

**2018
DFCM
FACULTY
AWARDS**



Family & Community Medicine
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Welcome to the University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine's Faculty Award Celebration for 2018.

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

We are recognizing those people who have received awards of excellence this year from our own Department and from other organisations, along with those whose many contributions have been recognized through academic promotion, and those who have joined us as a new faculty member. All these people are working together to make valued contributions to our Department's strong and well-deserved national and global reputation for innovation and excellence in family and community medicine.

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

Michael Kidd
Professor and Chair
Department of Family and Community Medicine
The University of Toronto

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AGENDA

Welcome from Chair, *Dr. Michael Kidd*

DFCM Program Awards

DFCM Awards of Excellence

**Outstanding Contribution to Family Medicine
Research, *presentation by Dr. Paul Krueger***

**Academic Family Physician of the Year,
*presentation by Dr. Danielle Martin***

DFCM Awards of Excellence, External Award

**Recognition of Associate Professors,
New Faculty and Junior Promotions**

**Recognition of Senior Promotions - Full Professor,
*presentation by Dr. Nicholas Pimlott***

**Closing remarks
*Dr. Michael Kidd***

RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY AWARDS

DFCM Program Awards

Award for Research Mentorship

DR. EVA GRUNFELD *DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE*

DR. KAREN TU *TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL*

Program Award – Research (First Place Publication)

DR. WARREN MCISAAC *MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL*

First place for the publication: “External validation study of a clinical decision aid to reduce unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions in women with acute cystitis” – BMC Family Practice

Program Award – Research (Second Place Publication)

DR. TONY ANTONIOU *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

Second place for the publication: “Association between statin use and ischemic stroke or major hemorrhage in patients taking dabigatran for atrial fibrillation” – Canadian Medical Association Journal

Program Award – Research (Third Place Publication)

Co-Authored

DR. MICHELLE NAIMER *MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL*

DR. JEFF KWONG *TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL*

Third place for the publication: “The Effect of Changes in Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines on Chlamydia Testing” – Annals of Family Medicine

QUALITY AND INNOVATION AWARDS

DFCM Program Awards

PGY1 Impact Award

Benzodiazepine Deprescribing In Seniors 65 years of age and Older Within an Academic Family Health Team

DR. STEPHANIE KLEIN AND DR. DANA MAYER

NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

We are nominating Drs. Stephanie Klein and Dana Mayer for the QI Impact award based on the work they did regarding their QI project “Benzodiazepine Deprescribing In Seniors 65 years of age and Older Within an Academic Family Health Team.” In designing their project, they employed many of the QI tools and maximized the skill sets of their team members. The impact they had amongst family doctors at NYGH, at the DFCM University of Toronto, rural and community physicians and allied health professionals is tremendous. They spread their project within the DFCM at NYGH by presenting at the NYGH QI presentation day in May 2017. They presented at NYGH Teaching and Learning Week in June 2017, expanding their reach to include other health professionals. They have disseminated their project within the DFCM at the University of Toronto, presenting at the DFCM Conference and Walter Rosser Day in June 2017. They also reached out to rural family doctors by presenting at the Family Medicine Rounds at Alexandra Marine and General Hospital in Goderich Ontario in October 2017. They presented at a session at FMF in November 2017. Lastly they were interviewed by a Choosing Wisely representative for a feature article in Canadian Family Physician. Through these efforts, they have spread the benefits of BZD deprescribing and have significantly impacted quality improvement work. We feel they are well deserving of this award.

TEAM:

DR. STEPHANIE KLEIN

DR. DANA MAYER

PGY1 Impact Award

Cervical Cancer Screening in Transgender Men and Gender Non Binary Persons: Perspectives on Barriers to Screening and Strategies for Improvement

DR. LAUREN WELSH AND DR. KAARTIKAIY AGARWAL
ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

This project examined the reasons why cervical cancer screening rates are significantly lower for trans and gender non binary (GNB) persons as compared to the general population, a phenomenon that exists both within our practice and at a broader population level. The nominees built on previous QI work undertaken within the department to address this important question. They applied QI methodology to develop subsequent PDSA cycles that elicited patient and then provider perspectives. This project is especially noteworthy in that it emphasizes the patient voice and includes a summary of anonymized patient stories and suggestions. It also benefitted from the support of allied health professionals, particularly a nurse practitioner who specializes in working with trans and GNB clients. The project was presented at the department's QI Celebration Day and to a wider audience at the AFTHO conference, contributing to an improved understanding of the optimal approach to cancer screening in a unique and vulnerable population. It has also facilitated further research initiatives, such as the development of a cervical cancer screening tool for trans and GNB persons. In this manner, the PGY1 nominees took their first QI experience and adopted a uniquely patient-centered, multidisciplinary approach to meaningfully applying QI skills.

TEAM:

DR. KAARTIKAIY AGARWAL ***MS. SUE HRANILOVIC***
MS. SAMANTHA DAVIE ***DR. LAUREN WELSH***
DR. MARYBETH DEROCHE

PGY1 Impact Award

Email Reminders at the FHT: Initial Pilot Implementation

***DR. MILA ALEKSIC, DR. MARK BROUSSENKO AND DR. ADAM CADOTTE
TORONTO WESTERN FAMILY HEALTH TEAM***

The Toronto Western Family Health Team (here forth: FHT) faces a problematic number of no-show appointments, particularly in staff and resident schedules, but also with nursing and allied-health. In 2016, ~6.5% of all appointments were no-shows. The average number of no-show appointments per day is ~ 10. No-shows are frustrating for staff, resulting in lost teaching opportunity and missed billing opportunities, and it limits the ability of patients to access the TWFHT in a timely fashion. Although causes are multifactorial, . improvements are possible both in terms of patient-driven ownership as well as scheduling and reminders from the TWFHT. The aim of this project was to reduce the no-show rate for Pods 1 and 2 by 50% between May and June 2017. CONCLUSIONS: 1. The trial is a success in terms of patient satisfaction and is extremely significant with respect to its impact on patient no show rates. A longer test period is recommended to confirm these findings; 2. Additional workflow optimization is required to ensure that this intervention remains viable in the current FHT climate; 3. Assuming an average cost to the FHT of \$25/ no show, this intervention (if applied to all pods), would be expected to save ~\$31000/year★.

TEAM:

DR. MILA ALEKSIC

DR. MARK BROUSSENKO

DR. JEFF BLOOM

DR. ADAM CADOTTE

PGY1 Impact Award

Improving diabetes type II control at the Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team in patients age 30–64 with recently documented HbA1C

DR. OLGA ACE AND DR. NOMA SALMAN

SUNNYBROOK ACADEMIC FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Like most FHTs effective care in diabetes is an area of focus for Sunnybrook. Although the completion rate of A1Cs has been tracked for several years, Drs. Ace and Salman took it the next step to look at those patients who were not at target.

