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Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Anu Joneja, Trillium Health Partners
Mississauga Hospital

“Dr. Joneja is a natural teacher. She easily delivers complicated material – what at the outset seems quite overwhelming – in a clear and relevant manner. It is obvious she has an excellent comprehension of the literature, and is able to convey information in such a way that it is understandable to all levels of trainees.”

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. John M. Maxted, Markham Stouffville Hospital

“Dr. Maxted is an excellent teacher known to go beyond his basic roles and take initiative in leading change. The residents recognize his fundamental contribution to providing excellent teaching in procedures, QI, team-based committees, Academic Half Day (AHD) presentations, and clinic days.”

New Teacher Award

Dr. Susanna Fung, The Scarborough Hospital

“She is an outstanding role model as a clinician-teacher who takes a keen interest in helping her learners achieve their goals and her contributions to date are an inspiration to the next generation of teachers.”

New Teacher Award

Dr. Mira Shuman, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

“Dr. Shuman’s commitment to unit-wide education is unparalleled. She goes above and beyond in her capacity as voluntary supervisor for our internal medicine-style morning report, overseeing resident presentations and facilitating resident education in her personal time.”

Role Modeling Clinical Excellence

Dr. Roland Mollanji, North York General Hospital

“He is extremely gentle with his patients and their families, and spends the time to educate them on their disease, management and prognosis. He exhibits professionalism and patient-centredness in his communication to patients and families during family meetings.”

Role Modeling Clinical Excellence

Dr. Nadia Primiani, Mount Sinai Hospital

“She is extremely eager to teach, excited by her role, and is a strong patient advocate. With her astonishingly quick pace of walking, she will span the department to grab you for an interesting case or clinical finding - regardless of whether you are on rotation or not. She uses these opportunities to educate and excite learners.”

Innovation in Education

Dr. Charlie B. Guiang, St. Michael’s Hospital

“He has been a champion for resident wellness at St. Michael’s Hospital and led a resident team in coordinating our Resident Wellness Day annually for the past two years. It is this type of innovation in resident education that allows trainees to reach their full learning potential and inspires residents to be future leaders in family medicine.”

Innovation in Education

Dr. Michael A. Ward, The Scarborough Hospital

“A further example this year of Dr. Ward’s innovation in education was to use an online survey program to collect residents’ rankings of the relevant CFPC topics in order to create his always well-received CFPC review lectures, and to spend more time on those topics that the residents flagged as needing more review.”

Program Leadership

Dr. Sid Feldman, North York General Hospital

“Dr. Sid Feldman has been the long standing program coordinator for the Enhanced Skills, Care of the Elderly program since 1999. He has graduated over 30 physicians who have continued to champion excellence in care for older adults in their communities. He has led the program through three successful accreditations and developed resident competency evaluation forms that are used by other programs across the country and even in Thailand.”

Program Leadership

Dr. Jennifer McDonald, The Scarborough Hospital

“Dr. McDonald has brought incredible energy and vision to the program as site director at The Scarborough Hospital (TSH) for 2.5 years. She began by bringing structure, revamping the online presence of TSH on the portal, rewriting the resident manual, and making all aspects of the program more accessible and organized. I think that Dr. McDonald is more than deserving of the recognition of this award, as she leads by example and truly exemplifies what a leader should be.”

Resident Advocacy

Mr. Edwin Ang, St. Michael’s Hospital

“As the ‘den-father’ for the residents, he is always looking for ways to support residents: during academic difficulty, during personal trials and tribulations, and for overall wellness. His role as Education Coordinator is extremely busy and all encompassing, especially in a department as large as ours. Despite this, one can always count on Ed in all matters residency-related.”

Resident Advocacy

Dr. Melissa Graham, Trillium Health Partners
Credit Valley Hospital

“She had an open door policy, and never once turned me away, even if it was late Friday afternoon to discuss things over. I feel that she takes the resident’s side of the story seriously and genuinely cares for the well being of her residents. She is patient, gives the residents the benefit of the doubt, and ample opportunity to prove themselves.”

