculty from a variety of ‘homes’ – including UHN, WCH, MGH, MAM, plus two international colleagues from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. – Fully Affiliated Site

“The John Bradley Clinical Research Program (JBCRP) has two core components: 1) learning and demonstrating core competencies in applied clinical research methods and 2) completing student-initiated/led research projects. This eight-week summer scholarly academic program provides a unique opportunity for learners to develop an understanding of applied clinical research by working on a supervisor led project in the field of mutual interest. Faculty (26) and supervisors (providing projects) work with students to achieve measurable deliverables.”

Dr. Joan Cheng | Markham Stouffville Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Dr. Joan Cheng is a passionate advocate for medical education. In her new role as Academic Physician Lead, Interprofessional Education at Markham Stouffville Hospital, she has worked to create a comprehensive and inclusive Medical Education Strategy which will serve as the foundation for learning for many of our learners and teachers alike.”

■ Excellence in Creative Professional Activity

St. Michael’s Academic Family Health Team Social Determinants of Health Committee | St. Michael’s Hospital – Fully Affiliated Site

“The St. Michael’s Hospital Academic FHT’s (SMHAFHT) Social Determinants of Health Committee has been at the forefront of a national and international conversation about how primary care teams can act on health inequities and the social determinants of health. This diverse interdisciplinary Committee has supported the creation of novel clinical programs, evaluations, research and educational curricula. It has reoriented the care provided by the SMHAFHT, and is forging new directions for Canadian primary care.”

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Dr. Paramjeet (Parm) Singh | Markham Stouffville Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Dr. Parm Singh’s creative professional activity in the areas of physician leadership and accountability, governance, safe prescribing, guideline development and dissemination and physician wellness are inspirational. She brings her passion to make a difference and immense dedication to everything she does.”

Dr. Deborah Kopansky-Giles | St. Michael’s Hospital – HPE Fully Affiliated Site

“We are pleased to nominate Dr. Deborah Kopansky-Giles for excellence in Creative Professional Activity for numerous contributions within both the Chiropractic profession and in Family Medicine to promoting excellence in collaborative practice and integrative, patient-centred models of care. Recognized locally, provincially, nationally and internationally for her work in musculoskeletal health, with a focus on underserved communities, she was recently instrumental in highlighting the scholarly work of St. Michael’s Hospital Academic Family Health Team (SMHAFHT) in a WHO publication.”

■ Excellence in Development and Use of Innovative Instructional Methods

Dr. Vsevolod (Sev) Perelman | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai – Fully Affiliated Site

“Dr. Sev Perelman has an unwavering enthusiasm for the use of simulation as an instructional method in improving the ways in which we care for patients and communicate with each other in interprofessional teams. He is a pillar in the community of educators at the University of Toronto who teach others about simulation and how to use it effectively, and has gained an international reputation in the field. He is an outstanding clinical teacher with a great sense of humour and boundless energy, inspiring learners across the continuum from student through senior physician.”

Dr. Laurence Biro, Dr. David Wong, Dr. Joyce Nyhof-Young, Kaiwen Song (2T0), Herman Tang (1T8), Groonie Tang (1T8), Alex Coutin (1T9), Navneet Natt (1T9), Muskaan Gurnani (1T9), Brian Kim (1T7), Michael Dzingala (1T9), Alon Coret (1T9), and Vincent Valdre | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Teaching LGBTQ health in undergraduate medical education has become a priority. In response, our team has worked with numerous collaborators in healthcare, academia, and the community on the creation and dissemination of a novel seminar for sexual history taking including an infographic, communication manual, standardized patient cases and peer role plays. This work has been presented at multiple international venues and has been distributed amongst members of the AFMC National Clinical Skills Working Group.”

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■ Excellence in New Leadership

Dr. Tara Kiran | St. Michael's Hospital – Fully Affiliated Site

“Tara has led the SMHAFHT in developing a strong culture of quality improvement and a vision that is tightly integrated into our mission and values. She has fostered the development of multi-disciplinary QI leadership across the department, has been a pioneer in the use of data to advance QI and integrating the patient voice into QI activities. Her leadership in QI has been recognized both locally and internationally.”

