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Canada Research Chair Dr. Khaled El Emam is studying how to improve our understanding of the human, organizational, and technological factors that affect the quality of data contained in electronic health records. His research program asks questions like, how can the quality of the electronic health records be evaluated and how can this evaluation be automated? How good is the data in the electronic health records, especially in the context of mobile communications technologies? What factors, including characteristics of the electronic health record itself, influence the quality of data? And, how can the quality of electronic health record data be improved?

Record, Resource & Rummage Managing Tensions Surrounding Electronic Health Information

By Tim Loughheed

If you have ever received or sent an errant e-mail, you know how easily electronic files can be lost, misplaced, or simply stolen. As medical information migrates to this form, you may have good reason to wonder if the same thing could happen to the intimate details of your mental or physical well-being. And you may have every reason for wanting to keep these records private.

Grappling with Security

Yet there are equally important reasons for letting researchers rummage through these same records. However troublesome information technology can be, it also offers powerful tools to extract valuable insights from this electronic data, shedding light on the subtleties of particular diseases and other health matters affecting the entire population.

Khaled El Emam has been grappling with the challenges of these conflicting priorities. A software engineer by training, he took on the Canada Research Chair in Electronic Health Information in 2005, setting up shop in the CHEO Research Institute. The post enables him to explore the factors that determine the value and security of electronic health records.

"It's an important issue, practically, in terms of creating difficulty for research, but also in terms of privacy," he says. "The public has to feel comfortable, they have to trust that their data's protected."

Obscuring Facts

For some people, he adds, such trust remains elusive. Dr. El Emam refers to studies in the US and Canada that found more than 10% of people change their behaviour significantly when reporting on

their health to a doctor, even going so far as to omit or obscure facts that could be essential to making an accurate assessment of the individual, because of privacy concerns. That means the resulting record will contain limited, if not incorrect, information about the individual, which could distort the findings of researchers who incorporate it into a larger study.

At the same time, he suggests the caution such patients demonstrate may not be entirely unwarranted. One American researcher has demonstrated that she could identify 87% of the US population through their date of birth,

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gender, and zip code. Dr. El Emam points out that this approach would be unsuccessful in Canada, where voter lists are not as publicly accessible; nevertheless, he regards such a dramatic outcome as proof that this information must be carefully safeguarded.

Safety Countermeasures

"There are risks with electronic health records, but there are countermeasures you can have in place to make sure that it's safe," he says. "We're doing risk assessment, trying to find out what are the risks of releasing certain types of data."

This work includes simulating attacks on the private information in this country, in order to determine how vulnerable the health records of Canadians could be.

"As a general statement, it's very hard to do this, at least in Ontario," he says, noting that this province has been the focus of his attention so far. "It's very different here than in the US. We have much stronger privacy protection." Dr. El Emam has also consulted commercial data miners, companies that specialize in extracting personal information from places such as land registry offices or telephone books. There, too, he has found that their efforts yield mainly aggregate data, which is missing many of the elements that would make it possible to correlate and identify individuals.

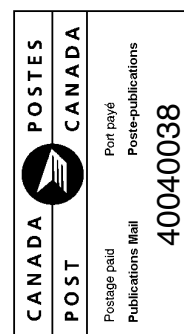
Need for Shared Access

As reassuring as this conclusion might be, medical authorities do want to provide researchers with greater access to the rich resources contained in patient records. If so, those researchers will have to abide by an effective system for anonymizing those records, using software designed to prevent the release of personal information. According to Dr. El Emam, such software could reduce the risk of inappropriate use of personal information, making it possible to identify potential privacy problems.

"Accidents happen," he acknowledges. "You'll never have zero error, but you want the error rate to be small, and you want to catch the error so you can deal with it." ■



Kona Williams is one of the seven students enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine's new Aboriginal stream. See page 4.



