



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Dr. Kirk Haunts Honoured With Regional Education Award for Mentorship

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Monday, June 17th, 2019—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is pleased to congratulate Dr. Kirk Haunts, local family physician and family medicine preceptor, for his recognition last week at a special award ceremony at Queen’s University in Kingston.

Dr. Haunts was presented with a Regional Education Award from the University’s School of Medicine at a special Dean’s Faculty Recognition Reception. The reception is hosted annually by the University in recognition of special contributions to excellence in teaching, mentorship and education development in community sites.

Chosen among 1500 regional preceptors, Dr. Haunts was nominated for the award in the Mentorship category by two of the family medicine residents he supported in the past year.

As highlighted on the citation he received, the Regional Education Award was created by Queen’s to “*recognize a role model in supporting, encouraging and promoting educational, professional and personal development to colleagues and learners.*”

The citation goes on to note: “*Dr. Haunts is a dedicated Family Medicine preceptor in Cobourg, an exemplary clinician and an outstanding mentor.*”

His residents describe him as an insightful role model who takes the time to get to know his learners and to discuss their goals. He actively encourages them to take the time on rotations to explore learning in different healthcare settings to allow for the broadest experiences.

One of his residents noted that ‘Dr. Haunts was a role model for me in how he managed his practice and he was open in sharing his process of finding the practice that worked with his lifestyle’.

Dr. Haunts is described as affable, easy to work with and a great physician role model, and ‘one of the best mentors I have had in my training career’.

Congratulations, Dr. Haunts. Your colleagues at NHH are pleased to see you recognized as the recipient of the Regional Education Award for Mentorship. Thank you for all you do for NHH, the community we serve and the next generation of physicians whose future practice you are helping to support.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

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