Dr. Giulia Perri | Baycrest Health Sciences Centre Health Sciences – Community Affiliated Site

“Dr. Perri has a remarkable enthusiasm that she applies to her leadership and uses this energy to spark others to work with her in achieving a shared vision. She is an empathic leader, described as ‘exceedingly approachable’ and ‘an incredible source of support’, who applies the same kindness and compassion she has for her palliative patients to her colleagues and co-workers. She treats all with great dignity and respect. She truly ‘goes above and beyond’.”

■ Excellence in Leadership

Dr. Megan Landes | Toronto General Hospital – Fully Affiliated Site

“Dr. Megan Landes is an attending staff doctor in the ED at UHN, with research interests focused on HIV prevention and the delivery of emergency medicine services in low-resource settings. She is also a founding member of Global Health Emergency Medicine (GHEM), and the co-director of the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration in Emergency Medicine (TAAAC-EM) which is working with Addis Ababa University to deliver Ethiopia's first emergency medicine residency program.”

Dr. Marcus Law | Michael Garron Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Dr. Marcus Law demonstrates his excellence in leadership with his strong leadership in Medical Education over the last 2 decades. He is currently the Director of Medical Education at the Michael Garron Hospital and has lead a team to transform the undergraduate school medical curriculum as the Foundations Director.”

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■ Excellence in Social Responsibility

Dr. Hasan Sheikh | Toronto General Hospital – Fully Affiliated Site

“Dr. Hasan Sheikh is dedicated to improving social determinants of health. He serves on the Health Equity Committee with Global Health Emergency Medicine, and took on the challenge of developing the Rapid Access Addictions Medicine clinic at Toronto Western Hospital in response to increased need for addictions care and counseling from the Emergency Department. Hasan’s focus on improving care for populations in need has also been reflected in his numerous opinion pieces in notable newspapers.”

Dr. Naheed Dosani | Brampton Civic Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Dr. Naheed Dosani is a passionate and respected advocate for marginalized & vulnerable populations with palliative needs...After completing his training, Dr. Dosani founded PEACH (Palliative Education And Care for the Homeless), a mobile, street & shelter-based outreach service aimed at meeting the Palliative Care needs of the homeless & vulnerably housed. Through PEACH, he provides Toronto’s most marginalized populations with compassionate care and a dignified approach to their end-of-life journeys.”

Ms. Kate Lawton | St. Joseph’s Health Centre – HPE Community Affiliated Site

“Kate has great compassion and insight into our patients. She is acutely aware that instead of looking at patients and asking, ‘Why are they behaving like this?’ it’s better to ask, ‘What has happened to them in their life?’” This is how Kate Lawton was recently described by a colleague. Kate Lawton exemplifies social responsibility. She is an advocate for clients and communities, she recognizes service gaps and innovates and creates to meet community needs, and she passes on her knowledge of social determinants of health to both learners and colleagues.”

■ Outstanding Contribution to Family Medicine Research

Dr. Mary Tierney | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

“The Outstanding Contribution to Family Medicine Research award is DFCM’s highest research award, given for outstanding and sustained lifetime achievement. This year’s recipient, Dr. Mary Tierney, exemplifies the best attributes of a researcher: commitment, intellectual curiosity, and methodological rigor. She has contributed to our understanding of how to care for patients with dementia in primary care practices. She has also supported and mentored faculty and students through the Primary Care Research Unit at Sunnybrook.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Department of Family and Community Medicine Awards of Excellence

■ Research Excellence - New Investigator

Dr. Andrew Pinto - New Investigator | St. Michael's Hospital

"Dr. Pinto is a Clinician Scientist with the St. Michael's Hospital DFCM and with the Centre of Urban Health Solutions at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. His research is focused on interventions that address the social determinants of health at the individual, organization, and community levels. He oversees the Upstream Lab, a space to evaluate complex interventions that tackle the social determinants. He currently holds a Graham Farquharson Knowledge Translation Fellowship from the PSI Foundation."