Advocacy for Patients

Dr. Anna Currie Holland, St. Joseph’s Health Centre

“She brings such a passion of advocacy and care to each patient that she sees and truly goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She initiated a program of vaccinating patients in our non-medical detox program with the flu vaccine in partnership with the nurse practitioner, therefore vaccinating many patients who otherwise would never have received one.”

Advocacy for Patients

Dr. Justine Seuradge, Trillium Health Partners
Credit Valley Hospital

“Justine is the strongest advocate that we have seen in the residency program since its inception. Her skill with advocacy begins with her detailed understanding of each patient’s context/needs. Moreover, true to the nature of the family physician, she includes herself in the care plan for each patient. For example, integrating herself into an ALS team/community care team to better support one of her patients with ALS.”

Clinical Excellence

Dr. Caroline L. K. Chan, The Scarborough Hospital

“Exceptional. Intelligent. Skilled. Humble. I could sing Caroline’s accolades indefinitely and can think of no other more deserving resident for this award. When she is off-service patients miss her tremendously. She finds a way to bond with patients of all ages and demographics.”

Clinical Excellence

Dr. Alena Hung, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

“To say Alena Hung is an excellent resident in clinic is an understatement. Every week, I check the schedule to see if I get the opportunity to work with her. Dr. Hung is efficient, kind, methodical, and patient even when caring for the most difficult and complex patients. Many patients in the practice request her as their physician.”

Leadership

Dr. Adam Gurau, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

“Adam volunteered to be the resident representative for our Morbidity & Mortality Committee, aimed at identifying and improving on any clinical, system, or process issues that impact patient care. In that role, he has lent a thoughtful, provocative voice to all the discussions and has shown himself to be a leader for change.”

Leadership

Dr. Rachel Laura Wortzman, UHN – Toronto Western Hospital

“She is one of the co-chief residents. Her greatest contribution to the program has been in the area of resident wellness. She created a Resident Wellness Day as one way to ‘counteract the stress, anxiety, self-doubt and exhaustion that accompanies the residency experience.’”

Teaching Excellence

Dr. Kevin James Brophy, UHN – Toronto Western Hospital

“Kevin Brophy has demonstrated ease, maturity, and dedication to teaching patients, fellow learners and colleagues. Kevin played a significant role in revitalizing the residency critical appraisal rounds. Along with volunteering as an FMLE teacher, Kevin integrates teaching into his clinical work day-to-day, using tools to help ensure patient understanding and supporting fellow residents in clinic through informal teaching.”

Teaching Excellence

Dr. Sofia Khan, Toronto East General Hospital

“Sofia exemplified what I like to see in a resident whom I learn from. Her teaching was always direct and to the point. I enjoyed my ObGyn rotation and Sofia was a significant part of what made it great. She taught me the clinical skills but also taught me how to be a great resident to all future medical students who I may teach.”

Outstanding Research Publication - First Place

Dr. Tara Kiran, St. Michael's Hospital

First place for the publication, **Kiran T**, Wilton AS, Moineddin R, Paszat L, and Glazier RH. Effect of payment incentives on cancer screening in Ontario primary care. *Annals of Family Medicine*. 2014; 12 (4):317-23.

Outstanding Research Publication - Second Place

Dr. Richard Glazier, St. Michael's Hospital

Second place for the publication, **Galzier RH**, Creatore MI, Weyman JT, Fazli G, Matheson FI, Gozdyra P, Moineddin R, Kaufman-Shriqui V, Booth GL. Density, destination or both? A comparison of measures of walkability in relation to transportation behaviors, obesity and diabetes in Toronto, Canada. *PLoS One*. 2014; 9(1): e85295.

