



MEMO

To: RVH Everyone
From: Lindsey Crawford, Vice President, Patient Programs, RVH
Date: April 22, 2015
Subject: Dr. Bryn Pressnail honoured with Champion of Telemedicine Award

Good morning;

It is my pleasure to announce Dr. Bryn Pressnail, one of Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) most dedicated and caring physicians, has been honoured with an inaugural Champion of Telemedicine Award from the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN).

Dr. Pressnail, an avid supporter of telemedicine, was chosen to be among the first to receive this award. He is being recognized for his leadership in the development, testing and implementation of telemedicine which continues to improve care for patients every day. Telemedicine uses two-way video-conferencing and accompanying diagnostic equipment to deliver clinical care and even distance education to communities throughout the province.

This inaugural award acknowledges the outstanding efforts of individuals in each of Ontario's 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) who consistently go above and beyond to advance the way Ontario delivers quality, patient-centred care. Dr. Pressnail's efforts on behalf of telemedicine were featured in a recent Globe and Mail supplement.

Dr. Pressnail has been an amazing advocate for his patients throughout his entire career. He was one of the first physicians to champion this new technology because he saw how it would have a huge, positive impact in the lives of his patients. And he was right.

In fact, in 2014 more than 2,600 patient visits were done via OTN at RVH. This amounts to more than 700 clinic hours saving patients in excess of 400,000 km of travel.

We are certainly very proud of Dr. Pressnail. Please join me in congratulating him on his latest accomplishment.

Respectfully,

Lindsey