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Edmonton Doctor Named Alberta's Family Physician of the Year The Alberta College of Family Physicians Announces Honorees for Excellence in Family Medicine

Edmonton, AB, October 25, 2017 – The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is pleased to announce that Dr. Donald Chan is Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2017. Recipients of this prestigious award are chosen by their peers for making 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.

"Don is a great example of a leader in the profession and in the community—he works tirelessly in improving the lives of his patients through his service and advocacy, contributing to the profession through mentorship and education," says colleague Dr. Diana Hong. "The fact that he has patients and families and staff who have followed him loyally for 30 years is a testament of the trust he's built and cultivated over the years."

Dr. Donald Chan was born in Hanna, Alberta, but grew up in Manitoba. He attended the University of Manitoba for both his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees, and then completed medical school at the University of Calgary in 1987. He finished his Family Medicine Residency at the University of Alberta Misericordia site in 1989.

Dr. Chan is in a community-based group practice with five other family physicians, and is actively involved with the Edmonton North Primary Care Network. He has been married to his spouse, Edna, for 29 years, and has two children. His daughter, Samantha, is a RN at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, and his son, Richard, is a 2nd year Family Medicine resident in Calgary.

Along with Alberta's Family Physician of the Year announcement, the ACFP is pleased to honour the following recipients for this year's Awards programs:

Recognition of Excellence

Dr. Brad Bahler, Sylvan Lake
Dr. Rupinder Toor Mangat, Calgary

Outstanding Family Practice

Moose & Squirrel Medical Clinic, Sundre
Sylvan Family Health Centre, Sylvan Lake

ACFP Student Leadership – Rising Star Award

University of Calgary – Sina Marzoughi

Family Medicine Resident Leadership Award

University of Alberta – Dr. Kiran Dhillon
University of Calgary – Dr. Yan Yu

ACFP New Professional Award

Dr. Karenn Chan, Edmonton

ACFP Champion Award

Dr. Sudha Koppula, Edmonton

ACFP Long-term Service

Dr. Cathy Scrimshaw, Pincher Creek

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“Family medicine is the specialty of trusted relationships—developed in community and with patients and families—our honorees excel at this and lead by example,” said Dr. Fred Janke, President of the Alberta College of Family Physicians. “We are so proud of the positive contributions of our honorees to patient lives, community, and peers. Put simply, our honorees are raising the bar for primary care delivery.”

The ACFP’s Awards program reviews nominations on an annual basis and recognizes dedicated students, family medicine residents, and family physicians. The Call for Nominations for 2018 opens at the beginning of Family Doctor Week, November 6.

Family Doctor Week in Canada celebrates the outstanding contributions of Canadians family doctors and the highly valued relationships they have with their patients and the communities they serve. In celebration of Alberta family physicians, the ACFP is accepting patient stories that illustrate why their family doctors rock at www.familydocsrock.ca. Visit www.familydocsrock.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 4,800 family physicians, family medicine residents, and students in Alberta. Established more than 60 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 35,000 members. For more information on the ACFP, visit www.acfp.ca.

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