In developing and implementing their project, they made good use of the model for improvement and many of the tools that were demonstrated to them during the delivery of the resident QI curriculum. Their methodology was sound and their Ishikawa diagrams, Pareto charts, and process maps gave them a better understanding of the problem. They made good use of their project charter and developed an appropriate family of measures. They managed to complete 3 PDSA cycles in the short time that they had and saw significant movement on their outcome and process measures. Drs. Ace and Salman worked very effectively as part of an interdisciplinary group, including a nurse, a diabetes educator, the Executive Director of our Family Health Team, and a dietitian.

TEAM:

DR. OLGA ACE

DR. NOMA SALMAN

PGY1 Impact Award

Reducing Benzodiazepine Prescriptions in the Elderly

DR. ALESSANDRO FRANCELLA AND DR. SAFI SAYEED

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL ACADEMIC FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

The prescription of benzodiazepines in the elderly has long been a problem in primary care. This QI project aimed to identify the number and determine the characteristics of patients over the age of 65 at The Health Centre at 80 Bond currently being prescribed benzodiazepines. The project was a collaborative effort by family medicine, social work, and psychology. Medical residents and social work students completed a chart review of 64 patients >65 years old with benzodiazepines on their medication list. They found that the major indications for prescribing benzodiazepines were anxiety, insomnia, or both. Encouragingly, discussion around dose reduction significantly correlated with actual dose reduction. Overall, 4.1% of patients 65 and older were prescribed benzodiazepines, less than half the rate of 8.7% noted in other studies. This project helped clarify the scope of this problem at the Health Centre at 80 Bond, provided insights on common reasons for prescribing, and validated the importance of provide discussions around de-prescribing. Findings will help future residents work with staff to test change ideas to reduce benzodiazepine prescribing in our Family Health Team

TEAM:

MS. SAMANTHA DAVIES

MR. JAMES FONTAINE

DR. ALESSANDRO FRANCELLA

MS. TAMARA KERR

DR. HOLLY KNOWLES

DR. NOOR RAMJI

DR. CARLY RUDERMAN

DR. SAFI SAYEED

MS. CELIA SCHWARTZ

DR. NADIYA SUNDERJI

PGY1 Impact Award

Reducing Clinically Unnecessary Free Thyroid Indices
in a Family Health Team

DR. JI HYEON CHOI AND DR. MEGAN TAN
HEALTH FOR ALL FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

We are pleased to nominate Dr. Ji Hyeon Choi and Dr. Megan Tan to the DFCM as recipients for a PGY1 QI Impact Award. These doctors demonstrated excellence in the application of QI methodology through their leadership in patient safety at the Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit. Their project titled: Reducing Clinically Unnecessary Free Thyroid Indices in a Family Health Team, achieved a significant reduction in ordering free T3's and T4's with TSH's through the use of formal and informal education. Dr. Choi and Tan's project was also accepted at Family Medicine Forum where they presented nationally on November 10, 2017. This success was the result of their leading a collaborative inter-professional team whose members included Dr. Karuna Gupta, Dr. John Maxted, Dr. Pamela Tsao, Zhanying Shi, and Muhammad Shuvra.

TEAM:

DR. JI HYEON CHOI
DR. MEGAN TAN
DR. KARUNA GUPTA
DR. JOHN MAXTED

MR. ZHANYING SHI
MR. MUHAMMAD SHUVRA
DR. PAMELA TSAO

PGY1 Impact Award

How do we Keep Patients Safe? Incident Analysis and Reporting in an Academic Family Medicine Teaching Unit – Tips for Residents and Faculty

DR. ROARKE COPELAND AND DR. STEPHANIE GODARD

SOUTH EAST TORONTO FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Two outstanding family medicine residents, Dr. Godard and Copeland, took their Quality Improvement project and did exemplary work that deserves DFCM recognition. This nomination is supported by Drs Colledge, faculty development representative Toronto East, and Antoniadis-Lam, QI representative St. Michael's. The nominees demonstrate dedication and commitment to improving the emotional charged topic of “Incidents in Medicine – Learning Teaching around “Mistakes””: they looked at incidents (near misses and harmful events) by family medicine residents in teaching clinics, and how we can systematically teach residents patient safety, using incident analysis devised by one of our DFCM faculty within the Canadian Patient Safety Framework. The residents developed a structured teaching approach and an anonymous reporting website, obtained feedback from residents and local faculty, held training sessions for their peers across two teaching hospitals, as well as actively helped design and facilitate two faculty development workshops at our two largest teaching sites, Toronto East and St. Michael's Hospital. Stephanie and Roarke have successfully disseminated their work at the DFCM Academic Day 2017 as a poster, and presented their work at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement National Forum in Florida 2017, supported by competitive travel grants and a community research grant from the Michael Garron Hospital to spread this work to other Family Medicine Teaching Units at University of Toronto. Both residents have done extensive outreach to raise awareness for a cultural shift from “Shame Blame” to a systems' approach where teachers and learners safely share how to make patient care safer. Their 1.5h workshop teaching faculty has been accepted to the DFCM Academic Conference 2018 which Dr. Sam Tirkos will co-facilitate as the MGH QPC faculty representative. He has supported the two residents throughout their QI project – in fact, at our teaching clinics he is known as the “safety man”. He has started Patient Safety Rounds at our academic unit, and at the second interprofessional rounds, he presented two resident incidents to the whole team for discussion and learning. But his commitment and advocacy and leadership for patient safety expands way beyond just incident analysis. He has also been working and leading our FHT QI team towards many other aspects of patient safety, including some topics standardly falling into accreditation, such as workplace safety and infection control. Sam Tirkos has been

one of the founding members of QPC and his ongoing and continuous commitment to Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at our academic teaching unit is outstanding.

TEAM:

DR. ROARKE COPELAND

DR. SAM TIRKOS

DR. STEPHANIE GODARD

PGY1 Impact Award

The Bed of Procrustes?: Better Understanding
Opioid Prescribing Among Staff Family Physicians

DR. ANDREW S. BOOZARY

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL ACADEMIC FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Opioid prescribing has seized the country as one of the most important public health issues of our time. Canadians are now the second-highest per capita users of prescription opioids, and the prevalence of high dose prescribing has doubled over the past decade. How SMH family physicians might perceive the issue of opioid prescribing is not well understood, however, and some of the challenges and insights regarding high-risk opioid prescribing might help inform future avenues for improvement. This project is committed to a central tenet of quality improvement: trying to better understand a problem or the causal mechanisms at play before any possible interventions. We conducted semi-structured interviews with providers and a patient across five (5) FHT sites. Theme identification was performed by two members of our QI team, which was comprised of various disciplines and professions. Our findings helped underscore the complexity behind opioid prescribing ranging from: prescribing influences and change in practice, the patient relationship, local context and climate, and the evidence and supports needed for improvement. Our results highlighted that a Procrustean approach to opioid prescribing may be harmful, and meaningful improvements will require multi-faceted supports and interventions within a non-punitive environment.

