

2025

PROFESSIONAL STAFF AWARD WINNERS



DR. A. FERNANDEZ-CODINA

Excellence in Research

Dr. Fernandez-Codina has published 6 manuscripts within 2 years with lead authorship on 4. His work includes a first-author publication on scleroderma validation in a high-impact journal (IF 11.4) and co-authorship in Nature Review Rheumatology (IF 32.29). As a world-renowned expert in IgG4 related diseases, he's contributed to management guidelines published in Autoimmune Reviews (IF 17.2). His scholarly impact and recognition make him so deserving of this award.



DR. M. AWUKU

Spirit of Medicine
(In memory of Dr. Demers)

Dr. Awuku is celebrated as an exceptional medical professional who demonstrated outstanding dedication to pediatric care through his clinical excellence, compassionate approach, and teaching abilities. His influential legacy extends through his role as a mentor and educator, where he exemplifies leadership through empathy, integrity and grace. Dr. Awuku's impact reaches beyond direct patient care into broader community service and educational contributions, making him a model representative of medical excellence.



DR. A. BRIDGEN

Newcomer

Dr. Bridgen has quickly established himself as an integral team member. As Academic Director for the Undergraduate Training Program, he earned Preceptor of the Year recognition for his outstanding teaching. His clinical excellence and dedication to quality improvement are demonstrated through successful initiatives like the BPD Care Pathway, and the Dual Diagnosis Access and Flow program. His exceptional work ethic, clinical competence, and passionate dedication to psychiatry make him a role model for emerging physicians.

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DR. W. MCCAY

Educator and Mentor

Dr. McCay is a distinguished psychiatrist with over 4 decades of experience, who maintains an exceptional level of curiosity and excellence in both his professional and personal endeavors. As an outstanding psychiatrist and educator, he provides valuable guidance to patients and colleagues alike. He has taken a proactive leadership role in quality improvement initiatives, helping to establish clinical excellence standards for physicians and trainees. His interprofessional expertise and personable nature have made him a trusted advisor across departments. His compassion towards patients and their families serves as a perfect example for new physicians, demonstrating what is essential for achieving positive patient outcomes.



DR. A. DHAR

Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Dhar's journey with WRH spans over two decades. He established the Sleep Lab and transformed the ICU at Met campus from an open model to an intensivist-run closed model. He introduced endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) to WRH and developed the provincially-acclaimed Lung Diagnostic and Assessment Program (LDAP). Together with his colleagues, he created the Respiratory Care Unit (RCU), providing exceptional inpatient services for those with advanced lung disease. Dr. Dhar continues to teach Schulich learners and initiated a highly-regarded bronchoscopy rotation for Anesthesia residents. Dr. Dhar served as Medical Director of the ICU at Met and oversaw the pioneering of the physician-led Critical Care Outreach Team (CCOT). Dr. Dhar's extraordinary dedication throughout his career at WRH has made significant and lasting contributions to enhancing patient care for the Windsor-Essex region.

Dedicated YEARS OF SERVICE

THANK YOU FOR DEMONSTRATING UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL PATIENT CARE. YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND DEDICATION TO OUR HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY DO NOT GO UNNOTICED.



DR. R. WILSON

50 YEARS



DR. F. DEMARCO

45 YEARS



DR. S. CHOW

45 YEARS



DR. A. ATTON

35 YEARS



DR. D. COATES

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