

# RECOGNITION: CELEBRATING YOUR SUCCESSES

## My Family Doctor Award and the CFPC's British Columbia Family Physician of the Year

### Dr. Anthon Meyer, Fort St. James

When BCCFP called for award submissions in early 2015, Dr. Anthon Meyer received nominations from both his peers and his patients, resulting in two honours: the CFPC's BC Family Physician of the Year and the BCCFP My Family Doctor awards.

### CFPC BC Family Physician of the Year

*"Dr. Meyer came to a community in need in 2012, a community which only had one other physician serving about 5,000 people. He was an integral part in the recruitment initiative that led to an established group of six permanent physicians."*

Although he has been practicing in Fort St. James for less than five years, Dr. Anthon Meyer's efforts as a dedicated physician, educator and leader have significantly increased the family medicine services available to the residents of this community.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Meyer played an integral role in the recruitment of additional family physicians to the community. This made it possible to re-establish First Nations outreach clinics, a Chronic Disease Management Clinic and a low-risk obstetrical program. Also, as a direct result of Dr. Meyer's leadership, Fort St. James recently became a designated family physician resident training site.

### My Family Doctor Award

*"Our experience with Dr. Meyer has given us the feeling that he has a sixth sense, as he often predicts our needs before we discuss them. He is extremely organized, knowledgeable, thorough, detailed, supportive, communicative, professional, calm, grounded, and compassionate. He has an outstanding nature and is exceptionally knowledgeable. All these qualities are present in every aspect of his clinic and hospital practice."*



Dr. Anthon Meyer accepts the 2015 My Family Doctor award at the spring Family Medicine Conference. Pictured from left: Dr. Meyer, Dorothy Wasylenko, Jim Wasylenko and BCCFP President Dr. Patricia Mirwaldt.

*"We are very grateful for his ongoing care and believe he is very deserving of this award."*

Nominators Dorothy and Jim Wasylenko see Dr. Anthon Meyer as a family doctor who "goes the extra mile" to provide superb care and support for their family. The relationship began when Dr. Meyer diagnosed Mr. Wasylenko with a potentially life-threatening problem during a routine check up. Since then, he has helped Mr. Wasylenko through many health challenges, as well as caring for the rest of the family.

"We cannot overstate the superb care Jim has received from Dr. Meyer throughout this challenging time," Mrs. Wasylenko says. "Dr. Meyer is an amazing advocate, setting up specialist appointments, scans, diagnostic tests, and liaising with treatment teams. He fully participates in Jim's care by explaining treatment and care plans and calling family meetings to discuss all aspects of the treatment with us. Dr. Meyer supports Jim as an individual patient while supporting us as a whole family. He is thorough, detailed, and always communicative about the processes and the procedures involved in Jim's care. He listens to our concerns and takes our questions seriously."





## BCCFP Community Family Physician of the Year

### Dr. Gordon Stahl, Vancouver

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*"Gordon has always been dedicated to his patients and I have met many of them over the years who have expressed their admiration for his clinical skills, his willingness to go the extra mile and his unfailing interest in them as worthwhile human beings."*

With a commitment to teaching trainees as well as dedication to his patients, Dr. Gordon Stahl has shared his expertise with residents in the International Medical Graduate (IMG) program as well as the UBC Family Practice program. As a volunteer, he invited IMGs looking for experience of the Canadian medical system into his practice over the years, enabling many of them to enter residency training and become family physicians.



## BCCFP Exceptional Contribution in Family Medicine

### Dr. Kevin Shi, Vancouver

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*"Dr. Shi possesses unique qualities that make him both an exceptional physician as well as a competent teacher in Family Practice. He has a well-grounded knowledge of clinical medicine and he is gifted in instilling the principles of evidence-based practice to his students."*

As well as his role as a family physician in Vancouver, Dr. Kevin Shi is Head of Emergency at Delta Hospital and a committed, gifted teacher. An eternal scholar, he also dedicates many hours to teaching residents. His teaching accomplishments include spearheading the Simulation Lab curriculum at St. Paul's Hospital and serving as a core preceptor for residents opting for an Emergency rotation at Delta Hospital.



## BCCFP Teacher of the Year

### Dr. Marla Gordon, Vancouver

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*"We need more teachers like Marla. With her passion and enthusiasm for elder care, she is drawing attention to an area of great need and showing younger physicians like me the joys, rewards, and deep satisfaction of serving and bringing quality of life to our patients and their families."*

Dr. Marla Gordon has been a pioneer in teaching residential care and elder care to medical students and residents for more than 15 years, initiating and coordinating a Residential Care elective to inspire other physicians to join the field. Among her administrative and clinical roles, Dr. Gordon is Physician Operations Leader for Residential Care at Providence Health Care and a medical coordinator at several Providence elder care sites.

## BCCFP Awards

BCCFP thanks everyone who contributed to the 2015 award nominations. Some of your words are included above. For information about next year's awards, please visit our [website](#).

## FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF THE FUTURE



Every year, BCCFP provides scholarship awards for up to three residents in the UBC Family Practice residency program and two fourth-year medical students entering the program. Congratulations to Dr. Adam Jones-Delacorde, who received the 2015 Dr. Manoo and Jean Gurjar Resident Scholarship Award, and Dr. Stuart Gray, the BCCFP Resident Leadership Award. The two BCCFP Medical Student Scholarship winners are Dr. Elisa Assadi and Dr. Rosie Hsu, who recently entered the UBC Family Practice residency program.