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Closing Remarks

After 11 years at the head of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine, Dean Peter Walker will be stepping down during the month of June. He takes this opportunity – his last contribution to *MedScène* – to express his gratitude to all his colleagues, for all they have accomplished during the remarkably productive past decade.

who make the impossible possible or faculty members and colleagues. In this medical school we have some of the most engaging and talented people anywhere. When they put their individual and collective talents to a task, nothing is beyond imagination or beyond reach.

I have often said that pound for pound I rank our colleagues among the nation's best. I am overwhelmed by your generosity, your compassion and your commitment. To each and every one of you, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Second, I want to say a word about our students – our medical students, residents, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. They too are among the nation's best. No, they *are* the nation's best! Each year, I have had the privilege of meeting our new medical students as a group but I get to speak to them individually as they share their reasons for pursuing medicine as a vocation and why they chose our medical school as the place to do it. Each year I am inspired by their energy, by their enthusiasm and by their commitment. And each year I have had the privilege of saying au revoir to our graduating class. At that time, I also am humbled by their incredible personal and professional growth and by their success in securing the very best opportunities for further career development.

To our students and our graduates, I want to say thank you for allowing me to participate in your voyage of discovery and to express my fondest wishes for continued success. To their teachers and mentors, a very special thanks; without your selfless contributions, none of this would be remotely possible.

Third, I want to comment on our growth and innovation in three areas: education, research and leadership. In educating in both French and English we set an example for the entire country. This is how our nation must demonstrate its commitment to cultural and linguistic

diversity, not through tolerance but by acceptance. In openly embracing technology in our educational programming we engage the future and we demonstrate our commitment to innovation in educational delivery.

In research, this Faculty, together with our many partners, has grown tremendously over the past decade. I am proud of the increasing numbers of highly talented scientists and investigators who are transforming their fields of endeavour and I believe the school is well positioned for further expansion in strategic areas of scientific inquiry. Collaborative, thematic research in strategic areas is a major strength here. Thank you to all of you for making it happen.

All of the above has taken leadership. This Faculty counts among its members leaders of all sorts. I particularly want to applaud and thank everyone who has been willing to step up to the plate. It has not always been easy for you but it has been your sense of public duty that has enabled the medical school to progress, prosper and excel. A key element in the recognition of our leaders has been our commitment to preparing the next generation of leaders, whether through external programs such as ELAM or through our own academic leadership program.

Finally, at the risk of going too far, I want to say something about the future. We will shortly have a new Dean. That person will be a highly accomplished and highly talented person who will need the kind of support I have enjoyed and relied on. The new Dean will want to take the Faculty in different directions and in different ways. That is as it should be and I know that all of you will be there to go the extra mile for the new Dean as you did for me.

I am proud to have had the privilege of serving as Dean. I am grateful for your tireless support. You have made it an exciting and joyful adventure. Thank you and best wishes for continued success. ■



Photo: Mathieu Girard

This is my last issue of *MedScène* as Dean. In June I take my leave after 11 years as Dean of this wonderful medical school. And so I would like to reflect briefly on some of the many highlights and accomplishments my colleagues have made over the past decade. In so doing, I am very conscious of the many outstanding initiatives of so many that I simply cannot reflect in such a short piece.

First and foremost, I have to recognize and thank the people who have shared a journey, who have given their utmost, who have provided much needed feedback and much deserved criticism and who have accomplished so much. This is true whether I refer to the staff of the Dean's Office, the staff throughout the medical school

Activities Marking Dean Walker's Departure

In June 2006 Dr. Peter Walker will be stepping down after eleven years as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. Plans are now underway to pay tribute to his services to the University of Ottawa with some special celebrations. Please note these two dates in your calendar:

- Tuesday, June 27 (5 pm): Garden party on the lawn behind Roger-Guindon Hall, featuring music, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and excellent company
- Wednesday, June 28 (12:30 pm): Fundraising golf tournament in support of medical students, at the Meadows Golf and Country Club, 4335 Hawthorne Road. Dr. Walker will be the guest of honour of this event, which is organized by the Faculty of Medicine and the Academy of Medicine Ottawa.

