

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****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 18, 2016** – The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is pleased to announce that Dr. Paul Humphries is Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2016. 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.

*"Paul's dedication to family medicine, teaching, and patient care is unmatched—he has been our teacher, leader, and advocate for 40 years." said colleague Dr. John Chmelicek, Post Graduate Program Director, Department of Family Medicine Residency Program, University of Alberta.*  
*"Paul has always placed an emphasis on patient-centredness providing care and support with great kindness, compassion, and empathy, which has never been more evident than in his work in palliative care."*

Dr. Paul Humphries practises in Edmonton and is a Professor at the University of Alberta. He has practised full-service family medicine with GP anesthesia, palliative care, obstetrics, and medical teaching. He was the founding director of Northwestern Ontario Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Humphries has been the President of the Alberta College of Family Physicians, Director of Family Medicine Residency programs, Vice Chair of CaRMS, and a member of the CFPC Board and Committee on Accreditation. He often participates in accreditation teams across Canada. He and his wife, Sybil, grew up in farming families and now raise horses (and grandchildren) in Alberta.

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. Hendrik van der Watt, Bonnyville

**Outstanding New Professional Award**

Dr. Rabiya Jalil, Calgary

**Student Leadership - Rising Star Award**

Carli Clemis, University of Calgary

Riley Davidson, University of Alberta

**Family Medicine Resident Leadership Award**

Dr. Alexei Khair, University of Alberta

Dr. Braden Teitge, University of Calgary

*"Our honorees provide incredible examples of leadership, dedication, and compassion," says ACFP Award and Recognition Committee Chair, Dr. Joan Horton. "We are very proud to recognize these individuals who model excellence in primary care."*

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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 2017 opens at the beginning of Family Doctor Week, November 7. Visit [www.acfp.ca](http://www.acfp.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 4,500 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](http://www.acfp.ca).

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