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Edmonton Doctor Named Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2012 **Alberta College of Family Physicians Honours Excellence in Family Medicine**

Edmonton, AB, October 25, 2012 – The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is pleased to announce that Dr. Michel Donoff of Edmonton is Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2012. 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 most importantly, for providing exceptional care to their patients.

"As an advocate, Dr. Donoff is unparalleled. He is well-known as an excellent representative for patients, learners, fellow family physicians, and interdisciplinary team members. He has been instrumental in several primary care improvements on a local and national scale," says colleague Dr. Sudha Koppula. "Dr. Donoff is the ultimate teacher and mentor who selflessly shares his wealth of advice and experience. He makes a significant valuable impact on family medicine in many ways."

Dr. Donoff has been a family physician for 30 years in Edmonton and became a faculty member of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Alberta in 1983. He has had an integral role in improving assessments for students and practitioners to ensure optimal learning and trustworthy practice assessments. An avid outdoorsman, Dr. Donoff is a firm believer in "Vitamin N" – the benefit of nature—and uses any excuse to be outdoors. Dr. Donoff is a dedicated family man and enjoys life with his wife Danusia, daughter Gabrielle, and son Chris.

Along with Alberta's Family Physician of the Year announcement, the ACFP is pleased to honour the following 2012 Award recipients:

ACFP Student Leadership - Rising Star Award

University of Alberta - Alim Nagji
University of Calgary - Elizabeth Isenor

Family Medicine Resident Leadership Award

University of Alberta - Dr. Scott MacLean
University of Calgary - Dr. Matthew Frey

ACFP New Professional Award

Dr. Michelle Klassen, Calgary

Recognition of Excellence

Dr. Allan Bailey, Spruce Grove

"The positive impact our recipients have on their patients, families, peers, and communities is a testament to family medicine," said Dr. Cathy Scrimshaw, President of the ACFP. "We are very proud of these individuals and their examples of leadership and dedication to comprehensive care and community involvement."

The ACFP's Nominating & Awards Committee reviews nominations on an annual basis and recognizes dedicated family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students. The Call for Nominations for 2013 opens at the beginning of Family Doctor Week, November 12. Visit www.acfp.ca for more details.

About the Alberta College of Family Physicians

The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is a professional, voluntary organization representing more than 3,500 family physicians in Alberta. Established more than 50 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 28,000 members. For more information on the ACFP, visit www.acfp.ca.

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