Faculty, staff, colleagues and friends have been asking what they can offer to Dean Walker as a gift. Everyone who wishes to make a gesture is encouraged to contribute to funds in the areas that mean the most to him:

- **Women in Leadership Fund uOttawa:** As a continued recognition of Dean Walker's leadership in creating a work environment that is supportive of women and encourages them to pursue senior roles in health education, this fund will support programs such as the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women.
- **Student Bursaries and Graduate Awards:** Dr. Walker recognizes the importance of providing access to education through financial assistance, helping promising students achieve their full potential. Whether the scholarships or bursaries are merit-based, need-based, or a combination of both, financial awards for medical students and for graduate students are an investment in our future.

For more information, please contact Susan W. Smith at (613) 562-5800, ext. 8434, or susans@uottawa.ca.

Latest Phase in Setting Directions

The Setting Directions project, which first began in 2003, is critical to the future of the Faculty of Medicine. It is through this collaborative and consultative process that we can continue to lead health care, rather than simply react to change. Four working groups have begun implementation process in the following directions.

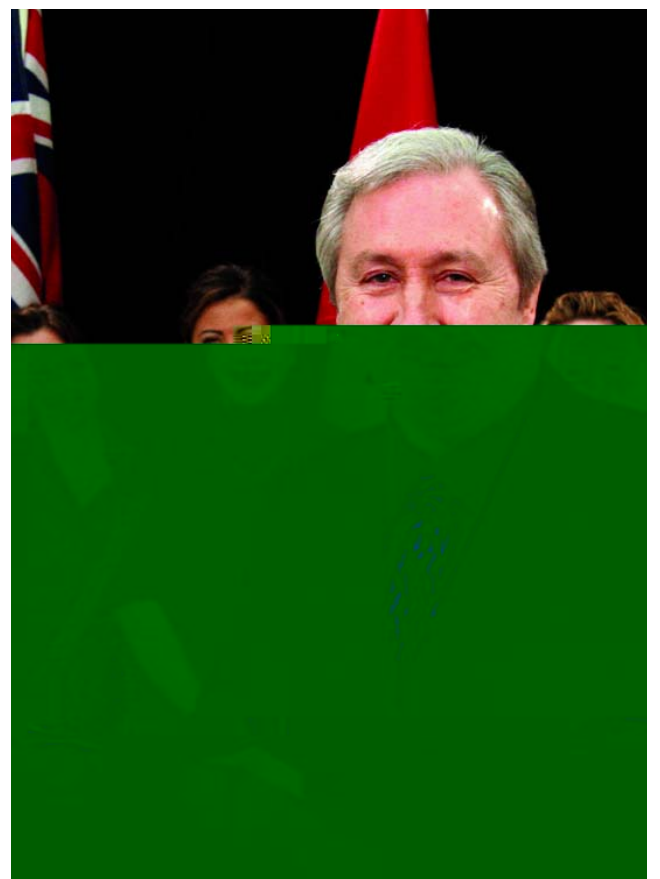
The promotion of generalism in the undergraduate and postgraduate medical curriculum. This important topic, including the physician's role in society, finds ways to emphasize broad thinking with open attitudes. To this end, the medical school should be designed so that students will be taught the process of learning – to create lifelong learners. Our graduates will be capable of moving into any discipline and continuing to expand their skills. Residency would be the time where they refine their interests and begin to focus on their future career.

Commitment to equity. In the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa, commitment to equity is critical to our continued development as an innovative, caring and inclusive medical school.

Pride and sense of belonging. The Faculty of Medicine recognizes the need to ensure our students, faculty (including scientists, teachers, clinicians and administrators) and health partners are truly engaged in and proud of the vibrant medical community we have established.