Outstanding Research Publication -Third Place

Dr. Tony D'Urzo, UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

Third place for the publication, **D'Urzo AD**, Rennard SI, Kerwin EM, Mergel V, Leselbaum AR, Caracta CF, on behalf of the AUGMENT COPD study investigators. Efficacy and safety of fixed-dose combinations of acclidium bromide/formoterol fumarate: the 24-week, randomized, placebo-controlled AUGMENT COPD Study. *Respiratory Research* 2014; 15:123.

Award for Research Mentorship

Dr. Deanna Telner, Toronto East General Hospital

"Dr. Telner has provided enthusiastic and tireless research mentorship at the Toronto East General Hospital."

Faculty Award for Excellence in Global Health

Dr. Eileen Nicolle, Markham Stouffville Hospital

“Through her innovation, creativity, and her own passion and experience in global health, Dr. Nicolle has inspired and prepared residents to be better family physicians through patient advocacy, cultural competency, and her ability to think outside the box. Particularly, by leading the innovative Global Health curriculum at Markham Stouffville Hospital.”

Resident Award for Excellence in Global Health

Dr. Kathryn Dorman, St. Michael’s Hospital

“As a resident, Dr. Dorman advocates unwearingly on a daily basis for all her patients, with special attention to those that are marginalized. Her efforts in launching the Reach Out and Read program at St. Michael’s Hospital underscores her dedication to collective innovation for the health of those most vulnerable. She is truly an exceptional candidate for this award.”

Resident Award for Excellence in Global Health

Dr. Amy Nolen, Markham Stouffville Hospital

“Dr. Nolen is dedicated to helping vulnerable populations both here, in Canada, and abroad. She is driven by her passion for primary care and its capacity to help marginalized populations through research, education, and her clinical work.”

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

Dr. Susan Lief, Baycrest

“Dr. Lief has had a significant impact through her work on academic leadership locally, nationally, and internationally. As a role model and mentor, she inspires individuals to strive for their best authentic selves as leaders.”

Excellence in Faculty Development

The Leadership Basics Planning Committee

Dr. Difat Jakubovicz, St. Joseph’s Health Centre

Dr. Jana Lazor, University of Toronto – UME

Dr. Camille Lemieux, UHN – Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Monica Nijhawan, Southlake Regional Health Centre

Dr. Rick Penciner, North York General Hospital

Dr. Paul Philbrook, Trillium Health Partners – Credit Valley Hospital

Dr. Michael Roberts, Mount Sinai Hospital

Dr. Mruna Shah, The Scarborough Hospital

Dr. Rebecca Stoller, North York General Hospital

Ms. Laura Surdianu, Department of Family & Community Medicine

Dr. Sheila Yuen, Markham Stouffville Hospital

“The Leadership Basics Planning Committee has demonstrated dedication, foresight, and commitment in guiding and supporting the development of this much needed Faculty Development initiative. Leadership Basics is designed as a full day conference/workshop event followed by subsequent half day events.”

New Leadership in Professional Development

Dr. James Owen, St. Michael’s Hospital

“Dr. James Owen demonstrates leadership skills and faculty mentorship abilities rarely seen in someone at such an early stage of their career. He has led faculty development locally, through the Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC), and at the Undergraduate Education Day for training staff on the implementation of an advocacy curriculum for Family Medicine clerkship students.”

Excellence in Continuing Education

The TEACH Team

Dr. Peter Selby, CAMH

Ms. Tanya Abate, CAMH

Ms. Megan Barker, CAMH

Ms. Rosa Dragonetti, CAMH

Ms. Leah D'Souza, CAMH

Ms. Myra Fahim, CAMH

Ms. Parizad Hathidaru, CAMH

Ms. Casey Irvin, CAMH

“This award recognizes the exceptional work done by Dr. Peter Selby and his team at CAMH, in developing, training and evaluating TEACH, a certificate program in evidence-based tobacco addiction treatment.”

