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## **Campbellford Memorial Hospital Recognizes Dr. Celeste Collins in her Receipt of the 2014-15 Hollister King Teaching Practices Preceptor Award**

Dr. Celeste Collins, a family physician practising at Campbellford Memorial Hospital and the Trent Hills Family Health Team, was recently selected as the recipient of the 2014-15 Hollister King Teaching Practices Preceptor Award presented by the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. The Hollister King Teaching Practices Awards were established several years ago in honour of Dr. Hollister King at the time of his retirement from the position of Chief of the Teaching Practices Division at University of Toronto. Holly was a Family Physician whose roots were in rural practice. He also worked to maintain the highest standards of Family Medicine. The award is given annually to one preceptor, nominated by his or her Teaching Practices resident, who best exemplifies the College's four principles of Family Medicine. The four principles of Family Medicine are: The family physician is a skilled clinician; family medicine is a community-based discipline; the family physician is a resource to a defined practices population; and the patient-physician relationship is central to the role of the family physician.

Each year CMH and the Trent Hills Family Health Team welcome medical residents and students to experience a wide variety of multiple care settings: Family Medicine, Emergency Room (ER) and Operating Room (OR). The hospital has a credible list of Family Medicine Preceptors including Dr. Collins.

Dr. Collins was nominated for this award by a past resident, who note: "Dr. Collins demonstrated immense dedication to her roles as a rural family doctor. She constantly juggled the demands of a busy clinic with the urgent needs of her acutely ill patients admitted to the hospital and the on-going requirements of her elderly patients that have transitioned to long-term care. Perhaps even more honorable, Dr. Collins carved out time for teaching and mentoring despite how hectic and eventful her day was. This mentoring and role-modeling has greatly contributed to my growth as a resident. Through her excellent patient care, Dr. Collins has demonstrated how to keep patients healthy and has re-inspired me to become a thorough and compassionate physician who cares for people from all walks of life. Dr. Collins also displayed a careful and accomplished sense of work-life balance that has made her clinical achievements seem even more tangible. It is a clinical practice style that I would one day like to emulate. In summary, Dr. Collins is an immensely dedicated, insightful and compassionate family physician."

"I was very humbled by the nomination and very surprised at receiving the award. It was encouraging to know that a young adult saw me as a role model, despite my imperfections. I believe we learn as much from our residents as they learn from us. They come to us with much knowledge, but little experience. As preceptors we are privileged to polish some facets of their professional skill set by providing the necessary experience and context. It gives me great

satisfaction to know that a small measure of my input might be part of their professional life, long after my retirement,” says Dr. Collins.

“We were thrilled to learn that Dr. Collins is this year’s much-deserving recipient of the 2014-2015 Hollister King Teaching Practices Preceptor Award. We’re proud of the strong relationships we’ve developed with local family physicians and the medical learners they supervise. We know that providing safe, quality patient care requires dedication and vigilance, each and every day of the year. Dr. Collins is part of our dedicated professional team that continuously monitors the standards we set and the progress we make in the relief of illness, pain and suffering,” says Brad Hilker, President and CEO, Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

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