■ Research Excellence - Senior Investigator | St. Michael's Hospital

"Dr. Aisha Lofters is a Family Physician with the St. Michael's Hospital DFCM and Scientist with the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. She is also an Adjunct Scientist at ICES. She currently holds a CIHR New Investigator Award and has recently taken on the role of Provincial Primary Care Lead for Cancer Screening at Cancer Care Ontario. Her research focusses on health equity in cancer screening and prevention."

■ Education Scholarship Excellence Award – New Clinician Educator Scholar

Dr. Kimberley Lazare | North York General Hospital

"Dr. Lazare has shown from early in her career an inquisitive mind and a quest to improve education for learners. As a resident, she created and evaluated a Motivational Interviewing course for her co-residents which was carefully evaluated and widely presented. As Postgraduate Curriculum lead she has introduced several innovations to the curriculum including a revamp of the PBSG program, the Research program and the Obstetrics program. She also is involved in several research projects."

■ Education Scholarship Excellence Award – Senior Clinician Educator Scholar

Dr. Risa Bordman | North York General Hospital

"Dr. Bordman exemplifies excellence as an education scholar at the DFCM. She has been involved in curriculum development, leadership and mentorship and has taught medical students and residents since 2006. She has contributed to course development for such programs as the Foundations Palliative Care curriculum. She has been an incredible leader and mentor in her role as Faculty Development lead for the Office of Education Scholarship, acting as a champion for countless faculty involved in scholarly projects."

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Department of Family and Community Medicine Awards of Excellence

■ Education Scholarship Excellence Award – Senior Education Scientist Scholar

Dr. Joyce Nyhof-Young | Toronto General Hospital

“Dr. Nyhof-Young is an enthusiastic and energetic champion for education scholarship within DFCM, the Faculty of Medicine and beyond. Her expert guidance has strongly impacted countless faculty members as they develop and hone their skills in education scholarship. She tirelessly mentors students in their scholarly work and skillfully encourages collaboration between faculty members and learners. Through consultation, mentorship and teaching, she has truly made an outstanding contribution to education scholarship in family medicine.”

■ The Louise Nasmith Award

Dr. Suzanne Shoush | St. Michael’s Hospital

“Dr. Suzanne Shoush, an Indigenous woman of Salish heritage, is passionate about health equity and social responsibility. After 8 years working extensively in urban and rural communities throughout Ontario she is thrilled to return to St. Michael’s Hospital, where she completed residency. Her work is focused on improving health outcomes for Indigenous people by focusing on institutional transformation and working to bring healthcare services into the best possible alignment with the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Department of Family and Community Medicine Awards of Excellence

■ Quality Improvement Award of Excellence

Dr. Dominick Shelton | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – Fully Affiliated Site

“This quality improvement project targeted the reduction of CT scan use in emergency department patients with recurrent renal colic. It promoted compliance with the Choosing Wisely recommendation to avoid ordering CTs in healthy patients less than age 50 presenting to the emergency department with a previous history of kidney stones.

Dr. Dominick Shelton is the Medical Director of Quality and Safety in the Emergency Department at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.”

Two-part QI Project for improving access to mental health.

“Few QI projects can achieve such dramatic, effective, and valuable changes with so few additional resources. This two-part QI project for improving access to mental health has achieved great outcomes. Both projects have helped tremendously to bring down the wait times. The remarkable achievement by these initiatives has immensely improved waiting times to a valuable resource, thereby increasing patient satisfaction. Additionally, providers hugely appreciate the streamlined referral process, and the improved no-show rate makes for efficient use of our social worker’s time.”

Team:

Karen Burrell, Chantal Simms, Holly Finn, Bibi Khan, Nicole Bourgeois, Sherry Teeter, Dr. Debi Banerjee, Dr. Mary Choi, Dr. Rajini Retnasothie, Dr. Claire Murphy and Dr. Susie Kim. | Women’s College Hospital – HPE Fully Affiliated Site

Dr. John Maxted | Markham Stouffville Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“As one of the founding members of the Quality Program Committee at the Department of Family and Community Medicine, Dr. John Maxted has been a determined advocate for quality improvement. He is recognized nationally as a leader in patient safety and event analysis. More locally, his leadership at the Health For All Family Health Team within Quality Improvement and Patient Safety has created an environment in which QI now serves as the go-to process for change and development.”