Excellence in Continuing Education

Dr. Andrea Moser, Baycrest

Dr. Evelyn Williams, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

“The Long Term Care (LTC) Medical Director Curriculum is an innovative Continuing Education program that provides the skills and knowledge for the administrative roles of medical directors in the LTC home.”

Excellence in Continuing Education

Dr. Arun Sayal, North York General Hospital

“Dr. Arun Sayal’s CASTED course has emerged as the definitive hands-on orthopedic course for primary care physicians in Canada. It has been presented more than 135 times from St. John’s, Newfoundland to Victoria, British Columbia. CASTED has become an institution of excellence in continuing education, enhancing primary care physicians’ ability to assess and manage orthopedic injuries.”

Excellence in Continuing Education

Dr. Bill Watson, St. Michael's Hospital

“Dr. Bill Watson is a longstanding contributor to continuing education in various roles. He has presented MainPro-C workshops provincially and nationally on a variety of topics including: parenting, adolescence, and postpartum depression. His commitment is also evidenced by his work as editor of the Working with Families Case Based Modules Workbook which has been recently updated and made available on DFCM Open.”

Mentorship Award

Dr. Irving Gora, St. Michael's Hospital

“I've gone to Irv for advice on many occasions [and he] has always had good sense and foresight, even when his opinion may have differed from the majority (he usually ends up with the correct decision!)’ His tireless energy, experience and sense of balance (including swimming at the local pool between clinics) have been a wonderful model for faculty, staff, and learners alike.”

Mentorship Award

Dr. Thea Weisdorf, St. Michael's Hospital

“Dr. Weisdorf was a true mentor in making me feel welcome, answering any questions I had as a newly practicing physician, and modeling for me the art of working with some of the most marginalized patients.”

Learner Award: Contributor to Professional Development

Dr. Steven Goldie, Women's College Hospital

“Despite being in his first year of residency, Dr. Goldie displays an innate interest in and aptitude for professional development. Dr. Goldie is positive, enthusiastic and never turns down an opportunity to participate in professional development activities.”

Continuing Education Student Award for Scholarship

Dr. Rahma AlKindi, DFCM – Academic Fellowship and Graduate Studies Programs

“Dr. Rahma AlKindi receives this award based on a very ambitious practicum research project that she was able to design, receive ethics approval for, and conduct in her home setting over the course of her fellowship.”

Continuing Education or Graduate Studies Instructor Award

Dr. Curtis Handford, St. Michael’s Hospital

“Dr. Handford’s enthusiasm and commitment to inclusivity has enabled learners from a range of disciplines, clinical and cultural backgrounds, to collaboratively experience dynamic, respectful and informative debates on provocative and important issues in family medicine.”

Continuing Education Student Award for Overall Excellence

Dr. Yousef AlOmran, DFCM – Academic Fellowship and Graduate Studies Programs

“Dr. Yousef AlOmran has demonstrated a strong performance in course work; in particular, he has a deep and broad knowledge base, an ability to reflect, and has an approachable and collegial attitude towards faculty and peers.”

Continuing Education Student Award for Leadership

Dr. Nasser Alabbad, DFCM – Academic Fellowship and Graduate Studies Programs

“Dr. Nasser Alabbad has demonstrated a willingness to help orient and encourage newer fellows and communicate respectfully with program directors and staff on behalf of the fellows.”

Teaching in the Family Medicine Clerkship (Hospital-Based) Award

Dr. Jennifer Everson, Trillium Health Partners
Mississauga Hospital

Dr. Carol Kitai, Women's College Hospital

Dr. Marc Lebeau, St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. David Makary, Southlake Regional Health Centre

Dr. Jennifer McCabe, St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Noor Ramji, St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Monica Sethi, Trillium Health Partners
Queensway Health Centre

