



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Annual service, education and leadership awards presented – *Exceptional contributions of two internal medicine specialists, Dr. Moorsom and Dr. Beck, recognized*

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, May 27th 2016—Northumberland Hills Hospital's annual recognition ceremony for staff and physician achievements in service, education and leadership was held last evening in the hospital's Education Centre.

Seventy-three individuals were recognized at the event, hosted by Linda Davis, NHH's President and CEO. As is the tradition, managers spoke to the particular achievements of their team members. Twenty-seven individuals received 10-year pins, 10 received 15-year pins and three were recognized for 20 years of service. In the quarter century category, eight staff members were honoured. Four received 30-year pins, seven celebrated 35 years and one staff member, RN **Debra Clarke**, was recognized this year for 40 years of dedicated service.

Jack Russell, Chair of NHH's volunteer Board of Directors, thanked all of the 2016 award recipients for their commitment to NHH, noting that it takes the sum of many professionals and support providers to make a community hospital as strong as NHH. Russell also recognized the efforts of two particular internal medicine specialists, **Dr. David Moorsom**, and **Dr. Rod Beck**.

"While opportunity has taken Dr. Moorsom to many regions around the globe, he never forgot his brief stint as a General Practitioner in west Northumberland in the 1970s and, in 2008, he returned to our area bringing with him a unique expertise as an internist specialized in palliative medicine, pain management and elder care," said Russell.

"In the announcement we issued in 2008 welcoming Dr. Moorsom and his wife Dr. Kathleen Brooks, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, they were said to both be looking forward to a somewhat more 'relaxed pace.' Relaxed, by their standards, however, proved to be very advantageous for patients in our area."

Detailing Dr. Moorsom's unique practice, Russell added: "The internal medicine practice Dr. Moorsom built was extensive, including consultation for palliative medicine and geriatric medicine for inpatients at NHH, local long-term care homes and in the community. In this capacity he has supported NHH's inpatient palliative care program, cancer and supportive care unit and Emergency Department. He has also become well known for his practice of going directly to the homes of patients."

Noting that hardly a day has gone by that Dr. Moorsom hasn't been thanked in a local obituary, Russell added: "On behalf of the Board and the hospital, I thank Dr. Moorsom for his contributions to NHH. As he returns once again to the UK later this month, and Dr. Francesco Mulé moves into a new role as palliative care liaison, we wish him, and Dr. Brooks, all the very best in their future endeavours."

Also recognized by Russell was Dr. Rod Beck, who has held privileges at the local hospital since November 1973. Dr. Beck is retiring after 43 years of dedicated service.

Born in Northern Ireland, Dr. Beck completed his pre-med education at Queen's University in Belfast, graduating in 1964.

Dr. Beck fulfilled his internship and residency graduate training at the Belfast City Hospital through the 1960s and, in 1969 received his license to practice medicine in Ontario.

On this side of the Atlantic, Dr. Beck continued his studies in Toronto. Here in Cobourg, together with his colleague Dr. Larry Chapman, Dr. Beck provided internal medicine support to inpatients for several decades.

"Dr. Beck went on to expand his scope of practice to include palliative medicine with the opening of what is now NHH's Cancer and Supportive Care Clinic and he has been a staunch supporter of this hospital and, in particular, our chemotherapy program. Dr. Beck always put his patients' needs first and was truly loved for the difference he has made in so many local patients' lives," said Russell. "He will be very missed at NHH. We extend our sincere thanks for his many years of service and we wish him the very best on his well-deserved retirement."

Dr. David Broderick, Chief of Staff, highlighted the specific contributions of a large group of physicians who earned long-service awards this year. Nine physicians were recognized by Dr. Broderick, with 165 years of service combined.

Drs. Michael Barrie, Andrew Stratford and Phillip Stratford (a general practitioner (GP)-anesthetist, general surgeon and GP, respectively) were each recognized for 10 years of service to NHH.

Drs. Paul and Frank Marrocco, brothers and radiologists with extensive contributions to NHH's Diagnostic Imaging department, were recognized for 15 years of service.

Dr. Martin Jokay, a 20-year pin recipient and a member of NHH's active dentistry staff, was recognized for his support to patients, particularly young ones who require sedation to permit more complicated dental work.

Drs. Carson Kwok and Mark Essak were each thanked for 25 years of service. Said Broderick: "Dr. Kwok and Dr. Essak chose the Town of Cobourg in which to settle and establish their group practice together, and we are very fortunate that they did. Both support their admitted patients and our obstetrical program and both have held senior leadership roles, Dr. Mark Essak serving as Chief of Staff through the new hospital build, and Dr. Kwok serving as Department Chief, on multiple occasions, for Emergency Services."

