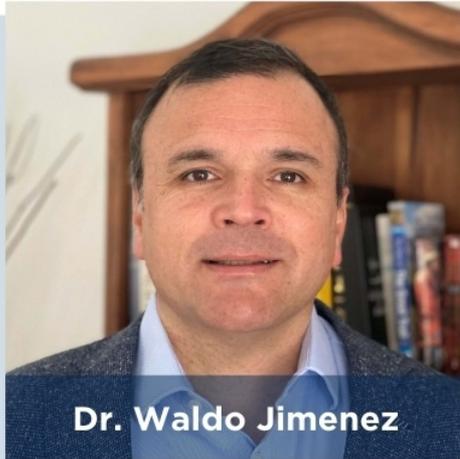


MSA Awards



Dr. Waldo Jimenez



Dr. Cheryl Main



Dr. Anne Aube



Dr. Tamar Packer



Dr. Chris Sulowski



Dr. Simerpreet Sandhanwalia



Dr. Anne Aube

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Colleague Award

Nominated by Dr. Bellaire, Dr. Aube has been an active Family Medical staff member of WLMH since 2009. She provides inpatient care for her own patients as well as supporting the orphan patients at the hospital. Dr. Aube supports the medical community outside of WLMH by providing comprehensive family medical care for patients, teaching medical school students, family medicine residents and servicing the local francophone population with bilingual medical care. Dr. Aube was instrumental in expanding the hospitalist program ensuring the viability of WLMH's inpatient care of its orphan roster by attracting 12 new family medical physicians. This past September, when the new WLMH OR department opened, Dr. Aube worked hard to support the surgeons by implementing and organizing the WLMH OR-assist call schedule with the support from our local family medical community. Within two months, the surgical program was expanded to 11 General Surgeons, Plastics, Orthopedic and Gynecological surgeons. Congratulations, Dr. Aube!

Dr. Jeffrey Coates Award

Dr. Christopher Sulowski

Nominated by Drs. Merali and Crocco, Dr. Sulowski has built a reputation of collaboration and innovation beyond the medical expertise he brings to his daily clinical work. In 2012, Dr. Sulowski recognized that Family Medicine residents experienced some challenges learning so much material in a short period of time while completing electives. In response, he developed the Family Elective Academic Simulation Training (FEAST) Day, an innovative, hands-on learning program designed specifically for Family Medicine (FM) residents. FEAST Day has been held annually since 2012. This half-day session has now evolved to include all senior FM trainees and Dr. Sulowski is moving towards expanding the audience to local physicians. As Deputy Chief, Dr. Sulowski also focuses on ensuring quality care through leading physician feedback that is received from patients and families. In this capacity, he has developed a standardized approach to responding to concerns, communicating with physicians, and optimizing care pathways. Congratulations, Dr. Sulowski!

Dr. Tamar Packer

Family Medicine Award

Nominated by Dr. Ross, Dr. Packer has always shown excellence in leadership in her role as Chief of St. Joseph's Hospital and Hamilton Health Sciences Family Medicine Department. The pandemic has highlighted her strong abilities to create a solid bridge between community and hospitals, mobilizing support and physicians for new roles and challenges. It was apparent early on in the pandemic, the awful impact on long term care. It was Dr. Packer who took charge and went into the Grace Villa, where COVID-19 infections had taken over with many infections and deaths, with a complete breakdown of supportive health care provision, and organized the transfer of these patients to other areas of care. At the beginning of the pandemic when fear and anxiety levels were high, she bravely took charge to enable saving these patients lives. She also mobilized the family physicians to create a seamless provision of excellent care at the now very large satellite facility set up in a downtown hotel.

Congratulations, Dr. Packer!

Dr. Simerpreet Sandhanwalia

Community Action Award

Nominated by Drs. Grewal, Worster, Chan, Jowett, Welsford, Sharif, Caron, Hersi, and Taves, Dr.

Sandhanwalia has been working tirelessly for our community throughout the pandemic. Initially, her work with the Frontline Connect program was an innovative way to get families connected with their loved ones when visitors were not allowed in the hospital.

Additionally, she facilitated a supply of cell phones which were given to patients who didn't have them- to facilitate healthcare delivery and reduce social isolation. She is also a co-founder of the South Asian COVID task force which focuses on health inequalities in South Asian communities of Peel and Toronto. She has an extensive media presence to deliver crucial health messaging directly to these communities from trusted members. Congratulations, Dr. Sandhanwalia!

Dr. Dan Dwyer Award

Dr. Waldo Jimenez

Nominated by Dr. Eiriksson, Dr. Jimenez is a Gynecologic Oncologist at the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre. Before moving to Canada in 2005, Dr. Jimenez trained in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Chile. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McMaster University, and Head of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre. Dr. Jimenez is a teacher and mentor to those with whom he works. He takes the time needed with patients, and is very thoughtful and evidence-based in his treatment recommendations. Dr. Jimenez always offers a helping hand to those in need, he even offers to scrub in and help during surgeries! He has created an environment of collaboration, encouragement, respect, collegiality, and support for innovation and new initiatives.

Congratulations, Dr. Jimenez!

Dr. Cheryl Main

Dr. Clive Davis Award

Nominated by Dr. Grad, Dr. Main is celebrated for always being ready to help her colleagues and patients in collaborative and innovative ways. She is a McMaster graduate and a dedicated postgraduate teacher, researcher and clinician. Dr. Main is never too busy to share her wisdom and to assist with patient management. She is kind and empathetic to patients who are often difficult to manage and who often have challenging personalities. She is a strong patient advocate and a valued team player. Dr. Main has had a busy year with COVID-19 but is never too busy to respond to calls or emails, and to assist with patient management. Congratulations, Dr. Main!