Teaching in the Family Medicine Clerkship (Community-Based) Award

Dr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Office-Based Physician

Dr. Pradeepan Arulchelvam, The Scarborough Hospital

Dr. Steven Hirsch, Trillium Health Partners
Credit Valley Hospital

Dr. Martin Shack, North York General Hospital

Dr. Catherine Yu, Toronto East General Hospital

Outstanding Teaching in a Family Medicine Elective Award

Dr. Karen Cronin, Mount Sinai Hospital

Dr. Patrick Safieh, St. Joseph's Health Centre

The Dr. Elizabeth Anne Beattie Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Pre-Clerkship

Dr. Joyce Nyhof-Young, UHN - Princess Margaret Hospital

Excellence in Teaching in the FMLE

Dr. Neal Belluzzo, Office-Based Physician

Dr. Kathryn Dorman, St. Michael's Hospital

Role Modeling Clinical Excellence in the FMLE

Dr. Tommy Hong, Trillium Health Partners
Credit Valley Hospital

Dr. Neil Ingber, Office-Based Physician

New Teacher Award

Dr. Adam Kaufman, Toronto East General Hospital

Dr. James Owen, St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Keith Wong, St. Michael's Hospital

Outstanding Contribution to the Family Medicine Undergraduate Program

Dr. Karen Weyman, St. Michael's Hospital

Excellence for New Teachers

Dr. Carol Hughes, St. Joseph's Health Centre

In 2010, Dr. Hughes made the decision to embark on a career change; with 25 years of experience in practicing family medicine in the community, she joined the St. Joseph's Health Family Medicine Centre with the intent to become a full time educator. She is enrolled in DFCM's Clinical Teaching Certificate and is at the point of completion. Her skills as a teacher have not gone unnoticed. Taking on increasing responsibility for curriculum design, Dr. Hughes is described as a 'devoted and committed' teacher.

Excellence in Course/Program Development and Coordination

Dr. Patrick Skalenda, St. Joseph's Health Centre

Dr. Skalenda is being honoured for his work as the inaugural DFCM Resident Remediation Coordinator, a position he held from May 2008 until August 2013. His colleagues credit him as a strong mentor, guiding them through the remediation process to ensure that the resident's learning needs were met. His nominators noted that he had developed a 'toolbox of interventions covering every situation', and that this toolbox ensured that the remediation process was as smooth as possible for the resident, the faculty and the department. One of his nominators writes 'he has professionalized the whole process of resident remediation and he has done so with skill and vision.'

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Tuhina Biswas, Women's College Hospital

Dr. Biswas has been teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Women's College Hospital since 2007; her trainees routinely remark on her ability to create an excellent learning environment. In particular, her expertise in teaching primary care obstetrics is of note and she has recently collaborated with international academic fellows to develop and pilot a PGY-3 program in procedural skills.

Excellence in Development and Use of Innovative Instructional Methods

Dr. Azi Moaveni, UHN - Toronto Western Hospital

Dr. Moaveni's award is in recognition of her work developing the Clerkship curriculum, including the creation of 'the Hub' a web-based resource for students, developing a series of e-modules considered to be model units for clerkship courses within and outside UofT, reimagining the seminar series and ensuring that the entire clerkship experience is student-centred. One medical student writes that 'she is dedicated to motivating students to thrive, explore, and develop their potential as learners and future physicians.'

Research Excellence (Senior)

Dr. Sheldon Cheskes, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Cheskes is a newly appointed Scientist at the Li Ka Shing Institute at St. Michael's Hospital and Medical Director of the Sunnybrook Centre for Prehospital Medicine and became involved in prehospital research about ten years ago. Since then, he has quickly built a very strong research career. Dr. Cheskes has been the primary author or co-author on grants totaling over \$10M and in the last three years alone, has published 15 manuscripts in high-impact journals. His work in the area of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) quality has led to changes in the management of cardiac arrest which have now become the standard of care.

