Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to announce the award recipients for the 2023 Department of Paediatrics Awards Day celebration and the many incredible achievements across the Department of Paediatrics.

These awards acknowledge tremendous accomplishments in the areas of research, education, administration, clinical care, and EDIA activities by our faculty, staff, and trainees. While the criterion for each award is as unique as each individual award recipient, there is a clear common thread – a commitment to excellence. Thank you for the outstanding nominations received this year and for sharing in the celebrations in person earlier this week.

Please join me in congratulating our 2023 award recipients and giving thanks to everyone across the Department!

Sincerely,
Meredith
CLINICAL AWARDS

DR. RICHARD ROWE AWARD

DR. DEBORAH LEVY
RHEUMATOLOGY

DR. ADAM RAPOPORT
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

This award recognizes physicians who have demonstrated excellence in the delivery of clinical care in its broadest sense over a significant period of time.

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL CONTRIBUTION

DR. HERNAN GONORAZKY
NEUROLOGY

DR. ANUPMA WADHWA
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This award recognizes a paediatrician who has led an initiative in innovative care delivery systems, quality improvement, patient safety, advocacy, or other clinical endeavours.

JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

DR. DEBORAH SCHONFELD
PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE

This award recognizes physicians within the first 5-10 years of appointment to an academic health science centre.

SAUNDERS PRIZE

DR. NAYANTARA GHOSH
PGY3
CORE PAEDIATRICS RESIDENCY PROGRAM

This award recognizes a PGY-3 core paediatric resident who demonstrates outstanding clinical skills especially in the general paediatrics arena. This award is given in memory of Dr. Norman Saunders, who was a clinician’s clinician and a general paediatrician for many years at The Hospital for Sick Children. Dr. Saunders was passionate about clinical care, particularly complex care.
RESEARCH AWARDS

EMERGING RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AWARD
DR. LINDA HIRAKI
RHEUMATOLOGY
DR. CATHARINE WALSH
GASTROENTEROLOGY, HEPATOLOGY & NUTRITION
This award recognizes outstanding achievements and progress in research by a physician during the first 10 years after initial appointment to the faculty of an academic health sciences centre.

RESEARCH IMPACT AWARD
DR. JAMES DOWLING
NEUROLOGY
This award recognizes a physician within 10-20 years of appointment to an academic health sciences centre, who has generated a body of research that is exerting a major impact in a field of study.

SUSTAINED RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD
DR. ROBERT HAMILTON
CARDIOLOGY
This award recognizes sustained excellence in research by a physician with more than 20 years of appointment to an academic health sciences center, who has demonstrated far-reaching impact through innovation and/or leadership.
DR. SUSAN TALLETT AWARD FOR HUMANISM, COMPASSION & EXCELLENCE IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

DR. DAMIEN NOONE
NEPHROLOGY

This award recognizes a faculty member at any stage of their career who exemplifies a deep and abiding commitment to medical education and inspires compassionate teaching, learning and care.

LIONEL WEINSTEIN CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD

DR. SHAWNA SILVER
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Clerkship.

RHA HASLAM Pre-Clerkship Teaching Award

DR. JESSICA BHULLAR
PAEDIATRICS
CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL

This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Preclerkship (Foundations) curriculum.
COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD

DR. KATIE MENNIE
PAEDIATRICS
UNITY HEALTH TORONTO

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from medical students, but also for substantial contributions and commitment to undergraduate medical education.

MARVIN GERSTEIN AWARD

DR. MICHELLE GORDON
PAEDIATRICS
ORILLIA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician who has demonstrated long-standing excellence in both undergraduate and postgraduate education.

EDUCATION AWARDS
POSTGRADUATE

CHRISTOPHER ONDAATJE AWARD

DR. VICTOR DO
PGY3

DR. ZIYAD ALRAJHI
PGY4
CORE PAEDIATRICS RESIDENCY PROGRAM

This award recognizes a PGY3 and PGY4 resident in the Core Paediatric Residency Program who are selected by their peers to recognize teaching excellence. This award is made possible through a generous donation from Mr. Christopher Ondaatje.