Department of Family and Community Medicine Program Awards

Department of Family and Community Medicine Awards of Excellence

■ Staff Excellence

Ms. Nancy Medeiros | Undergraduate Emergency Medicine (EM) program, University of Toronto; Supplemental Emergency Medicine Experience (SEME) Program, Department of Family and Community Medicine – Fully Affiliated Site

“Nancy Medeiros has contributed tremendously to the success of key DFCM education programs for over 20 years. She has skillfully supported both the Undergraduate Emergency Medicine program and the Supplemental Emergency Medicine Experience program and has been instrumental in their success. Her tireless commitment and dedication to both programs, their learners and faculty has been exemplary. More importantly, through her cheerful personality and helpful disposition, Nancy has earned the respect of all those that work with her.”

Mrs. Duska Vjestica | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital – Community Affiliated Site

“Mrs. Vjestica is an essential member of the FMTU team. Her formal role is that of medical office assistant however she has assumed several roles supportive of our teaching mandate. She is a strong advocate for the residents and consistently creates a positive and supportive learning environment for them. Moreover, in the last 12 months she had been instrumental in optimization the incoming resident investigations. She has made it a priority to streamline the resident experience for reconciling results and as a result improved patient safety in our organization. This is just one of several examples of her excellence.”

External Awards

- **2019 Ted Freedman Award for Innovation in Education – Longwoods Publishing & Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research**
Dr. Arun Radhakrishnan | Women's College Hospital
- **2019 W. T. Aikins Award in the Excellence Course – Program Development and Coordination Category**
Dr. Marcus Law | Michael Garron Hospital
- **2019 W. T. Aikins Award in the Excellence in Teaching Performance – Foundations Category**
Dr. Joyce Nyhof-Young | Women's College Hospital
- **Achieving Excellence Award: Integration Award for SCOPE**
Dr. Pauline Pariser | Women's College Hospital
- **Associated Medical Services (AMS) Phoenix Fellowship**
Dr. Gary Bloch | St. Michael's Hospital
- **Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada Young Educators Award**
Dr. Kulamakan (Mahan) Kulasegaram | Toronto Western Hospital
- **Canadian Association for HIV Research: 2018 Excellence in Epidemiology – Public Health Research Award**
Dr. Ann Burchell | St. Michael's Hospital
- **Canadian Medical Association Award for Young Leaders (Early Career)**
Dr. William Cherniak | Markham-Stouffville Hospital
- **Canadian Medical Association Award for Young Leaders (Resident)**
Dr. Ali Damji | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
- **Canadian Medical Association F.N.G. Starr Award**
Dr. Danielle Martin | Women's College Hospital
- **Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists Ontario Branch 2018 Awards Program: Pharmacy Practice Residency award**
Dr. Tiana Tilli | St. Michael's Hospital
- **Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians Humanitarian Award**
Dr. Naheed Dosani | William Osler Health System – Brampton Civic Hospital

External Awards

■ **Cardiac Arrhythmia Network of Canada Commercialization Grant**

Dr. Sheldon Cheskes | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

■ **College of Family Physicians of Canada Award of Excellence**

Dr. James Pencharz | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

Dr. Karen Tu | Toronto Western Hospital

■ **College of Family Physicians of Canada Bruce Halliday Award for Care of the Disabled**

Dr. Laurie Green | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **College of Family Physicians of Canada Distinguished Paper Award**

Dr. Sakina Walji | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai

Dr. June Carroll | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai

Dr. Cleo Haber | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai

■ **College of Family Physicians of Canada Family Medicine Resident Award for the Study of Communities Impacted by Health Disparities**

Dr. Tina Hu | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **College of Family Physicians of Canada Lifetime Achievement Award in Family Medicine Research**

Dr. Eva Grunfeld | DFCM Vice-Chair, Research

Dr. Reg Perkin | Former DFCM Chair

■ **College of Family Physicians of Canada Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article Award**

Dr. Warren McIsaac | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai

■ **Complete Physician Award**

Dr. Cristina Pop | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Complete Physician Award – St. Michael's Hospital**

Dr. Gordon Arbess | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Dean's Distinguished Lecture and Award from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Alumni of Distinction Awards**