Research Excellence (Junior)

Dr. Michelle Greiver, North York General Hospital

Dr. Greiver is considered a leader in the area of primary care research; mentoring many through UTOPIAN, and embedding clinical research in community-based clinical care at North York as part of a practice-based research network (PBRN). Her research in piloting new methods of coding and improving data quality in EMRs has led to an ongoing data quality improvement program with an increasing number of health conditions and family history cancers being coded. EMR implementation and meaningful use is increasing due to her research. She has secured over \$12M of grant funding over the last 5 years and numerous first author papers.

Excellence in Creative Professional Activity

Dr. Anita Greig, Mount Sinai Hospital

This award is in recognition of Dr. Greig's work developing the Greig Health Record, an evidence-based guide to preventative health care for school age children and adolescents, complete with guidelines and electronic resources. This guide is being used by family physicians across the country. Dr. Greig practices Family Medicine Obstetrics at Mt. Sinai Hospital, and is the founding and lead physician for Otter Creek Family Health Organization. Her contributions to teaching are award-winning and she is known as a mentor to many.

Excellence in Leadership

Dr. Karen Weyman, St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. Weyman has been a proven leader in so many ways at DFCM and at her clinical site of St. Michael's Hospital (SMH). She currently holds the position of Deputy Chief of SMH Family Medicine and is described by a colleague as the 'lighthouse that so many people and departments turn to.'

Excellence in Social Responsibility

Dr. Tia Pham, Toronto East General Hospital

Dr. Pham is the Deputy Chief of the Family Medicine Department at Toronto East General Hospital and the President of their Academic Family Health Team. She is considered a unifying force in bringing multi-disciplinary teams together to build the East Toronto Health Link to improve the population health of her community. From her experience building models of care for the most vulnerable, Dr. Pham has grown her sphere of influence and under her leadership, a new clinic for expectant mothers was recently opened in Thorncliffe Park.

Staff Excellence

Ms. Laura Surdianu, Department of Family & Community Medicine

Ms. Surdianu came to the DFCM in March 2009 and quickly cemented herself as an excellent and knowledgeable administrator in the Professional Development Program. Faculty members describe her as a 'professional, hardworking and responsible administrator' and her organization of the BASICS program is of the highest quality. She is known for her dedication leading to the success of the Primary Care Today National Conference.

Staff Excellence in Collaboration

FOCUS Launch Team

Ms. Andrea Dell'Anno, Department of Family & Community Medicine

Ms. Christianne Green, (formerly) Department of Family & Community Medicine

Ms. Marie Leverman, Department of Family & Community Medicine

Ms. Deidra Shaver, Department of Family & Community Medicine

Andrea Dell'Anno, Christianne Green, Marie Leverman and Deidra Shaver are honoured for working in collaboration to develop a suite of unique tools to launch FOCUS, a new online database that allows the individual user access to information and reports about faculty members. Their launch and training tools have since been implemented faculty-wide.