HARRY BAIN AWARD

DR. IRENE LARA-CORRALES
DERMATOLOGY

This award recognizes a full-time member of the paediatrics staff whom the residents select to be their best clinical teacher. This award is given in honour of Dr. Bain and his contribution to the Department of Paediatrics and his advocacy for child health.
DR. MICHAEL (MICKEY) LESTER AWARD

DR. ALEXANDRA KILIAN
PGY3
CORE PAEDIATRICS RESIDENCY PROGRAM
This award recognizes outstanding performance in enhancing the patient and/or family experience in paediatric care by a core paediatric resident or a subspecialty paediatrics resident or clinical fellow.

COMMUNITY POSTGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD

DR. EVELYN ROZENBLYUM
RHEUMATOLOGY
This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from paediatric residents, but also, for substantial contributions and commitment to Postgraduate Medical Education.

TRAINEE ADVOCACY, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD

DR. JUSTIN LAM
CLINICAL FELLOW
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE
This award recognizes trainees who have advanced equity, diversity & inclusion within SickKids Department of Paediatrics and/or the greater community.

POWER TEACHING AWARD

DR. GREGORY COSTAIN
CLINICAL & METABOLIC GENETICS

DR. RONALD LAXER
RHEUMATOLOGY

DR. NATALIE JEWITT
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

DR. MARISSA JOSEPH
DERMATOLOGY

DR. SHAUN MORRIS
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DR. IAN KITAI
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This award recognizes our top postgraduate teachers, as reflected in their teaching evaluations from the core paediatric residents.

SUBSPECIALITY TEACHING AWARD

DR. ELIZAVETA LIMENIS
RHEUMATOLOGY
This award recognizes trainees who have advanced equity, diversity & inclusion within SickKids Department of Paediatrics and/or the greater community.
PERLS TEACHING AWARD

FACULTY
DR. NATALIE JEWITT
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

FELLOWS:
DRS. MAGDALENA RIEDL & SUBHRATA VERMA
NEPHROLOGY

This award recognizes a faculty and a subspecialty resident/fellow who are selected by the core residents for their outstanding contributions to the PeRLS curriculum. This award can be given for individual stand alone sessions, as well as any one of the subcurricula that exist within the larger curriculum.

EDUCATION AWARDS
CONTINUING EDUCATION

EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & COORDINATION

DR. ANUPMA WADHWA
INFECTIONIOUS DISEASES

This award recognizes sustained exemplary teaching and contributions to the Continuing Professional Development of paediatricians, specifically excellence in teaching, subject mastery, and the ability to engage learners.
PAEDIATRIC ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS

COORDINATOR:
SARAH FORTINO
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of staff members who have demonstrated outstanding performance and excellence in all aspects of their administrative professional role.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARDS

ADVOCACY, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD
DR. ASHLEY VANDERMORRIS
adolescent medicine

This award recognizes recipients who develop and/or implement activities, programs, or research related to social justice and health equity that advance anti-racism initiatives and manifest our shared commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion into action.

DR. DENIS DANEMAN FACULTY MENTORSHIP AWARD
DR. RONALD LAXER
rheumatology

This award recognizes physicians with an outstanding approach to mentorship through long-term commitment to mentoring, advising, and coaching of paediatric faculty members.
DR. SIMONNE HORWITZ
PGY2
CORE PAEDIATRIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM

This award recognizes SickKids’ physician learners who participate in or lead quality improvement and patient safety projects.

Dr. Horwitz has been awarded for the project titled: Improving On-Call Communication through the Implementation of a Secure Text Messaging System.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we congratulate our Department of Paediatrics’ members who have been promoted based on demonstrated excellence in one or more of research, creative professional activity (CPA) or teaching and service. Through these activities, faculty members are recognized on the impact of their work as national (in the case of Associate Professor) and international (in the case of Full Professor) experts in their field. This year 30 distinguished faculty members were approved for Promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee effective July 1, 2023. We could not be more proud of their accomplishments and we are truly fortunate to have such incredibly talented, passionate and dedicated faculty who are making so many positive contributions in the world of paediatric academia. Please join us in congratulating your colleagues.

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