TEAM:

DR. ANDREW S. BOOZARY

DR. RAJESH GIDHARI

MS. SAMANTHA DAVIE

DR. MARGARITA LAM-ANTONIADES

DR. JONATHAN HUNCHUCK

DR. TARA KIRAN

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

DFCM Program Awards

Community-based Contributor to Faculty Development

DR. MONICA NIJHAWAN *SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE*

Dr. Nijhawan is recognized for established Grand Rounds at the hospital level and has also been mentoring all of the faculty at our site. She has contributed a great deal to building a culture of continual scholarly improvement among the faculty, residents as well as the other health care professionals.

DR. MICHAEL KATES *TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS*

Faculty Development has been a huge task for Dr. Kates at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He is tasked with the Community, and the two sites in Mississauga (Credit Valley and Mississauga Hospital sites). He has made every effort to bring the two sites together individually and collectively. He has provided individual support when required as well as combined educational support when required and when supportive.

Excellence in Continuing Education

DR. THEA WEISDORF *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

Dr. Weisdorf is recognized as a lead physician for the Transgender Interprofessional Health Care Interest Group, with the vision of providing expedited access to primary care for transgender and gender diverse patients in our community. She has a high level of commitment to working with diverse and underserved patient populations, and to sharing her expertise with colleagues, students and patients.

Excellence in Faculty Development

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

The Women's College Hospital Peer Support Writing Group has seen more than 10 papers published in reputable peer-reviewed journals and in the past year the group has "gone on the road" – bringing the lessons learned from the group and its expertise to the Family Medicine Forum (FMF) in Montreal in November 2017 and to the Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) in Helsinki Finland in August 2017.

TEAM:

DR. HELEN BATTY

DR. NICHOLAS PIMLOTT

DR. MELISSA DE SOUZA

MS. JANET PROBST

DR. SHEILA DUNN

DR. SHERYL SPITHOFF

DR. LISA FERNANDES

DR. VIOLA ANTAO

MS. SUSAN HUM

Excellence in Scholarship in Faculty Development

DR. STEPHEN HOLZAPFEL *WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL*

Dr. Holzapfel is honoured for his longstanding tireless commitment to sexual health counselling education. Dr. Holzapfel was the only family physician on the SOGC National Advisory Group on Women's Sexual Dysfunction which publishes the Female Sexual Health Consensus Clinical Guidelines, most recently in 2012. Recently, as Chair of the Board of the Sex Information Council of Canada (SIECCAN) Dr. Holzapfel has been awarded a five year 1.8 million dollar grant to produce educational materials to improve Sexual Health Education in Canadian schools.

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

DR. JANA LAZOR

Dr. Lazor has contributed to numerous initiatives including the development of a Social and Cultural Identities Workshop. She has developed online learning materials for CBL tutors in the undergraduate curriculum and has been willing to share her expertise and guidance to faculty in development of curricula and scholarly / educational events.

Learner: Contributor to Faculty Development

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TEAM:

DR. ROARKE COPELAND TORONTO EAST HEALTH NETWORK

DR. STEPHANIE GODARD TORONTO EAST HEALTH NETWORK

Mentorship

DR. ALISON CULBERT SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

Dr. Culbert’s contributions to Mentorship at both Sunnybrook and DFCM are outstanding. She is always available to share her experiences, wisdom and advice in a supportive, cheerful and genuine manner.

New Leadership in Faculty Development

DR. SARAH TORABI

SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE – PALLIATIVE CARE

Dr. Torabi has provided outstanding leadership as the co-chair of Sunnybrook’s Advance Care Planning (ACP) Committee. She has quickly become recognized as an exemplary leader within our hospital, meaningfully impacting interprofessional colleagues and learners in what are often challenging discussions.

DR. JUDITH PERANSON ST. MICHAEL’S HOSPITAL

Dr. Peranson led the modification and implementation of Basics at SMH for an interprofessional audience. She did this collaboratively, engaging a committee, and with scholarship – completing a needs assessment and program evaluation. This work has already received a University award and she and her team are disseminating her findings through posters and planned publications.

POSTGRADUATE AWARDS

DFCM POSTGRADUATE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

DFCM Program Awards

Advocacy for Patients

DR. MICHAEL BORCHUK ROYAL VICTORIA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Borchuk has been recognized by both Faculty and fellow Residents to be exemplary in his compassion for his patients. He will go well out of his way to ensure his patients have every aspect of their care needs attended to and has gone far beyond required for his patients.

DR. BRADLEY KAPLANSKY SINAI HEALTH SYSTEMS

Since the beginning of his program Dr. Kaplansky has shown a strong commitment to the cohort of patients he follows. He works diligently and tirelessly as an effective advocate: Reaching out to community organizations and consultants to expedite care, working with CCAC for home supports/ LTC placement and working with families.

DR. KARIM A. SHAHID SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Shahid's ability to navigate the system for his patients stands out. He is highly aware of the social determinants of health and engages within the system to ensure that his patients are achieving the maximum benefit. The actions that he takes on a daily basis equate to a very large overall impact.

DR. LAURA STRATTON WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Dr. Stratton's demonstrates a deep commitment to patient well-being and excels in advocacy for her patients through her tireless clinical work, and for marginalized patients throughout the health care system. She is a strong advocate and leader for her patients as she moves to make care accessible to all those in need.

Clinical Excellence

DR. KIMBERLY REITER NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Reiter's is a very quick and astute learner, and has taken strong responsibility of patients. She is up to date with medical literature and uses information gained from various rotations to optimize patient care. She is very organized, focused and uses her time very efficiently.

DR. TESSA WALLACE ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Wallace has superior clinical skills in all areas, especially Women's Health. Dr. Wallace once stayed up all night, when not on call, to deliver her own patient who was a newcomer with many concerns. She addressed each concern in a patient-centred way and is now caring for the entire family.

DR. LAUREN EMILY WELSH ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

Dr. Welsh is an outstanding clinician, very thorough and holistic in her approach. She develops excellent rapport with her patients and is an advocate for them in every way, going above the call to care for them with respect, compassion and great dedication.