Dr. Danyaal Raza | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Dr. Geordie Fallis Award for Advocacy and Mentorship in Medical Education**

Dr. Thuy-Nga (Tia) Pham | Michael Garron Hospital

External Awards

■ **Dr. Val Rachlis Award for Leadership and Innovation**

Dr. Val Rachlis | North York General Hospital

■ **Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics and Professionalism**

Dr. Ritika Goel | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Ella Ferris Culture of Leading Award**

Linda Jackson | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Faculty of Medicine Excellence in Community-Based Teaching Award (Sustained Excellence)**

Dr. Risa Bordman/North York General Hospital

■ **Faculty of Medicine Robert Sheppard Award**

Dr. Meb Rashid/ Women's College Hospital

■ **Faculty of Medicine Sustained Contribution to the Field of Faculty Development**

Dr. Jana Lazor

■ **Friends of the Academy Award**

Dr. William Watson | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Health in the Community Teacher Award**

Dr. Fok-Han Leung | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Holly Knowles | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Honorary Life Membership of Health Informatics Society of Australia**

Dr. Michael Kidd | DFCM Chair

■ **Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada 2019-20 Grant-in-Aid Award**

Dr. Sheldon Cheskes | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

■ **International Association of Medical Science Educators Distinguished Career Award for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Scholarship**

Dr. Nicole N. Woods | Toronto General Hospital

■ **Knight of Justice in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem**

Dr. Robert Boyko | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

External Awards

■ Legend Award for Living the Value of Compassion

Dr. Kay Shen | St. Joseph's Health Centre

Dr. Jennifer Hopfner | St. Joseph's Health Centre

■ University of Toronto MD Program Teaching Award for Excellence

This award is a new initiative introduced by the University of Toronto medical students and recognizes faculty in the MD Program who have attained teaching evaluation scores in the top 10% in one or more of the teaching activities to which they have contributed.

Dr. Sabrina Akhtar | Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Nadia Alam | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

Dr. Ruby Alvi | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

Dr. Pradeepan Arulchelvam | Scarborough Health Network

Dr. Laurence Biro | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

Dr. Ashna Bowry | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Narayan Chattergoon

Dr. Jingshu (Jenny) Chen

Dr. Alex Cheng | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

Dr. Elaine Cheng | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Robert Cho | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

Dr. Anthony Chow

Dr. Jane Chow | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Karen Chu | Office-Based Physician

Dr. Patrick Chu | North York General Hospital

Dr. Robert Ciccarelli | Michael Garron Hospital

Dr. Paula Cleiman | Toronto General Hospital

Dr. Brent Crawford

Dr. Karen Cronin | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Susan Deering | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Jonathan Ding | North York General Hospital

Dr. Paul Ellis | Toronto General Hospital

Dr. Majella Emmanuel | Toronto General Hospital

Dr. David Esho | Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Amy Forbes | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

Dr. Amy Freedman | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Steven Friedman | Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Graham Gaylord

Mrs. Andrea Gonz | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Julia Hamilton | Michael Garron Hospital

Dr. Laura Hans | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Lindsay Herzog

External Awards

Dr. Walter Himmel | North York General Hospital
Dr. Jeanne Huo | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Difat Jakubovicz | St. Joseph's Health Centre
Dr. Teela Johnson | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai
Dr. Anu Joneja | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Michael Kates | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital
Dr. Kimberley Kent | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Erin Kraftcheck | St. Joseph's Health Centre
Dr. Michelle Kraus | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Shawn Lacombe | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai
Dr. Pamela Lenkov | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Renata Leong | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Desmond Leung | North York General Hospital
Dr. Fok-Han Leung | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Jo Jo Leung | Toronto General Hospital
Dr. Caesar Lim | Sinai Health System - Bridgepoint
Dr. Erick Ling | Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Dr. Jerome Liu | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Anna MacDonald
Dr. Dara Marker
Dr. Judith Marshall | Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Dr. Chase McMurren | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Azadeh Moaveni | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Natalie Morson | Sinai Health System - Bridgepoint
Dr. Collin Nguyen | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai
Dr. Rory O'Sullivan | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Purti Papneja | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Meeta Patel | North York General Hospital
Dr. Nikita Patel | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Lauren Payne | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Jordan Pelc | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai
Dr. Azra Premji | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Nadia Primiani | Sinai Health System - Bridgepoint
Dr. Christena Rackus
Dr. Subhani Ragunathan | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Suleman Remtulla | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Jane Ridley | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Gerald Rockman | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Evelyn Rubin | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Celine Sandor
Dr. Amit Shah | North York General Hospital

