



## **ST. JOE'S FAMILY MEDICINE TEAM WINS FAMILY PRACTICE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

(Nov. 12, 2015 – Toronto) Family doctors are on the front lines of health care in Ontario. They are dedicated to providing patients and their families throughout the province with exceptional care from birth until end-of-life. The Ontario College of Family Physicians celebrates the broad contributions of family physicians by announcing that the St. Joseph's Family Health Team as a 2015 Family Practice of the Year.

### **2015 Family Practice of the Year**

Located in southwest Toronto, St. Joseph's Family Health Team has provided exceptional continuous comprehensive patient care since 1989. As an academic Family Health Team, St. Joseph's holds strong ties to several educational institutions and is proud to have trained many generations of family medicine residents, clinical clerks and other health professionals. Its team of 21 family physicians works collaboratively with a highly committed and skilled interprofessional and administrative support team to serve a diverse and complex population across the socioeconomic spectrum. St. Joseph's collaborates and coordinates with multiple community agencies and programs within its area to meet the varying needs of its patients. The St. Joseph's team values high-quality care and is pleased to be able to serve its community.

"The St. Joseph's Family Health Team is an example of collaborative and integrated primary care at its best," said Dr. Cathy Faulds, OCFP President. "By working together, these dedicated family physicians and health-care professionals are able to find new and innovative ways to enhance the delivery of quality medical care to their patients and the community."

St. Joseph's became affiliated with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto in 1992, opening its second site and becoming the Urban Family Health Team (FHT) in September 2007.

The OCFP the provincial chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and is the voice of family medicine representing 10,500+ family physicians who provide patient care across communities throughout the province. Our mandate is to support members by providing evidence-based education and professional development, by promoting and recognizing leadership excellence in family medicine, and by advocating for the role family physicians play in delivering the highest quality care to patients and families across Ontario.

The OCFP's annual Honours and Awards program celebrates the outstanding skill, knowledge and dedication of family doctors across Ontario. Awards celebrate excellence in community and medical leadership, outstanding contributions in teaching and exceptional teamwork. Please see the accompanying backgrounder for more information about the individual awards. The awards will be presented at a ceremony on Nov. 12 in Toronto.

The presentation of these awards coincides with Family Doctor Week in Canada and is an opportunity to acknowledge the work family physicians do to help keep Ontarians healthy.

**About the 2015 Family Practices of the Year**

The Family Practice of the Year award celebrates the accomplishments and hard work of the members of a family practice in delivering comprehensive services and continuity of care for their patients.

Clarence-Rockland Family Health Team, Rockland

St. Joseph's Family Health Team, Toronto

**About Family Doctor Week in Canada**

From Nov. 9-14, the College of Family Physicians of Canada and its provincial chapters are celebrating Family Doctor Week in Canada. This special week is an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by family doctors to improve the health and well-being of their patients through their roles in clinics, hospitals, universities, and many other health care facilities in Canadian communities.

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