DR. BRIANNA ALKENBRACK TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Dr. Alkenbrack has shown consistently excellent clinical care since her early start of the residency program. She has been always pleasant to work with and everyone appreciates her excellent mature attitude towards her patients.

***DR. OMAR KASMIIEH THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK
- TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL***

Dr. Kasmieh exemplifies clinical excellence in family medicine. He easily connects with his patients, developing a rapport that solidifies a trusting relationship. He is meticulous during his patient encounters and it is clear that he genuinely cares for his patient and advocates for their medical and social needs without fail.

DR. ELIZABETH NIEDRA ENHANCED SKILLS PROGRAM

Dr. Niedra has been a stand-out fellow throughout the Care of the Elderly program. She combines all that is good in a family physician – broad range of skills, a wide interest in patients and the system, a capacity to change care for the better at both the individual and system levels.

DR. CARLOS ENRIQUE JARAMILLO CORREA ENHANCED SKILLS PROGRAM

Dr. Jaramillo is a truly exceptional resident. His attitude is exemplary; he is enthusiastic without fail, keen to see and serve his patients, and provide the kind of well-meaning high-quality care one would wish for a family member. His ability to accurately assess, develop rapport with and cater to more junior members is truly admirable.

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

DR. LINDA LEE TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Excellence in Teaching

DR. ROBERT C. D. CHO TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Dr. Cho consistently creates a comfortable and safe learning environment in the FMTU. He always recognizes strengths within the residents and helps residents to build on their skill sets. The residents describe him as kind, approachable and supportive to their learning. He is an emerging leader in the program.

DR. CASEY CORKUM TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Dr. Corkum has been an amazing addition to the Trillium Summerville Family Medicine Teaching Unit and is an excellent teacher. He is open to feedback about interpretation on guidelines and encourages us to find our own unique practice style while role modeling an excellent style of practice for us to follow.

DR. VENU TADIBOYINA THE SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL

What sets Dr. Tadiboyina apart is his ability to tailor his teaching to any level and his genuine care for resident learning. He goes out of his way for his learners and sets aside one hour every day to teach important IM topics through cases and lectures.

Leadership

DR. STEPHANIE GODARD TORONTO EAST HEALTH NETWORK

Excellent leader which showed through representing peers as chief resident throughout the last year. Always approachable and very diplomatic.

DR. EVAN CHONG SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

As co-chief resident, Dr. Chong has quietly but consistently and with kindness and professionalism, been a voice of reason, support and information for his colleagues. He leads by example with impeccable attendance and clinical skills, and is our unanimous choice for the Resident Leadership Award.

DR. JASON CHI-SHING LAM TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Dr. Lam is recognized by both faculty and residents as a compassionate leader with strong advocacy skills. He provides exceptional mentorship to medical students, encouraging the pursuit of careers in family medicine. He is a role model for his peers and has been an outstanding advocate for his fellow residents.

New Teacher Award

DR. JENNIFER HOPFNER ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Hopfner is an exceptional teacher and was unanimously selected by site residents for this award. She consistently provides residents with useful feedback, and is able to articulate strengths, areas of improvement, and suggest resources to guide further learning. She is an approachable and passionate teacher.

DR. ADAM PYLE ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

Dr. Pyle frequently takes time to go the extra mile to help us learn. He is supportive, caring for both his patients and learners. His overall demeanor creates a very positive environment for learning, where we feel free to ask questions, build on our knowledge, and thrive clinically.

DR. ROB CICCARELLI TORONTO EAST HEALTH NETWORK

Dr. Ciccarelli make trainees feel comfortable during clinics and on the palliative care floor. He always ensures clinical pearls are learnt after patient encounters.

Program Leadership

DR. MELISSA WITTY ROYAL VICTORIA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Witty stands out for her commitment to QI. She has been very willing to share her expertise with residents and has led several projects which were recognized with a local award for QI. Residents have truly embraced this part of their training thanks to her ability to make the material fun.

DR. KRISTINA ELISABETH POWLES SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM

Dr. Powles has contributed a range of valuable new development opportunities in mental health, counselling skills, ethics, and at the interface of art and resident wellness. Her work displays both her genuine enthusiasm for teaching and her thoughtfulness about how residents learn.

DR. HENDERSON LEE ENHANCED SKILLS PROGRAM

Few people embody the commitment and dedication Dr. Lee has made to the Family Practice Anesthesia program at the University of Toronto. He has continually evolved the program to maintain the highest standards of education, continually seeking feedback, and motivates associated faculty to be engaged in teaching and program development.

Resident Advocacy

DR. MAYA ROSE MALIAKKAL MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL

Dr. Maliakkal has demonstrated her willingness to advocate for residents on countless occasions as co-site director and a clinical supervisor. She consistently makes herself available to residents and is constantly exploring avenues to ensure residents feel supported. She consistently raises resident concerns, reinforces PARO regulations, and raises awareness on resources to strengthen physician wellness.

***DR. DIANA TOUBASSI THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK
– TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL***

Dr. Toubassi's dedication to resident wellness and education are unparalleled. She has made a significant effort to ensure that the residents feel supported both in, and outside of the hospital. We are constantly humbled by the compassion and empathy which she has radiated since our orientation day.

MS. SHERI JOHNSTON WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Ms. Johnston is an exemplary program coordinator, highly organized, attentive to details, and anticipates residents needs and requests with professionalism. Understanding that the training program is very tightly scheduled, she is able to assist residents in planning their time effectively to maximize their learning experiences while respecting their personal and professional expectations.

Role Modeling Clinical Excellence

DR. ALAN A. MONAVVARI NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Monavvari is a role model exemplifying clinical excellence, leadership, and compassion. He has consistently been a skillful clinical teacher, providing graduated independence with careful titration of responsibilities and has exemplified a balance between clinical expertise and leadership. He is a role model that motivates others and is most deserving of this award.

DR. KAREN FLEMING SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

Dr. Fleming is an exemplary teacher, clinician, researcher and role-model who is committed to her students, patients and profession. She is a genuine and compassionate mentor. Her ability to teach and share her knowledge and curiosity in a manner that is patient, inviting and intellectually stimulating encourages every learner who works with her.

DR. LANA KIEHN SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Kiehn embodies professionalism and clinical excellence in her supervision of family medicine residents. She encourages learners to think critically and continuously expand their skills and expertise. She is respectful of staff and learners alike and very approachable.

DR. SUZANNE TURNER ENHANCED SKILLS PROGRAM

“Dr. Turner knows no limits. She is passionate. She provides access to complex patients like no one I have ever seen, while promoting their recovery and health. She has grown her passion for perinatal addictions medicine from a single provider seeing patients, to a complex care clinic that continues to expand.”

