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Local Pharmacists Receive University of Toronto Teaching Assistant Awards

Peterborough, ON: Two local pharmacists, well known as mentors in their respective organizations, have received prestigious teaching awards from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Pharmacy and Wyeth Consumer Healthcare.

Carolee Awde-Sadler, Renal Pharmacist, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, and Lynda Chilibeck, Pharmacy Consultant, Peterborough Networked Family Health Teams, have been honoured with Structured Practical Experience Program (SPEP) Teaching Associate Awards of Excellence.

SPEP is a final year, required component of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy curriculum at the University of Toronto. It is comprised of 16 weeks of rotations in two or three different practice areas of the profession. Both Awde-Sadler and Chilibeck participate as teaching associates and welcome students into their organizations and the professional practice sphere. They were nominated for the awards by at least two of their students.

"The co-recipients of the 2009 SPEP Teaching Associate Award of Excellence have provided University of Toronto Pharmacy students with highly valuable and individualized experiences in the institutional and family health team practice environments. These model practitioners have left an indelible mark on two new pharmacists as they embark on their chosen profession. The care, commitment, passion and knowledge level exhibited by Carolee Awde-Sadler and Lynda Chilibeck will continue to manifest in the skills and attitudes of every student who has had the benefit of their tutelage. The Faculty of Pharmacy appreciates their participation in this program and anticipates their continued involvement in 2011," says Katrina Mulherin, SPEP Coordinator, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

This award recognizes the qualities, skills, and values, which most clearly characterize the ideal teaching associate. These winners exhibit excellence in two major areas: practice and teaching. According to the award criteria, recipients' practice must be focused on individual patient care and must strive to provide exemplary pharmaceutical care. Their teaching approach and skills must effectively facilitate and encourage learning. In essence, recipients are excellent role models for students both as practitioners and as teachers.

“Congratulations to Carolee and to Lynda, for everything they’ve done to further a learning environment in their respective organizations,” says Paul Darby, PRHC President and CEO. “These pharmacists of the future are in excellent hands.”

In addition to exposing students to practice within their own organizations, Awde-Sadler and Chilibeck also exchange students for a day, demonstrating exceptional collaboration within the community.

“Carolee and Lynda have worked very well together over the past few years and have demonstrated the important and growing role Pharmacists can play in an integrated health system. The ability of students to experience this reality is exceptional and we are very proud of their accomplishment,” said Dr. Don Harterre, Physician Lead, Primary Health Care Services of Peterborough.

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