
News Release

Canada's 'Top Docs' Recognized for Outstanding Contributions to Patients, Communities and Advancing Family Medicine

(Mississauga, ON, October 28, 2015) — The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) today announced the 2015 Family Physicians of the Year, the national recipients of the *Reg L. Perkin Award*. The CFPC will present the awards on Tuesday, November 10th as part of its annual Family Medicine Forum in Toronto.

Canada's Family Physicians of the Year are 10 dedicated family doctors – one from each province - recognized for providing exceptional care to patients, contributing to the well-being of their communities, and committing themselves as researchers and educators to future generations of family doctors.

"The CFPC is proud to recognize this year's Family Physicians of the Year," says CFPC President, Garey Mazowita, MD, CCFP, FCFP. "They are leaders in their respective communities and are dedicated to delivering quality health care, spearheading positive changes, and fostering the development of future family physicians. They are instrumental to the strength of our health care system in Canada."

Canada's 2015 Family Physicians of the Year are:

- Anthon Meyer, M.B. Ch.B, CCFP - Fort St. James, British Columbia
- Margaret Churcher, MD, CCFP, FCFP - Calgary, Alberta
- Tom Smith-Windsor, MD, CCFP, FCFP, FRRMS - Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
- Michel Bruneau, MD, CCFP - Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba
- Robert Algie, MD, CCFP, FCFP - Fort Frances, Ontario
- Rénaud Bergeron, MD, CCFP, FCFP - Quebec, Quebec
- Shirley Clements, MD, CCFP, FCFP - Campbellton, New Brunswick
- Michael Fleming, MD, CCFP, FCFP - Fall River, Nova Scotia
- Trina Stewart, MD, CCFP, FCFP - Summerside, Prince Edward Island
- Percy Crocker, MD, CCFP, FCFP - St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

"The Reg L. Perkin Award is special because it recognizes excellence among family physicians in Canada as well as the diversity of each recipient," adds Executive Director and CEO, Francine Lemire, MD CM, CCFP, FCFP, CAE. "This year's award recipients work in a wide variety of health care facilities in urban centres, rural communities and some very remote locations where access to family doctors is otherwise rare. Despite the diversity of their locations and practices, they all share a passion for quality health care and providing the best for their patients. We commend them on their outstanding achievements."

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The award recipients embody the four principles of family medicine: they are skilled clinicians; they are community-based; they serve as resources for those in their community; and they value the patient-doctor relationship. The CFPC has paid tribute to family physicians exemplifying these guiding principles of family medicine since 1972. The recipients are nominated by their respective provincial chapters of the CFPC along with colleagues and peers.

In 1996, the College named the awards in honour of Dr. Reg L. Perkin who served as Executive Director of the CFPC from 1985 to 1996.

The award presentations are part of Family Doctor Week in Canada, which this year runs from November 9-14 and includes the CFPC's annual Family Medicine Forum on November 11-14.

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College of Family Physicians of Canada

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) represents more than 35,000 members across the country. It is the professional organization responsible for establishing standards for the training and certification of family physicians. The CFPC reviews and accredits continuing professional development programs and materials that enable family physicians to meet certification and licensing requirements and lifelong learning interests. It also accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada's 17 medical schools. The College provides quality services, supports family medicine teaching and research, and advocates on behalf of family physicians and the specialty of family medicine. www.cfpc.ca

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