Teaching Excellence

DR. SALMAN ALHAWSHAN MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL

Dr. Alhawshani is a compassionate clinician who demonstrates strong leadership skills and naturally teaches through role modelling. He goes the extra mile to mentor junior residents, and is a dedicated clinical preceptor to medical students and he is working to start a Family Medicine Teaching Unit at King Faisal Hospital in Saudi Arabia.

DR. DALE WESLEY CONNOR THE SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL

Dr. Connor accepted the solo role of Chief Resident when his co-CR went on Maternity leave. He is an asset to our program and is deserving of this award and recognition. Dale is an excellent team leader and respected by all of the residents.

GRADUATE STUDIES

DFCM Program Awards

Continuing Education and Graduate Studies Instructor Award

MS. DAWN MARTIN ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE

DR. PETER SELBY CENTRE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

Peter and Dawn have taught the Graduate and Continuing Education course: Theory and Practice of Behaviour Change in Health Professions Settings for the past 19 years. During this time they have influenced the practice of countless health professionals and their patients. A recent student recounted that she had asked many people about this course and “everyone had good things to say about it”. I personally took this course in the first few years it was offered and it significantly influenced my approach to patients and allowed me to take on the teaching of motivational interviewing with medical students and residents.

International Fellowship Graduating Class of 2018

Academic Fellowship

DR. MARYAM AL-RASHID

Medical Education Fellowship

DR. MAJED AL HARTHI

DR. MARYAM AL RASHID

DR. HAYAT AL ZAHRANI

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

DFCM Program Awards

Excellence in Advocacy

DR. KATHRYN DORMAN ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

“Dr. Dorman’s academic interests lie in working with a specific demographic of patients, and she puts a lot of effort into passing along her knowledge and passion to the students she works with. During clinics, she would try to take every opportunity to have teaching sessions on things like HIV PrEP, or different resources to help lower-income patients access funds. Her insight to trying to tackle these socioeconomic aspects of family medicine was greatly appreciated”

DR. DANYAAL RAZA ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

“Dr. Raza always demonstrated dedication to advocating for his patients, both on an individual and community based level. He would take time after clinics to ensure patients could access appropriate resources and to advocate for systemic changes. He was always kind with all patients, asked about sensitive topics, such as finances, and sought ways to improve health outcomes beyond simply looking at the medicine. He was a very strong role model for advocacy!”

Excellence in Mentorship

DR. JOYCE NYHOF-YOUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

“Dr. Nyhof-Young is a zealous and proliferative researcher, and it is not difficult to feel and be swept along by her curiosity and passion. She is constantly thinking about research and how to help us be better—her positivity and interest in her job is so contagious! Besides teaching me valuable lessons on conducting qualitative research, and how to present my research and accomplishments. She has taught me the importance of taking care of myself and to remember the bigger picture during times of stress.”

DR. HELEN SENDEROVICH BAYCREST HEALTH SCIENCES

“In addition to being a great teacher when it came to the practical side of palliative medicine, [Dr. Senderovich] was able to guide me through what it meant to be a compassionate and caring physician. I saw as she helped families through difficult decisions and supported them through the dying process. I am so appreciative for the time I got to spend with Dr. Senderovich. She is a great mentor and it is because of this early experience with her in palliative care that it is now the specialty I am pursuing”

Excellence in Program Development and Coordination

DR. SHERYLAN YOUNG SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

“In the very short time since she was appointed, Dr. Young has reviewed and revised our entire clerkship curriculum. The Hub is the primary syllabus for our clerkship course. [She] led the overhaul of its design, and the addition of 25 new topics. Dr. Young has also just completed an entire review of all curricular materials including our e-modules and seminars, and ensured that all are materials “hang together”. [She] has gone above and beyond in her role as Clerkship Curriculum Coordinator and should be recognized for her outstanding work”

DR. SOFIA KHAN ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE

“Dr. Khan is one of the most organized people I have ever met and she demonstrates incredible commitment and enthusiasm in her role as Program Director. She is very approachable and made herself available to address any questions or concerns that I had by regularly contacting my colleagues and I to ask if we needed assistance. With respect to the content and design of the Family Medicine Program at St. Joseph's, Dr. Khan has done a fantastic job.”

Innovation in Family Medicine Education

“The Family Medicine Advocacy Project was developed to allow undergraduate medical students to focus on specific advocacy initiatives that could be linked to particular patients they encountered during their Family Medicine clerkship experience. Evaluations over the first two years indicated that students and faculty overwhelmingly felt that it was an effective advocacy learning tool. The Family Medicine Advocacy Project has been well received nationally and internationally.”

TEAM:

DR. JAMES OWEN ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

DR. KAREN WEYMAN ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

DR. AZADEH MOAVENI THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK
– TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL

DR. SHARONIE VALIN NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL

DR. STACEY BERNSTEIN

DR. DARA MAKER WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

DR. JOYCE NYHOF-YOUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

DR. PHILIP BERGER ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

Role Modelling Clinical Excellence

DR. NEAL BELLUZZO SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM

“It is not an overstatement that nearly every patient of Dr. Belluzzo would say to me that he is “the best doctor they’ve ever had” or “an amazing doctor” and this is a testament to his dedication to his patients which I have seen first-hand. Dr. Belluzzo goes above and beyond to advocate for patients and provide the highest standard of care. In this regard, not only is he an outstanding teacher, but also a great role model as a physician.”

DR. SARAH FLEMING THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK
– TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL

“Dr. Fleming has excellent rapport with all her patients. In addition to her joyful demeanor, she also has excellent bedside manner – explaining medical concepts in words patients can understand and adapts her emotions appropriately to all situations. When it comes to teaching, most preceptors would teach only clinical knowledge, however Dr. Fleming stands out by also focusing on interpersonal skills – be it laughing at a patient’s jokes, giving emphatic statements, and developing ways of earning a patient’s trust”

Teaching Excellence – Electives

DR. DIANE BEDROSSIAN *WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL*

DR. JEFF WEISSBERGER *MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL*

Teaching Excellence – Family Medicine Clerkship

DR. STEPHEN CORD *SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM*

“Dr. Cord is an outstanding exemplar of the kind of physician I aspire to become: Patient-centered, compassionate, knowledgeable, and a team-player. [He] always makes an effort to teach, even during the busiest of days. As my clinical knowledge and confidence have increased throughout the year, Dr. Cord has also tailored his teaching appropriately, increasing my responsibilities and asking me questions to help push my knowledge to the next level.”

