

News Release

The CFPC proudly announces the 2020 Family Physicians of the Year

(November 6, 2020, Mississauga, ON) The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM) are pleased to announce the 2020 Family Physicians of the Year as the recipients of the Reg L. Perkin Awards. The awards recognize the outstanding achievements of family doctors from across Canada and will be presented this evening at the virtual Awards Gala hosted by the FAFM and the CFPC.

“We are pleased to celebrate the 2020 Family Physicians of the Year— a diverse group of family doctors who make unique contributions to patient care, education, and research and who embrace diverse leadership roles in their communities,” says CFPC President Shirley Schipper, MD, CCFP, FCFP. “Their expertise includes public health, asthma and respiratory medicine, adolescent mental health, LGBTQ+ health and wellness, Indigenous health, and a deep commitment to supporting medical students and learners.”

Canada’s 2020 Family Physicians of the Year are:

- Tahmeena Ali, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Surrey, British Columbia
- Andrew Cave, MB ChB, MCISc, CCFP, FCFP, FRCGP, Edmonton, Alberta
- Paula Schwann, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Wendy Smith, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Curtis Handford, MD, CCFP, MHSc, Toronto, Ontario
- Pierre-Paul Tellier, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Montreal, Quebec
- Jennifer Russell, MD, CCFP, Fredericton, New Brunswick
- Andrew Wohlgemut, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- Janice Fitzgerald, MD, CCFP, MPH, Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador

This year the Nova Scotia College of Family Physicians wishes to acknowledge all family doctors in the province for their enduring dedication and their collective efforts to deliver high-quality care to patients and communities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

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“Since 1972 the CFPC has proudly recognized the outstanding achievements of dedicated family physicians across Canada. We are delighted to celebrate this year’s cohort of family doctors who have earned the respect and admiration of their peers, colleagues, and patients,” adds CFPC Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Francine Lemire, MD CM, CCFP, FCFP, CAE, ICD.D. “Their steadfast commitment to excellence propels the discipline of family medicine forward and underscores the important and varied roles that family physicians fulfill in our communities.”

Biographies of the 2020 Family Physicians of the Year can be found on the FAFM website <https://fafm.cfpc.ca/fpoy-2020/>

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About the College of Family Physicians of Canada

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is the professional organization that represents more than 40,000 members across the country. The College establishes the standards for and accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada’s 17 medical schools. It reviews and certifies continuing professional development programs and materials that enable family physicians to meet certification and licensing requirements. The CFPC provides high-quality services, supports family medicine teaching and research, and advocates on behalf of the specialty of family medicine, family physicians, and the patients they serve.

About the Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine

The Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM), established in 1994 as the Research and Education Foundation, funds programs and projects in family medicine and supports numerous research grants, scholarships, and awards that recognize the achievements of clinicians, teachers, researchers, family medicine residents, and medical students. Our funding priorities (patient self-management, the Patient’s Medical Home, family medicine research, family medicine education, and global health care via the Besrouer Centre for Global Family Medicine) recognize our most important initiatives and have a meaningful impact on improving patient care within Canada and internationally.

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