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Docs Rock! Patients and staff at HPHA say ‘thanks’ to doctors on Doctors’ Day *Two HPHA Physicians Honoured with Awards of Excellence*

May 1st is Doctors’ Day in Ontario, and the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) is celebrating the occasion by honouring the more than 135 physicians who provide care at our four hospital sites in Clinton, St. Marys, Seaforth and Stratford.

In addition to providing compassionate care, physicians at HPHA are helping to shape the future of health care locally, regionally and provincially by participating in research, developing educational programs, and advancing innovative models of patient care. They are also instrumental in leading the integration of health care across our system to ensure that patients receive the right care at the right time in the right place.

“As we celebrate Doctors’ Day, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the incredible medical team we have right across the HPHA,” said Andrew Williams, President and CEO. “Not only is the care provided on a daily basis exceptional, so too is the support our physicians provide in the areas of education, quality improvement and access to care. We are truly fortunate to have such an engaged team.”

A number of HPHA physicians contribute to the education of the next generation of physicians through the teaching of medical students and residents. Through a partnership with the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry over 50 Faculty Appointed Physicians accept these students and residents for regular teaching rotations. Internist, Dr. Shanil Narayan and Emergency Physician, Dr. Anna Mayer, are two of these physicians and were both recently honoured with 2017 Awards of Excellence for Faculty in Distributed Sites.

Dr. Shanil Narayan has been an Internist at HPHA since 2003 and is a passionate educator and teacher. He currently holds the appointment of Regional Academic Director, Huron Perth with the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry’s Distributed Education Network and participates actively in the education of both students and residents. His emphasis on education is consistently highlighted on trainee evaluations. Very few preceptors take the time to ask trainees what their personal career goals are, and what they hope to gain out of their clinical rotation. Dr. Narayan takes that information to heart, and tries to tailor the rotation to suit the needs of the trainee, and help consolidate key concepts and themes that the trainee has come across during the course of the rotation. Most importantly, he never fails to highlight that the patient is at the centre of every clinical encounter, and that privilege should be respected and honoured at all times. His patient-centred approach does not go unnoticed by trainees or patients themselves. His bedside manner is impeccable, and patients have remarked on “what a nice and genuine human being he is.”

Dr. Anna Mayer has been a physician at HPHA since 2007 and she teaches a spectrum of learners from the level of medical students to Post Graduate Year 3 emergency medicine residents. She is known to have a structured approach to common and uncommon clinical presentations that is balanced and efficient. She recognizes common gaps in skill sets and has developed a “Tips for Residents” orientation document that has been well received by learners. Dr. Mayer is also known as an exemplary role model of physician engagement and scholarship. In her desire to optimize patient care she has created an amazing Continuing Professional Development program. Her “Consultant Round Table” brings in various specialists and the dynamic curriculum is driven by patient interactions, challenging cases and concerns about variations in practice.

HPHA is privileged to have so many physicians interested in having students and residents work with them. Introducing these learners to the many and varied practice opportunities in our rural communities early in their training is a tremendous way to strengthen long-term recruitment of these health care professionals

“On behalf of the Alliance and our communities I’d like to congratulate both Dr. Narayan and Dr. Mayer,” adds Williams.



PHOTO CUTLINE: Congratulations are extended to Dr. Shanil Narayan and Dr. Anna Mayer who were both recently honoured with 2017 Awards of Excellence for Faculty in Distributed Sites from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

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