DR. JUDITH PERANSON *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

“Dr. Peranson does an amazing job of guiding students through the components of clinical care in a way that is both thorough and memorable. She encourages you to take responsibility for your clinical approaches to problems and really think about why you are asking questions and doing exams, instead of just rolling through it by rote memorization because that's what we've been taught”

Teaching Excellence – Family Medicine Longitudinal Experience

DR. JEFFREY HABERT *OFFICE-BASED PHYSICIAN*

“Dr. Habert turned an experience I was nervous about into a wonderful learning opportunity for me. He was patient, encouraging and positive. He is an excellent tutor and role model and I learned more in FMLE with him than I did in any other clinical experience I have had. His patients respect him highly and I hope to one day be even half as good as he is.”

DR. PAUL PHILBROOK *TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS*

“Dr. Philbrook is an excellent teacher and clinical role model, who helps students appreciate the various aspects of Family Medicine. He's always available for communication and feedback, and is very flexible and understanding of any time changes. Thank you for facilitating such a positive learning environment!”

DR. NADA RIZK OFFICE-BASED PHYSICIAN

“Dr. Rizk was an amazing Preceptor. She patiently taught me new clinical skills and encouraged me to learn as much as possible and develop my skills. She asked about my own clinical interests and enabled me to see patients with concerns related to my interests. I feel fortunate to have been paired with a Preceptor who is extremely knowledgeable, kind, and demonstrated patient-centred care. She created an excellent learning environment where I felt comfortable asking questions and developing my skills.”

Teaching Excellence – Health Professional Educator

MS. ALISON BANKIER MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL

“Over the past four years, Ms. Bankier has been instrumental in providing undergraduate education at the Markham Family Medicine Teaching Unit. Clinical clerks each spend one half day with Ms. Bankier during their rotations. To maximize learning for students, Ms. Bankier proactively books new patients for these sessions as much as possible. In addition to seeing the patients together, She teaches around each case afterwards. She builds great rapport with learners and welcomes their questions at all times. I have received consistent feedback from students that these sessions are valuable learning experiences.”

Teaching Excellence – New Teacher

DR. JANE CHOW SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM – MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

“I had an exceptional experience working with Dr. Chow. It has simply been a pleasure to learn and work with an enthusiastic teacher each day. I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Chow at her clinic and I cannot recommend this experience more highly to other medical students rotating in the future.”

DR. MATTHEW ORAVA ROYAL VICTORIA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

“Dr. Orava’s dedication to teaching was unparalleled. He was extremely knowledgeable, yet very down-to-earth. He gave me the autonomy to see patients on my own and his personality made me feel comfortable going out on a limb and presenting plans. [He] is without a doubt the type of doctor and educator I hope to be in the future. I unreservedly nominate Dr. Orava for a Teaching Excellence Award, as I have not come across a better teacher in my time in medical school.”

DR. ROMAN ZASSOKO TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

“Dr. Zassoko was enthusiastic to teach around cases, and challenged me to think critically about physical exam techniques, investigations, and clinical guidelines to provide the best evidence-based and personalized care for each patient. He served as an excellent role model, and had a practice that I would model my future practice on. Undoubtedly, Dr. Zassoko has been one of my best preceptors.”

Teaching Excellence – Transition to Residency

DR. GEORGE PORFIRIS MICHAEL GARRON HOSPITAL – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

DFCM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Academic Family Physician of the Year

DR. DANIELLE MARTIN *WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL*

Dr. Martin's scholarship and advocacy are having a great impact in Toronto and provincially, nationally and internationally. She is a role model for academic and community-based physicians, health professions learners, medical administrators and health care policymakers. She has become a household name in Canada, based on her many patient and public education activities.

Excellence in Education Scholarship

– New Investigator – Fully Affiliated

DR. KULAMAKAN (MAHAN) KULASEGARAM

UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK – TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Kulasegaram is recognized for his impressive track record of productivity for a junior scientist which includes 37 publications (nine first-authored) since 2010. He continues to be a part of a strong network of collaborators across Canada and internationally.

Excellence in Education Scholarship – Senior Investigator

DR. NICOLE WOODS *UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK*

– TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Woods is a nationally and internationally recognized Education Scientist, whose robust theoretical research is having major impact on curriculum across North America. She is an exemplary engaged academic in the ways she brings her findings to the curricular coalface, significantly impacting the shape of curricular innovations to allow better integration of basic sciences and clinical teaching.

Excellence in Course/Program Development– Fully Affiliated

DR. GIOVANNA SIRIANNI

SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE – PALLIATIVE CARE

Dr. Sirianni is recognized as an enthusiastic source of motivation and inspiration for all learners and teachers associated with the Palliative Medicine Training Program. She has been and continues to be a strong and effective advocate for a program that has evolved to become a leader in postgraduate palliative medicine training at both national and international levels.

Excellence in Course/Program Development – Community Affiliated

DR. JUSTIN MORGENSTERN

MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Dr. Morgenstern has been instrumental in single-handedly developing our Emergency Department's Simulation program from a grass-roots level. It is described as a robust teaching program that is highly-valued and also very highly-rated by all of our learners and trainees.

Excellence in Creative Professional Activity– Fully Affiliated

DR. KAREN FLEMING *SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE*

Dr. Fleming is being honoured for her outstanding creative professional contributions to advance the care and health outcomes of women, including new immigrants and women from lower socioeconomic circumstances. Her passion, dedication and commitment to advancing high quality primary care obstetrics are highly commendable.

Excellence in Development and Use of Innovative Instructional Methods – Community Affiliated

DR. ANTON HELMAN *NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL – EMERGENCY MEDICINE*

Dr. Helman is internationally recognized as the Founder and Host of Emergency Medicine Cases. The exceptional quality of the podcast series has generated over a million downloads worldwide. His use of social media for continuing medical education and professional development is truly innovative.

Excellence in Leadership – Fully Affiliated Site

DR. EVA GRUNFELD DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Dr. Grunfeld is being honoured for her outstanding and sustained leadership in research, teaching, mentoring and research Administration. Her reputation at the national and international level is both a reflection of her own success and a testament to her skill in networking and collaborating.

Excellence in Leadership – Community Affiliated

DR. HAROLD YUEN SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. Yuen is recognized as a visionary and has been described as a “great man who has a way of motivating others to take on responsibilities to help drive change” in his role as co-chair of the Integrated Palliative Care Strategic Planning Committee for the Northern York Region sub-LHIN.

Excellence in Social Responsibility – Community Affiliated

DR. CINDY SO SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Dr. So is honoured for her engagement in several studies examining the impact of the Division of Palliative Care with respect to outcomes for patients and their families. Her dedication to the community is matched by her professionalism. She is constantly pushing the envelope through innovation and creativity to ensure that everyone receives the care, where and when they need it.