Dr. Jay Amin was congratulated for 35 years of hospital service. "Like Dr. Kwok and Dr. Essak, Dr. Amin is one of our 'super' GPs," said Broderick. "She runs a large general family practice and supports our busy obstetrical program. Currently Department Chief for NHH's Post-Acute Specialty Services (PASS), Dr. Amin chairs the hospital's PASS Quality and Practice Committee and serves as a member of the Medical Advisory Committee and Maternal/Child Quality and Practice Committee."

Education awards were presented to two hospital staff members this year: **RN Kimberly Baxter**, for her successful completion of the de Souza Nurse Designation, and **RN Andrea Doyle-Philp**, who achieved her de Souza Nurse Associate certification.

Announcement of the 2016 recipients of NHH's Leadership and Innovation Awards concluded the evening ceremony.

Orthopedic surgeon **Dr. Crawford Dobson** is this year's Outstanding Innovation Award recipient.

Presented annually to a member of the hospital team who has demonstrated an outstanding ability to take command of a project or situation, the peer-nominated award recognizes Dr. Dobson's efforts to take advantage of [Ontario Telemedicine Network \(OTN\)](#) technology for the benefit of the patient and the local health-care system.

"An orthopedic surgeon who works at both NHH and [Peterborough Regional Health Centre \(PRHC\)](#), Dr. Dobson is quite likely the man you will see if you fracture your hip in Northumberland," said Linda Davis. "Following surgery at PRHC, local hip fracture patients are regularly transferred to NHH for rehabilitation. A follow-up x-ray and consult is required at the four-week mark."

Until very recently, patients travelled to Dr. Dobson's cast clinic 45 minutes away at PRHC for their four-week appointment, which was uncomfortable for the patient, costly and time consuming.

Through OTN, Dr. Dobson has been able to see his patients remotely, speeding up the process for all involved, and avoiding the need for the patient's transportation.

"Thanks to physicians such as Dr. Dobson, NHH is leveraging OTN to greatly reduce the impact of travel on our hospital and our patients, and allowing patients to receive the specialty care they need, right here at home," said Davis. "On behalf of our patients, their families and our team, thank you to Dr. Dobson for his willingness to adopt this very effective technology which we are so fortunate to have here at our hospital."

Pharmacist Grace Nava is NHH's 2016 Outstanding Leadership Award recipient. Grace joined the NHH team in February of 2015 and distinguished herself in the past year through her role as Pharmacy Project lead.

"In this role Grace has consistently demonstrated the values of collaboration, respect and integrity in her leadership—she has also been strongly focused on patient safety and outcomes," said CEO Linda Davis.

"An advocate for practice change and a promoter of resources to support successful implementation of pharmacy best practice standards, Grace works hard to support and engage all health care professionals," said Davis. "She proactively shares her knowledge and expertise to support the complex connections within pharmacy practices and ensure medication safety. Grace is the consummate role model, helping others while always seeking out new learning opportunities for herself and NHH. It is our pleasure to present her with this award. NHH is fortunate to have her on our team."

For a complete listing the 2016 recipients, please see below. For further information, contact Jennifer Gillard at jgillard@nhh.ca or 905-377-7757.

Jill Andrus
Emily Bambridge
Kendra Batek
Linda Chapman
Roxanne Damron
Michael Davis
Sandra Dooley
Laura Eakins
Ida Francouer

10 Years
Sylvia Gallagher
Angela Gammage
Candace Haalstra
Jacqueline Hart
Lindsay Hayes
Bernadette Klotz
Mary MacDonald-
Quemby
Teresa Mercier
Marie McVety

Grace Nanninga
Dan O'Leary
Cindy Sandercock
Joanne Serio
Samantha Stata
Lisa Stewart
Ashley Stegenga
Janice Surgent
Cheryl Weir

15 Years
Crystal Beaudry
Maureen Canfield
Kimberley Doucette
Elizabeth Geddes
Patricia Hand
Janice Hines
Cara Hunt
Ian Moffat
Anne Marie Mosher
Valerie Rumball

20 Years
Rhonda Cunningham
Wendy Scott
Kimberley Zoldy

30 Years
Elaine Brown
Paula Elliott
Catherine Flay
Brenda Hylton

25 Years
Wendy Arbeau
Kevin Burn
Becky Cressman
Laura Marshall
Tammy Misasi
Catherine Settingington
Stephanie Tuer
Merle Venne

35 Years
Pamela Aiello
Janice Bickle
Tracey Chester
Janice Dale
Patricia Dunn
Linda Hastings
Susan Hoekstra

40 Years
Debra Clarke

Physicians, Long Service

10 years – Dr. Michael Barrie, Dr. Andrew Stratford, Dr. Phillip Stratford
15 years – Dr. Paul Marrocco, Dr. Frank Marrocco
20 years – Dr. Martin Jokay
25 years – Dr. Mark Essak, Dr. Carson Kwok
35 years - Dr. Jay Amin

Education Awards

Kimberly Baxter – de Souza Nurse Designation
Andrea Doyle-Philp – de Souza Nurse Associate

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 www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).