External Awards

Dr. Roya Shaji
Dr. David Shergold | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Robert Simard
Dr. Giovanna Sirianni | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Martin Sommerfeld | Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Dr. Andrew Sparrow | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Tanya Stone | Sinai Health System - Bridgepoint
Dr. Naveed Syed | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Zohair Syed | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital
Dr. Raman Tatla | Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Susan Thouin | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Elizabeth Tolhurst | North York General Hospital
Dr. Diana Toubassi | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Phillipe Toupin | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Peter Tzakas | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Maria Upenieks | Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital
Dr. Jeff Weissberger | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Sarah Whynot
Dr. Anne Wideman | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. David MC Wong | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Yashi Yathindra | North York General Hospital
Dr. Ashley Zaretsky | North York General Hospital

■ Medical Humanities Education Matching Funding Grants

Dr. Giovanna Sirianni | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

■ Miriam Rossi Award for Health Equity in Medical Education

Team of MD Program Equity Theme Leads:

Dr. James Owen | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Onye Nnorom | Dalla Lana School of Public Health
Dr. Jason Pennington | Department of Surgery
Dr. Lisa Richardson | Department of Medicine

■ Northern Ontario School of Medicine Locum Preceptor Awards - Best Locum Teacher Award

Dr. Francis Sem | Lake of the Woods Health Sciences Campus

■ Peters Boyd Academy Special Award

Dr. Pamela Lenkov | Women's College Hospital

External Awards

■ **Post Graduate Advisory Committee (PAAC) 2019 Positive Achievement and Appreciation Certificate**

Mr. Edwin Ang | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Professional Association of Residents of Ontario Clinical Teacher Award**

Dr. Adam Pyle | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **OB Award – Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai**

Dr. Luke Bears | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Sarah Reid | Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Susie Kim | Women's College Hospital

■ **Ontario College of Family Physicians Regional Family Physician of the Year Award (Orillia)**

Dr. Erika Catford | Office-Based Physician

■ **Ontario College of Family Physicians Regional Family Physician of the Year Award (Toronto)**

Dr. Tomislav Svoboda | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Ontario College of Family Physicians Resident of the Year Award**

Dr. Stephanie Klein | North York General Hospital

■ **Ontario Medical Association Life Membership**

Dr. Phillip Elison | Toronto Western Hospital

■ **Research Canada 2018 Leadership in Advocacy Award**

Dr. Marla Shapiro | North York General Hospital

■ **Resident/Fellow Teacher Award – St. Michael's Hospital**

Dr. Latif Murji | St. Michael's Hospital

■ **Robert Goode Early Career Teaching Award, Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine**

Dr. Sandeep Dhillon | Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

■ **Robert Sheppard Award for Health Equity and Social Justice**

Dr. Alissa Tedesco | Co-Chair, Health Providers Against Poverty

■ **St. Michael's Hospital Department of Family and Community Medicine Award for Outstanding Contribution to Medical Education**

Dr. Mary Beth DeRocher | St. Michael's Hospital

External Awards

■ **Social Responsibility Award – St. Michael’s Hospital**

Dr. Suzanne Turner | St. Michael’s Hospital

■ **Social Responsibility Award in Postgraduate Medical Education**

Dr. Ashna Bowry | St. Michael’s Hospital

■ **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Connection Grant**

Dr. Joel Lexchin | Toronto Western Hospital

■ **Teacher of the Year Award – Michael Garron Hospital, Emergency Department**

Dr. Kye Vojdani | Michael Garron Hospital

■ **Wightman Berris Academy Award - Individual Teaching Award - Postgraduate**

Dr. Natalie Mamen | Michael Garron Hospital

■ **William Chron & Jean Harris Memorial Fellowship**

Dr. Tina Hu | St. Michael’s Hospital

■ **William S. Fenwick Research Fellowship**

Dr. Tina Hu | St. Michael’s Hospital

■ **World Organization of Family Doctors Honorary Life Direct Membership**

Dr. Michael Kidd | DFCM Chair

Promotions

Senior Promotions

■ 2019 Full Professor Promotion

Dr. Jeff Kwong | Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Cynthia Whitehead | Women's College Hospital