Excellence in Social Responsibility – Fully Affiliated Site

DR. RAJNI NIJHAWAN TORONTO REHABILITATION INSTITUTE –
UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK

Dr. Nijhawan is recognized for promoting wellness, primarily through patient education and empowerment, with prevention as a guiding principle. She has demonstrated a tireless commitment to improving the health outcomes of her community, both locally and internationally.

Excellence in Teaching (Early Career)

– Community Affiliated

DR. NAVSHEER TOOR *SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE*

Dr. Toor is being honoured for her commitment and dedication to quality teaching through her ability to stimulate the interest and enthusiasm of learners, as well as participating in curriculum development. She shows a genuine love for teaching residents and training them to become independent thinkers, well-balanced and lifelong learners.

Excellence in Teaching (Early Career)

– Fully Affiliated

DR. NIKITA PATEL *WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL*

Dr. Patel is recognized for her profound level of commitment and skill set that she brings to her teaching on an ongoing basis. She is known for her ability to create a positive learning environment, to provide constructive and valuable feedback, and to teach with expert knowledge and clarity.

Larry Librach Award for Excellence in Palliative Care Scholarship

DR. ALISSA TADESCO *TORONTO EAST HEALTH NETWORK*

– *MICHAEL GARRON HOSPITAL*

DR. KEITH JOHNSTONE *ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE*

Outstanding Contribution to Family Medicine Research

– Fully Affiliated

DR. PAUL KRUEGER *DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE*

Dr. Krueger is being honoured for his outstanding contributions that have enhanced the quality of research in the discipline, supported the careers of many DFCM faculty members and built research capacity throughout the Department.

Quality Improvement Award of Excellence

– Community Affiliated

DR. KIMBERLY WINTEMUTE NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Wintemute is being honoured for her extensive work around embedding Choosing Wisely into the way family physicians work everyday, including how to incorporate shared decision-making to improve their practice. This has had far-reaching consequences both across Canada and internationally. Dr. Wintemute's hard work, dedication and leadership have been key factors.

Quality Improvement Award of Excellence – Fully Affiliated

DR. NOAH IVERS AND DR. PAYAL AGARWAL WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Drs. Ivers and Agarwal and the SCYW team are being honoured for improving physical activity counselling and ultimately patient activity levels and health outcomes at Women's College Hospital Family Practice. The SWYW project is also being used as a model for the development of other technology-based QI initiatives in primary care, in terms of feasibility and effectiveness.

TEAM:

MS. LIORA ALTMAN

DR. JANE THORNTON

MS. NICOLE BOURGEOIS

MS. ILANA BIRNBAUM

MS. BETH BOSIAK

MS. HOLLY FINN

MR. MIKE HEINRICH

MS. NATASHA KITHULEGODA

MS. ROBIN MAWSON

MS. EMILY ANGL

MS. RONI PROPP

MS. LINDSAY REDDEMAN

MS. LIANE STEINER

MS. SHERRY TEETER

Research Excellence – New Investigator

DR. CATHERINE VARNER SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Dr. Varner is recognized for her collaborative partnerships that are indicative of her charismatic personality and ability to network and form relationships with members of the community and to conduct prospective clinical research with credibility and scientific rigour.

Research Excellence – Senior Investigator

DR. LIISA JAAKKIMAINEN *SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE*

Dr. Jaakkimainen is recognized as a national leader in primary care research and one of a few go-to scientists in the country for using linked EMR data for research. She leads and collaborates on numerous national grants, has extensively presented her research internationally, and publishes in the high impact journals appropriate to our discipline.

Staff Excellence – Fully Affiliated

MS. SARAH LETOVSKY *DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY
AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE*

Ms. Letovsky is a hardworking, team worker who is committed to innovation to facilitate faculty appointments and building strong, effective, and positive relationships with the DFCM's faculty and the Faculty of Medicine stakeholders.

Staff Excellence in Collaboration – Community Affiliated

MR. JONATHAN FOWLER *ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE*

Mr. Fowler has proved to be vital to the progress of EMR maturity and Digital health assets. He has benefited many physicians and their staff by helping them to overcome their EMR related challenges, motivated them to improve their EMR usage and embrace technology for better patient outcomes.

Staff Excellence in Collaboration – Fully Affiliated

MS. LISA MILLER *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

Ms. Miller is universally recognized in our department as an individual who routinely goes above and beyond her role. She is kind, thoughtful, eager to learn, diligent and supremely organized. She works incredibly hard and her work consistently reflects the highest degree of professionalism. She is a collaborative team player and always makes time to answer questions or address a concern.

Sustained Excellence in Teaching

DR. SUSAN SHEPHERD *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

“Dr. Shepherd’s clinical teaching skills and experience were demonstrated by her ability to seamlessly incorporate teaching, clinical supervision, and mentorship into her very busy family practice. In two years working closely with Dr. Shepherd, there was not a single instance when I felt uncomfortable approaching her with a question. Her reliable, enthusiastic support allowed myself and other residents to explore the limits of our knowledge and gain independence in a safe learning environment.”

Sustained Excellence in Teaching – Fully Affiliated

DR. DEBORAH LEVITAN *WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL*

Dr. Levitan is recognized for teaching in a manner that arouses student’s curiosity in an atmosphere that is intellectually challenging yet supportive. She is a motivated teacher whose natural curiosity leads to interesting, insightful questions.

DR. SUSAN SHEPHERD *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

Dr. Shepherd demonstrates the finest example of a Clinician-Teacher who has provided more than two decades of sustained excellence in her role to learners and colleagues alike. She exemplifies a commitment to teaching distinctive of academic family practices, while providing the diverse skill set and broad scope of care espoused by a community physician.

Sustained Excellence in Teaching – Community Affiliated

DR. GURPREET MAND *SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE*

Dr. Mand is being honoured for her dedication to teaching and scholarship which are matched by her professionalism. She has consistently demonstrated the DFCM’s values by placing the needs of our learners above all else.