Focused research leadership. While research efforts within the Faculty of Medicine have propelled us to the top tier among Canadian medical schools – with a 300% funding increase in just ten years – it is clear that we must better focus our efforts and collaborate more effectively to ensure continued success.

Please visit www.medicine.uottawa.ca/settingdirections/eng/feedback.html and send comments or suggestions to rgoldstein@uottawa.ca or to the respective implementation team leaders.



NEW SPACES TO TRAIN TOMORROW'S DOCTORS

Mr. Richard Patten, MPP for Ottawa Centre and Parliamentary Assistant for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, visited the Faculty of Medicine in February to officially announce the McGuinty Government's commitment to training more doctors in Ontario. Through the provincial Government's initiative, 104 new spaces will be created in medical schools across the province between 2005 and 2008. The University of Ottawa expanded its first year medical enrolment by 16 new students in the fall of 2005. Seven of the new spaces were designated for Aboriginal students. Four new first-year medical spaces will also be added in the fall of 2008 and will be designated for francophone students. Mr. Patten is seen here with Faculty of Medicine students who attended his conference, at Roger-Guindon Hall. ■

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES TAUGHT AT ROGER-GUINDON

Following the interest demonstrated by students of the classes of 2008 and 2009 and, more specifically, the request of Christopher Schneider, a second-year student from the Consortium national de formation en santé, the Faculty's Office for Francophone Affairs (OFA), in collaboration with the Second Language Institute (SLI), coordinated the implementation of French as a Second Language courses at Roger-Guindon Hall. This initiative is funded in part by the office of Sylvie Lauzon, Associate Vice-President, Academic.

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The classes, launched during the winter 2006 session, are catered to 1st and 2nd year anglophone medical students. No less than 114 students, or 55% of anglophone students in their first two years of studies, participated in the courses of this inaugural session. The day following the first class, some fifteen students sent emails to the Faculty of Medicine, applauding this new project. Prior to registering for the courses, students completed an online test that determined their linguistic levels in French, and were then assigned to one of four different course levels: beginner, intermediate 1, intermediate 2 and advanced. This last level focused mainly on medical terminology.

Initial interest was detected following the results of an in-house survey conducted among students in the fall of 2005 by the OFA. Professor Robert Courchène, Director of the SLI, will oversee the evaluation process involved in this pilot-project as well as its outcome. In a letter addressed to the OFA, Mrs. Lauzon explained, "The University of Ottawa strives to play a leadership role in the promotion of official languages and to encourage the bilingualism of its students. The initiative falls perfectly within these efforts and is all the more important considering that it is addressed to a group for whom communication is a crucial element." This initiative is also consistent with the OFA's mandate, which is to encourage collaboration between the English and the French streams of the Faculty of Medicine and to promote the training of francophone physicians as well as the use of French within the medical field.

The OFA is grateful to Robert Courchène, Patrick Courcelles and Marthe Bergeron of the SLI, and to Normand Séguin and his team at the Office of Medical Education for supporting this project. Given the strong enthusiasm of students, the OFA is planning on asking the SLI to offer these courses once again in the fall 2006 session. ■



Medical students benefit from alumni donation. Students (left to right) Daniel Margel, Amneet Sidhu and Evan Lewis work with new additions to the osteology collection of the Division of Clinical and Functional Anatomy.

Photo: Shannon Goodwin

Thank You to Our Alumni and Friends

A recent donation to the Division of Clinical and Functional Anatomy by one of the graduates of the Faculty of Medicine is providing great benefit to our current students.

The generosity of Dr. Lawrence Schonberger ('76) and Mrs. Dubravka Schonberger enabled Dr. Max Hincke, head of the Division of Clinical and Functional Anatomy, to purchase much-needed osteology materials for the department.

"As an ophthalmologist, I cannot underestimate the importance of updating equipment," says Dr. Schonberger. "This is the reason I particularly like my donation being directed towards the purchase of a new teaching aid which, in a sense, helps maintain infrastructure. I also feel it will benefit many students over a long period of time."