The Louise Nasmith Award

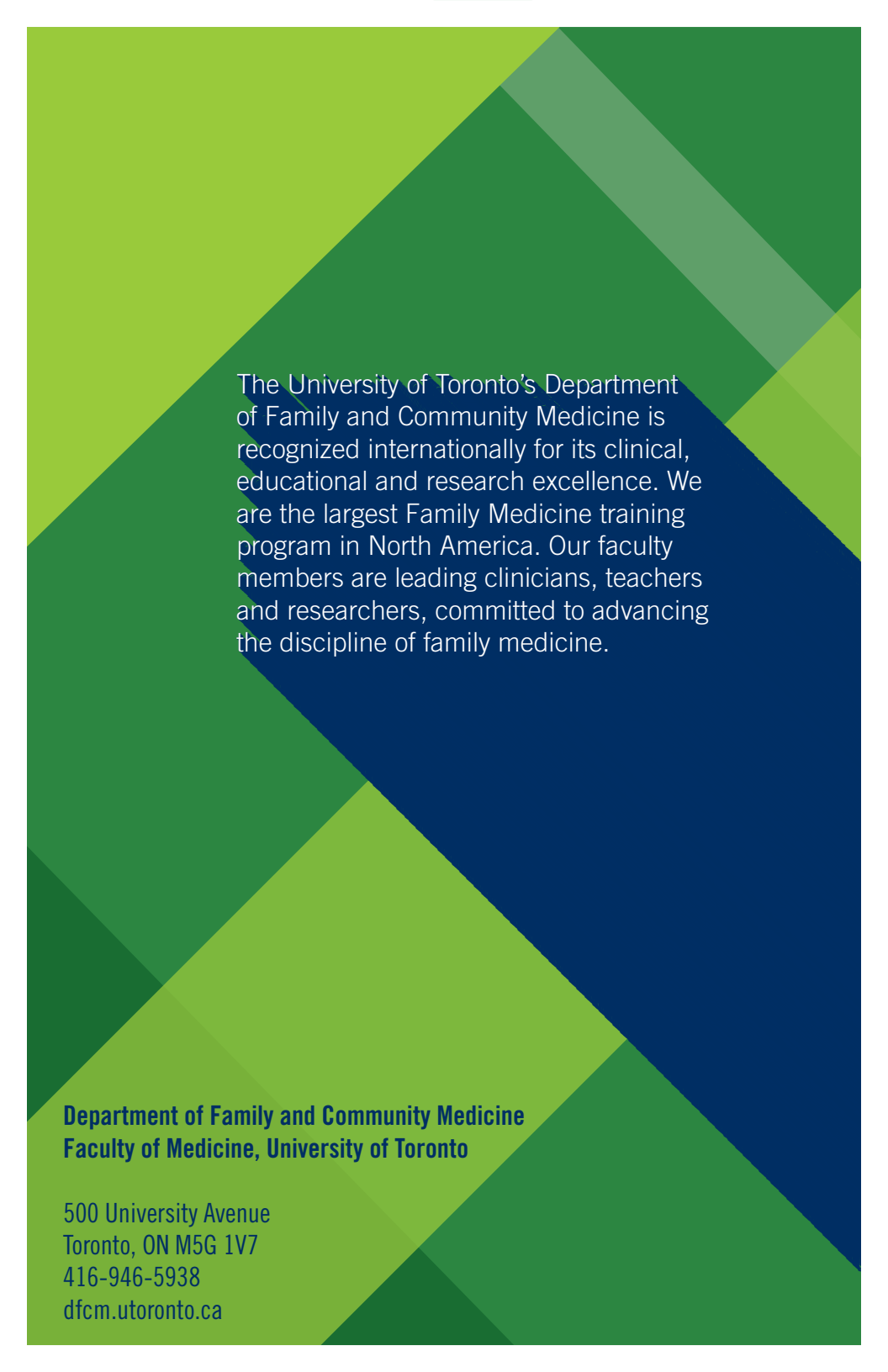
Dr. Jeremy Rezmovitz, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

The Louise Nasmith Award provides protected time for a faculty member to research, prepare and disseminate a lecture or workshop on a change related topic. Dr. Rezmovitz' project 'Improving the teaching and learning of common medical procedures using an iPad App' is anticipated to build on what one of his colleagues has called his 'amazing teaching and research potential.'

Academic Family Physician of the Year

Dr. Jocelyn Charles, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Charles is the Chief of Family Medicine and Medical Director of the Veteran's Centre at Sunnybrook, the Medical Lead for the North East Toronto Health Link, a skilled teacher of our medical students and residents, a published scholar and a valuable mentor. She has developed numerous models of care for veterans and complex elderly patients and her work is receiving well-deserved wide-spread recognition. She is described by her colleagues as a dedicated leader, a champion of coordinated care, an 'encouraging mentor, strong role model and enthusiastic teacher' and an 'inspirational leader who centres her many talents in improving the health outcomes for her patients and the citizens of Ontario.'



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