■ 2019 Associate Professor Promotion

Dr. Allan Grill | Markham Stouffville Hospital

Dr. Noah Ivers | Women's College Hospital

Dr. Tara Kiran | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Aisha Lofters | St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Don Melady | Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai

Dr. Andrea Moser | Baycrest Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Thuy-Nga (Tia) Pham | Michael Garron Hospital

Dr. Nav Persaud | St. Michael's Hospital

Promotions

Junior Promotions

Dr. Kelly Anderson | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Neal Belluzzo | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
Dr. Norman Chu | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Neil Dilworth | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Cary Fan | Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Dr. Samantha Green | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Audrey Karlinsky | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
Dr. Adam Kaufman | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Grant Kelly | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Holly Knowles | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Mark Leung | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Hyoung-Zin Lho | North York General Hospital
Dr. Mary Thomas | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Natasha Mirchandani | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Ruchi Mohindra | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Nadia Primiani | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
Dr. Vanessa Rambihar | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Susan Shepherd | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Deepa Soni | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Karen Swirsky | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Caroline Thompson | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Andrea Weiss | Toronto General Hospital
Dr. Melinda Wu | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Edward Xie | Toronto General Hospital

Promotions

New Faculty

Dr. Ryan Aalders | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Matthew Adamson | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Duate Adegbite | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Rahel Ahmed | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Ihsan Al Hamami | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Lina Al-Imari | Trillium Health Partners – Mississauga Hospital
Dr. Brianna Alkenbrack | Trillium Health Partners – Mississauga Hospital
Dr. Alethea Anderson | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Nafisa Aptekar | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Michael Ayow | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Amika Bahri | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Aran Balachandran | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Julie Begin | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Emilie Beys | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Pralhad Bide | Office-Based Physician
Mr. Christopher Blake | Princess Margaret Hospital
Dr. Corey Bricks | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Rebecca Brown | St. Joseph's Health Centre
Ms. Karen Burrell | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Cathryn Candusso | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Stephanie Cargnelli | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Esther Chan | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Priyanka Chowdhury | St. Michael's Hospital
Ms. Voula Christofilos | North York General Hospital
Dr. Alexander Chun | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Mihaela Cordos | North York General Hospital
Dr. Noah Crampton | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. John Davey | William Osler Health System
Dr. Amol Deshpande | Toronto Rehabilitation Centre
Dr. Loredana Di Santo | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Samuel Direnfeld | Scarborough Health Network
Ms. Lisa Fernandes | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Kimberly Fernandes | Trillium Health Partners – Queensway Health Centre
Dr. Sarah Foohey | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Asmitha Gangani | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Sadaf Gardizi | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Alexandra Ginty | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Azarm Golian | North York General Hospital
Dr. Thiago Gomes da Trindade | Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil

Promotions

New Faculty

Dr. Rebecca Grunwald | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Stephanie Herman | North York General Hospital
Dr. Leah Hillier | North York General Hospital
Dr. Angie Hong | North York General Hospital
Dr. Aniket Hooda | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Scott Houston | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Amanda Howe | University of East Anglia, UK
Dr. Alexandra Hrabowych | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Jenny Hsueh | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Alena Hung | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. John Ihnat | Michael Garron Hospital
Dr. Grigoriy Ikonnikov | Trillium Health Partners – Mississauga Hospital
Dr. Wendy Iseman | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Yida Jiang | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Teela Johnson | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
Dr. Jemy Joseph | North York General Hospital
Dr. Charles Joyce | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Chris Keefer | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Ihab Khalil | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Do Wan Kim | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Jinnie Kim | St. Joseph's Health Centre
Ms. Meghan Kizuik | St. Joseph's Health Centre
Dr. Stephanie Klein | North York General Hospital
Dr. David Klein | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Sabrina Kolker | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Sara Kurki | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Fereshte Lalani | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
Dr. Ming Lam | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Joseph Larson | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Adrienne Lebner | Southlake Regional Health Centre
Dr. Kyle Lee | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Daniel Lee | Trillium Health Partners – Mississauga Hospital
Dr. Michael Lewis | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Sisi Li | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Esther Lieberman | North York General Hospital
Dr. Kaitlin Link | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Michelle Litner | Women's College Hospital
Dr. LiYang Liu | North York General Hospital
Dr. Amanda Lo | Toronto Western Hospital