Dr. Hincke comments on the significance of this gift. "This material allows the students to consolidate their knowledge in a very useful and practical manner." He adds, "it was purchased with funds donated by the Schonberger family. Their thoughtful gift to the Faculty of Medicine is

gratefully acknowledged."

Our alumni and friends also continue to contribute to the ongoing support of our students through the annual giving campaign. To date, over \$70,000 has been raised for several initiatives at the Faculty, including much-needed support for student scholarships and bursaries that help lessen the load of financial burden for many of our students. In addition, gifts made to student bursaries through the Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS) program will be matched by the provincial government, making the impact go even further.

While the path through medicine is a challenging one in many ways, the commitment of our alumni and friends is key to the on-going success and excellence of the Faculty of Medicine.

For more information about making a difference to the Faculty, please contact Heather Pardon at (613) 562-5800 ext. 8106, or hpardon@uottawa.ca ■

uOttawa Medicine Awards Ceremony

Last December was held the 15th annual Faculty of Medicine Awards of Excellence Ceremony, an opportunity to recognize students, faculty, staff and other people who have made outstanding contributions to the school. Guest Speaker of the evening was Mr. James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, who spoke of his most recent project, the promotion of literacy among Aboriginal children. Among this year's recipients for faculty and staff, the following individuals were recognized. The 2005 recipients of Awards of Excellence were Mr. André Bergeron (Manager of Technical Operations, Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology), Ms. Diana Cooper

(Academic Assistant, Cellular and Molecular Medicine), Mr. Jean-François LeMay (Administrative Officer, Finance), Dr. Nicole Le Saux (Pediatrics), Dr. Justin Maloney (Family Medicine) and Dr. Meredith Marks (Medicine & Rehabilitation Centre). The Young Professor Award went to Dr. Marc Ruel (Surgery & Division of Cardiac Surgery) while the Mentor Award was given to Dr. Ian Stiell (Emergency Medicine). The winner of the André Pélouquin Memorial Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching was Dr. Gwynne Jones (Medicine). Finally, the Architect Award was given to Dr. Pierre Jean, who spearheaded the creation of our Faculty's French stream. ■



Dr. Pélouquin's children took part in the ceremony and presented Dr. Gwynne Jones with the André Pélouquin Memorial Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching, created in honour of their father. From left to right: Mrs. Huguette Labelle, Chancellor, Ms. Andréanne Pélouquin, Dr. Jones, Mr. David Pélouquin and Mr. Gilles Patry, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ottawa.



Ontario Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Honourable James K. Bartleman, was the guest of honour of the evening. He talked about his most recent project, the promotion of literacy among Aboriginal children.

Wellness Week Encourages Students to "Enjoy Life!"

Held in mid-February, the Faculty of Medicine's Wellness Week offered events and presentations designed to bring some healthy, happy living into the stressful and hectic lives of our medical students.

This annual event is organized by students, with the assistance of the Student Affairs Office and sponsorship from the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS).

Keeping with this year's theme of "Enjoy Life!", Wellness Week featured amusing activities encouraging everyone to make time to do the things they enjoy. Each day started off with a "Wellness Week Morning Funny" before class. Other activities included a Fun Fair in the Atrium, a cooking demonstration by our very own professional chef and medical student Elizabeth Gottman ('08), free manicures from the Ottawa Academy School of Hairstyling Aesthetics and Beauty, karaoke, and video games to bring out our inner (or for some of us, not-so-inner) child. Also very popular were a café-style Open Mike night, where dozens of students came out to cheer on their amazingly talented fellow classmates.

Students also had the opportunity to attend fascinating presentations, including a session on Raves and Street Drugs by Louise Logue RN, a nursing instructor who also works for the Ottawa Police, as well as an interactive session on Stress Management and Positive Living Skills, hosted by sports psychologist Michelle Mathias ('07).

