

PRHC physician receives national recognition Canadian Society of Hospital Medicine recognizes Dr. Bill Shannon

Peterborough, ON: Peterborough Regional Health Centre's (PRHC) former Chief, Hospitalist Department, Dr. Bill Shannon will, this weekend, be recognized by the Canadian Society of Hospital Medicine with its Award of Excellence.

The award is presented at the society's national conference to a physician who has provided outstanding service in hospital medicine. The Award of Excellence is bestowed upon an individual who demonstrates innovation in hospital and organizational groups, leadership in hospital medicine, and contributions to policy. Dr. Shannon was selected for this coveted award from among many candidates nominated from across Canada.

Recognizing Dr. Shannon's considerable contributions to PRHC, the Hospitalist program, and to hospital medicine in general, our Hospitalist Team collectively nominated Dr. Shannon for this prestigious award, stated Lead Hospitalist Dr. Kaetlen Wilson.

Dr. Shannon has provided an outstanding contribution to our Hospitalist service, our patients and our community hospital. His dedication to in-hospital medicine is admirable and beyond the curve, added Dr. Wilson.

Dr. Shannon is recognized for his significant contributions to PRHC including the redesign of the sub-acute/continuing care areas prior to the move to the new hospital; his participation in numerous clinical committees; and his championing of the need for a specialized area to meet the specific needs of patients awaiting long-term care. Dr. Shannon was also pivotal in implementing Nurse Practitioners into the Hospitalist service delivery model and through a successful recruitment and retention campaign, steering the Hospitalist department over the years.

"We congratulate Dr. Shannon on this prestigious award. On behalf of his medical staff colleagues and the Board of Directors, we thank him for his tireless work and dedication to the patients of the region," said PRHC Chief of Staff Dr. Peter McLaughlin.

Dr. Shannon came to PRHC in 2002 and joined the Hospitalist department in 2004. In August 2006, he became Chief of the department. For 4 years more, Dr. Shannon remained in the role, and in 2009, opened a half-time community-based family practice in addition to his continued work as a Hospitalist.

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