The Louise Nasmith Award

DR. DANYAAL RAZA *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

Dr. Raza’s experience demonstrates he is uniquely positioned to examine the relationship between health and political participation, in particular with respect to marginalized communities. He has been a very active advocate for public policy change that addresses the social determinants of health as Chair of Canadian Doctors for Medicare.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

External Awards

2017 ASPIRE-to-Excellence in Faculty Development Award

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK WHICH INCLUDES DFCM'S FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CENTRE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

NATIONAL AWARDS

External Awards

The Influentials 2017

DR. DANIELLE MARTIN WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

External Awards

2017 Ve'ahavta Humanitarian Award

DR. NAHEED DOSANI

WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH CENTRE AND THE PEACH TEAM

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AWARDS

External Awards

Wilfred H. McKinnon Palmer Academic Award

DR. JENNIFER WYMAN WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

2017 Minister's Medal Honour Roll

DR. SHANNON BAUMAN

ROYAL VICTORIA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AWARDS

External Awards

Dr. Harrison Waddington Fellowship in Family and Community Medicine

DR. GIOVANNA SIRIANNI

SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE – PALLIATIVE CARE

The Helen P. Batty Award for Excellence and Achievement in Faculty Development

DR. RICK PENCINER

NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine The Helen P. David Hill Memorial Award

MS. BRENDA MURPHY SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

EXTERNAL AWARDS

2017 Associated Medical Services Phoenix Fellowship

DR. ARUN RADHAKRISHNAN WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

2017 Bright Light Award, Category: Strengthening Partnerships

– The Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL ACADEMIC FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

2017 Bright Light Award, Category: Clinical Innovations for Specific Populations – The Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario

NORTH YORK FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

2017 British Medical Association Book Awards

DR. MICHAEL KIDD DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

2017 Canadian Medical Association's Young Leaders Award- Early Career

DR. FARHAN M. ASRAR TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

2018 Canadian Association for Medical Education Certificate of Merit Award

DR. NICOLE WOODS THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK

– TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL

DR. RICK PENCINER NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

2018 Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Inductee

DR. PHILIP BERGER ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

**American Society of Addiction Medicine's
Educator of the Year Award**

DR. PETER SELBY CENTRE FOR ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

**Award for Outstanding Contribution to Medical Education
– St. Michael's Hospital**

DR. JAMES OWEN ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

Canada's Top 40 under 40

DR. NAV PERSAUD ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

**Canadian Association of Emergency
Physicians President's Award**

DR. ERIC LETOVSKY TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**College of Family Physicians of Canada Awards
Family Medicine Resident Leadership Award**

DR. MICHEL ALESSANDRO SACCONE SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

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

DR. ANDREW PINTO ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

College of Family Physicians of Canada Awards of Excellence

DR. MARIANNE BELAU ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL

DR. BRIAN MORRIS ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL

**Competency Based Medical Education
Residency Education Implementation Award**

DR. SARAH KAWAGUCHI SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM – PALLIATIVE CARE

David Hill Memorial Award

DR. ARNELL BAGUIO SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

DFCM Clinician Investigator Award

DR. TONY ANTONIOU ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

DFCM Graduate Research Studies Award

– Trillium Health Partners

DR. ABHIMANYU SUD TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

DFCM New Investigator Award

DR. SHERYL SPITHOFF WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award – Undergraduate Preceptor – St. Joseph's Health Centre Toronto

DR. RICHARD KIM ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Excellence in Education Award – Southlake Regional Health Centre

DR. PAUL CANTARUTTI SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Fred Fallis Award in Online Learning for the Safer Opioids Prescribing program

DR. ABHIMANYU SUD TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Governor General Meritorious Service Cross

DR. NAHEED DOSANI WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH SYSTEM – PALLIATIVE CARE

Honorary Membership at the Honour Society of Nursing

DR. KATHERINE ROULEAU ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

Honorary Membership – World Psychiatric Association

DR. MICHAEL KIDD DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Innovation Excellence

THE STERILECARE-KITELock SOLUTION

SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

International Association of Medical Science Educator's 2018 Distinguished Career Award for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Scholarship

DR. NICOLE WOODS THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK

– TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL

Journalism Award for Excellence in Women's Health Reporting

DR. MARLA SHAPIRO NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL

Leadership/Followership Excellence – Southlake Regional Health Centre

DR. MORRIS LIQUORNICK SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

New Appointment: Canadian Medical Association President

DR. SANDY BUCHMAN SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM – PALLIATIVE CARE

New Appointment: Dean's Advisor

DR. JEFF BLOOM UHN – TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL

New Appointment: Division of Palliative Care Quality Co-Lead

MS. SUSAN BLACKER ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL – PALLIATIVE CARE

New Appointment: The President and CEO of Providence Healthcare

*DR. TIM RUTLEDGE ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL AND ST. JOSEPH'S
HEALTH CENTRE*

Ontario Medical Association Glenn Sawyer Service Award

*DR. PAULINE PARISER THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK
– TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL*

Patricia Norman Patient Experience – Southlake Regional Health Centre

MS. MICHELLE FEDELE SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

MS. BRENDA WILKS SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Physician Early Career Development Award

DR. NAHEED DOSANI WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH SYSTEM – PALLIATIVE CARE

Quality Improvement

*SSNYR HL SOUTH SIMCOE NORTHER REGION HEALTH LINK AND TEAM
D.O.P.E (TEAM DOVE OWL PEACOCK EAGLE)
SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE*

Research Excellence – Southlake Regional Health Centre

MS. JOANNE CAMPBELL SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Teaching Excellence in Specialty Medicine – Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

DR. KELLY EMERSON

ROYAL VICTORIA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

DR. CARLY THOMPSON

ROYAL VICTORIA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

The Southlake Way

MS. JENNIFER MCQUAIG SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

MR. JOE HEALY SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

MR. PETER CAMPBELL SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Staff Excellence in Collaboration – St. Michael's Hospital

MS. LISA MILLER ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

St. Michael's Collaborator Award for Outstanding Contribution to Medical Education

MS. LORNA MCDUGALL ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

SENIOR PROMOTIONS

2018 Full Professor Promotion

DR. NICHOLAS PIMLOTT *WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL*

2018 Associate Professor Promotions

DR. ANN BURCHELL *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

DR. DIFAT JAKUBOVICZ *ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE*

DR. MEGAN LANDES *THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK*

– TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

DR. VSEVOLOD PERELMAN *SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM – EMERGENCY MEDICINE*

DR. KIRSTEN WENTLANDT *THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK*

– TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL – PALLIATIVE CARE

JUNIOR PROMOTIONS

Promotions JUNE 1, 2017- MAY 1, 2018

DR. SABRINA AKHTAR *THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK*
– *TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL*

DR. MELANIE BAIMEL *SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE*
– *EMERGENCY MEDICINE*

DR. LAURENCE BIRO *TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS*

DR. ELEANOR COLLEDGE *MICHAEL GARRON HOSPITAL*

DR. PAUL DAS *ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL*

DR. DAVID DUSHENSKI *SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES*
CENTRE – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

DR. MARNIE HOWE *SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM – PALLIATIVE CARE*

DR. NADIA INCARDONA *MICHAEL GARRON HOSPITAL –*
EMERGENCY MEDICINE

DR. RAHUL JAIN *SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE*

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– *TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL*

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