Promotions

New Faculty

Dr. Justin Losier | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Erin Lurie | St. Michael's Hospital
Ms. Kate MacFarlane | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Gunjan Maggo | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Kristin Malcolm | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Shahrose Malik | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Roisin McElroy | St. Joseph's Health Centre
Dr. Fahim Merali | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
Dr. Nadia Minian | Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Dr. Jacqui Montoedi | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Matthew Moss | Royal Victoria Hospital
Dr. Latif Murji | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Matthew Myatt | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Jesse Myers | Women's College Hospital
Ms. Deepthi Naidu | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Adelaida Neata | Baycrest Health Sciences Centre
Dr. Victor Ng | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Dania Notta | Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Dr. Braden O'Neill | North York General Hospital
Dr. Richard Osborne | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Lauren Payne | Toronto Western Hospital
Dr. Cristina Popa | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Manjeet Prewal | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Manveen Puri | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Nanky Rai | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Greg Rampersad | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Nisanthini Ravichandiran | Scarborough Health Network
Dr. Jill Ritsma | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Esther Rosenthal | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Michel Saccone | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Aaron Sacheli | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Modar Safar | Office-Based Physician
Dr. Imad Salim | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Rimi Sambhi | Markham Stouffville Hospital
Dr. Manjot Sarao | St. Michael's Hospital
Dr. Evan Schneider | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
Ms. Lauren Scott | Women's College Hospital
Dr. Areej Shahbaz | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
Dr. Anees Shehzad | Office-Based Physician

Promotions

New Faculty

- Dr. Nikita Sheth | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
- Dr. Suzanne Shoush | St. Michael's Hospital
- Dr. Isaac Siemens | Sinai Health System – Mount Sinai
- Dr. Tulika Singh | Trillium Health Partners – Mississauga Hospital
- Dr. Anushi Sivarajah | St. Michael's Hospital
- Dr. Sean Skeldon | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
- Dr. Leah Smith | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Dr. Kelly Sowden | Royal Victoria Hospital
- Dr. Sarah Stonehocker | Trillium Health Partners – Mississauga Hospital
- Dr. Dina Sulaiman-Moy | Office-Based Physician
- Dr. Sharandeep Takhar | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
- Dr. Megan Tan | Markham Stouffville Hospital
- Dr. Julia Traer | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
- Dr. Fatima Uddin | Office-Based Physician
- Dr. Mitchell Vainberg | Office-Based Physician
- Dr. Gautam Walia | Markham Stouffville Hospital
- Dr. Tessa Wallace | St. Joseph's Health Centre
- Dr. Lindsay Webster | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Dr. Petra Wildgoose | North York General Hospital
- Dr. Bryan Wise | Humber River Hospital
- Dr. Madeleine Woods | Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital
- Dr. Pearl Yang | Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Promotions

Recognition of Long-Time Faculty

Faculty Emerita Status

Dr. Brenda McDowell

Dr. Mary Tierney

Associate Professor Emeritus and Fidani Chair, Improvement and Innovation, Emeritus

Dr. Philip Ellison | Toronto Western Hospital

On the occasion of our 50th Anniversary, DFCM would like to recognize faculty who have been part of our department for over 40 years:

Dr. Paul Freedman

Dr. Robert Henderson

Dr. Kirk W. Lyon

Dr. Michael Matthews

Dr. Warren Rubenstein

Dr. Howard Seiden

Dr. Sharon M. Shafir

Dr. David Sliwowicz

Dr. David White

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Dr. Viola Antao, Chair

Dr. Lesley Adcock

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