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Edmonton Doctor Named Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for Exceptional Work with Seniors

Alberta College of Family Physicians Recognizes Family Physicians with 2022 Awards

Edmonton, AB, November 19, 2022 – The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is pleased to announce Edmonton physician, Dr. Marjan Abbasi, as Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2022. Recipients of this prestigious award are chosen by their peers in recognition of their significant contributions to the health and well-being of their communities, dedicating themselves to the education of future generations of family doctors, and for providing exceptional care to their patients.

"To put it simply, Dr. Marjan Abbasi is an outstanding leader. Marjan is a strong advocate for her patients and their families. She has personally developed high functioning primary health care teams that are skilled in supporting older adults with complex health and social needs in various clinical settings," said Dr. Sheny Khera, long-time colleague of Dr. Abbasi. "She mentors the next generation of health professionals as a clinical faculty advisor for medical students, residents, and allied health members. Marjan is a compassionate, creative, charismatic person who always gives 110% in everything she does."

Dr. Marjan Abbasi is a family physician with extra training in Care of the Elderly. She is the Site Lead of the Geriatric Program at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton and an Associate Clinical Professor in the Division of Care of Elderly, Department of Family Medicine. The focus of her practice (both as a family physician and as a consultant in areas such as inpatient, outpatient, and assisted living) is the care for older adults living with frailty. She is happily married and a mother of three children. She enjoys learning new languages and interacting with people of diverse backgrounds.

Listen to Dr. Marjan Abbasi speak on a healthy aging primary health care model that incorporates the patient, their families, and care teams in her Heart of Family Medicine podcast episode, "[Healthy aging through efficient, coordinated, and collaborative models of care](#)".

Along with Alberta's Family Physician of the Year announcement, the ACFP is pleased to honour the following 2022 Award recipients:

Recognition of Excellence

Dr. Akolisa Anyaduba, Red Deer
Dr. Jovita Ojadi, Red Deer
Dr. Karen Brunner, Didsbury

ACFP Student Leadership – Rising Star Award

University of Alberta – Jocelyne Beelen
University of Calgary – Julia Robertson

Family Medicine Resident Leadership Award

University of Calgary – Dr. Yegor Korchemagin

ACFP New Professional Award

Dr. Molly Whalen-Browne, Calgary

Patient's Medical Home Award for Outstanding Family Practice

South Health Campus Family Medicine Teaching Clinic, Calgary

ACFP Long-term Service Award

Dr. Mike Kolber, Edmonton



The ACFP's Awards and Recognition Committee reviews nominations on an annual basis and recognizes dedicated outstanding family practices, family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students. The Call for Nominations for 2023 is now open. Visit <http://bit.ly/acfp-awards> for more details.

About the Alberta College of Family Physicians

The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is a member-based, not-for-profit organization representing more than 5,400 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students across Alberta. Established more than 65 years ago, the ACFP strives for excellence in family practice through advocacy, continuing medical education, and primary care research. The ACFP is a Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), a nationwide organization with more than 42,000 members. For more information on the ACFP, visit www.acfp.ca.

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