Wellness week finished off with a bang at our "Laughter is the Best Medicine" Comedy Night. Everyone enjoyed the straight hour of laughter courtesy of the professional comedy stylings of Scott McMann, Carrie Gaetz and Jason Harper.

The Organizing Committee (Kristy Parker, Shovita Padhi, Marina Lozano, Chantal Gray and Julie Clavelle), thank all the volunteers who made this week possible. We hope that everyone had some great laughs and fun times, and learned the important lesson: always make time to do what you enjoy, and enjoy what you do!

Creation of Aboriginal Medical Program

The poor health status of Canada's Aboriginal people is a well-known fact and a serious concern not only for Aboriginal peoples but for all Canadians. The current shortage of Aboriginal health professionals in Canada only makes matters worse. Only a handful of Canadian medical schools have programs that promote the entry of Aboriginal students to undergraduate studies in medicine. The uOttawa Faculty of Medicine recently joined these schools, launching a program designed to support Aboriginal students wishing to pursue medical studies.

The first seven participants in this program were admitted in September 2005. Eight new spaces are henceforth reserved to Aboriginal

rates of disease, suicide, substance abuse and particularly diabetes are much higher than Canadian national standards. Medical schools have an obligation to be proactive about social accountability. One way is to increase the number of Aboriginal health practitioners." Kona adds, "The presence of more Aboriginal physicians will encourage Aboriginal people to seek health care. Aboriginal physicians will carry with them an understanding of cultural differences and traditional healing practices that will foster trust and a working partnership with their patients."

This innovative program includes meetings between students and a number of inspiring individuals. Prominent guests include the

Seven students from our '09 graduating class are part of this new Aboriginal student stream, designed to increase the number of Aboriginal physicians practicing in Canada and to help improve the health status of the Aboriginal population.

students every year, which could mean an additional 100 Aboriginal physicians by 2020. Kona Williams is among this new stream of students. She shares her thoughts on the current situation: "Aboriginal physicians are an extreme rarity in this country. Many Aboriginal people, from urban and remote communities, have expressed a need for better health care, and better understanding from health care professionals."

Dr. Arlington Dungey, Associate Dean, Student and Alumni Affairs, who participated in the implementation of this program, explains, "In Aboriginal communities, the

Honorable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, a member of the Mnjikaning First Nation. Students have also met with Dr. Michael Hirsh, Director of Distributed Medical Education, and Dr. Micheal Clarke, Director of the eCurriculum, to discuss the facilitation of their community placements. Also, Dr. Marcia Anderson, a resident at the University of Saskatchewan and an executive member of the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada, shared her experiences about attending medical school in Manitoba as a First Nations student.



Last September, seven students enrolled in the Faculty's inaugural Aboriginal stream. Top row (left to right) Dean Peter Walker, David Brault, Stephen Floyd Wood, Stephen Pizzale. Bottom row: Méliissa Meloche, McKenzie Blake, Kona Williams, Dr. Arlington Dungey (student Jennifer Brodeur is absent from the photo).

The Aboriginal student stream will add to the quality of the education, social and cultural experience of all students in the Faculty. According to Kona, "this program is stirring interest not only among our classmates, but also more senior students, residents and faculty. Medical students are becoming aware of the possibilities and challenges faced in remote Aboriginal communities, as well as those encountered among the

urban Aboriginal population. In the long run, as people gain more understanding about the health of Aboriginal people, they may be more willing to contributing to improving it."

The University will host the conference "Aboriginal Health: The Future is NOW, the place is OTTAWA," on June 14-15, 2006, to open a dialogue with interested groups and help the program reach its full potential. ■



OPEN HOUSE A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Faculty of Medicine Graduate Studies has done it again! This year, more than 50 high-caliber students from all over the world attended our Open House on February 17, which gave them the opportunity to visit the University of Ottawa and meet potential supervisors and discuss funding and scholarship opportunities in hopes of pursuing their passion for basic research at the graduate level.

The Open House committee, spearheaded by Dr. Copeland and comprised of Faculty members, staff and students, joined forces with the graduate students councils from the CMM/NSC, BMI and Epidemiology departments to organize a day of academic awareness, student guidance and a little fun along the way! Speakers included Dr. John Copeland, Kelly McClellan, and Mario Morin who gave interesting and informative talks about graduate student life.

Faculty and existing students outdid themselves by providing guided tours of the campuses and ensured everyone felt right at home. Program directors rounded out the day by offering advice and program specific information. This successful event was topped off by a delicious dinner at Fat Tuesdays, where new students shared their thoughts and adventures of the day. Thank you to all graduate students, faculty and staff involved in making this open house a day to remember. The message couldn't have been clearer: uOttawa is really where it's at! ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Ottawa Academic Health Sciences Leadership Program
May 8-12, uOttawa
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Ceremony of Professional Engagement and Convocation
May 17, 7:00 pm, Gatineau
www.medicine.uottawa.ca

Aboriginal Health: The future is now, the place is Ottawa
June 14-15, Ottawa
www.medicine.uottawa.ca/aboriginal

16th World Congress of the World Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons (WSCTS 2006)
August 17-20, Ottawa
www.wscts2006.com

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NAMES IN THE NEWS...

DR. JOHN BREWER



Dr. John Brewer ('83) was honoured during Family Doctor Week by the College of Family Physicians in Canada. Dr.

Brewer was among the 10 national recipients of Canada's Family Physicians of the Year Awards for 2005, chosen by their peers for providing exceptional care to their patients, making meaningful contributions to the health and well-being of their communities, and dedicating themselves to the education of future generations of family doctors. Dr. Brewer and his wife, Dr. Monica Vaz-Brewer ('84) built a practice together in Saint John (N.B.). He is former Chief of Family Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John, and Past President of the New Brunswick Chapter of the College of Family Physicians. John was Director of the Family Medicine Teaching Unit in Saint John for 10 years until 2004. He is now Assistant Professor at both Dalhousie and Memorial University.

DR. KELLIE SCOTT

Through a joint community effort, Dr. Kellie Scott ('03) has decided to establish her practice in St. Thomas "allowing more residents to have the services of their own family physician," noted Economic Development Corporation general manager Bob Wheeler. Raised in Ottawa, Dr. Scott received her doctorate in medicine at the University of Ottawa and completed her family medicine training in the Rural Program at the University of Western Ontario. She opened her practice early in January.

DR. J. EARL WYNANDS O.C.

The Scientific Committee of the 47th Annual McGill Anesthesia Update has created the "J. Earl Wynands Royal College" lecture, in honour of Dr. Wynands, Professor Emeritus, Anesthesiology. A Montreal native, Dr. Wynands began making his name when he published a groundbreaking paper on coronary artery disease and anesthesia in 1967. He also initiated Canada's first professional assistance program for physicians with disabilities, and by the time he retired he had become Chair of Anesthesia at the University of Ottawa and was former Chief of Anesthesia at both the Civic Hospital and the Ottawa Heart Institute. Dr. Wynands was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1999. The "J. Earl Wynands Royal College" lecture will be presented annually.

IN MEMORIAM...

DR. MICHEL PETIT

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Dr. Michel Petit, on March 15 2006, at the age of 44. Dr. Petit was copresident of the locomotor module, a position he held from 2001 to 2006. A well-appreciated physiatrist, he was particularly interested in sports medicine and practiced at the University of Ottawa Sports Medicine Clinic. He leaves behind his wife, Dr. Josée Bussière, and their three young children, Hugo, Anouk and Christophe. Dr. Petit maintained a balanced and healthy lifestyle and enjoyed life thoroughly. He succeeded in leading a productive professional life all the while being totally devoted to his family, which he cherished more than anything in the world.