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2018 BC Health Care Awards recipients revealed

VANCOUVER – Recipients of the 12th annual *BC Health Care Awards* were announced today at a gala luncheon in Vancouver. Twelve Gold Apple and six Award of Merit recipients were honoured.

Presented by the Health Employers Association of British Columbia (HEABC), the *BC Health Care Awards* recognize British Columbians who are providing outstanding care and support. Awards are given in 11 categories to projects improving health care delivery through innovative and collaborative approaches and to people making a positive impact and inspiring those around them.

New this year – Dianna Mah-Jones Award of Excellence in Person-Centred Care

Named in honour of Dianna Mah-Jones, this award is for a team or project that makes use of leading practices to improve care for patients, residents or clients by focusing on the needs of the person rather than the needs of the system or service. Dianna Mah-Jones, an occupational therapist at GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre, was tragically killed, along with her husband Richard Jones, just three months after being named Provincial Health Care Hero at the 2017 awards. Our hope is that this award will help to keep her memory and legacy alive by recognizing others who strive to deliver health care that is respectful of the needs, values and preferences of individuals.



2018 Gold Apple winners

Provincial Health Care Hero & Health Care Hero – Provincial Health Services Authority

Glenn Braithwaite – District Supervisor, Emergency Coordinator, BCEHS

Glenn Jay Braithwaite is a Paramedic and District Supervisor at BC Ambulance Service, recognized for providing exceptional emergency response and for his clinical leadership abilities. He's received several professional accolades for his heroic actions, and his outstanding commitment to patients, colleagues and the broader community.

Provincial Health Care Hero & Health Care Hero – Island Health

Dr. Ramm Hering – Physician Lead, Primary Care Substance Use, Island Health

By passionately and effectively advocating for improved services for patients dealing with substance use and addiction, Dr. Hering has inspired his colleagues to work together to develop new programs and create an efficient, client-centred system of addiction services.

Health Care Hero – Affiliate

Dr. David Agulnik – Emergency Physician, St. Paul's Hospital



Health Care Hero – Fraser Health

Mits Miyata – Pharmacy Manager, Lower Mainland Pharmacy Services

Health Care Hero – Interior Health

Lynda Martyn – Registered Speech-Language Pathologist, Coordinator Kelowna Cleft Lip/Palate Clinic

Health Care Hero – Northern Health

Debbie Strang – Health Services Administrator, Quesnel

Health Care Hero – Provincial Health Services Authority

Dr. Faisal Khosa – Associate Professor, Radiology, Vancouver General Hospital

Dianna Mah-Jones Award of Excellence in Person-Centred Care

International Seating Symposium – Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children, Provincial Health Services Authority

The International Seating Symposium has created an international forum that fosters an exchange of ideas and a network of consumers, rehabilitation therapists, physicians, designers, and manufacturers of positioning and mobility equipment. This has inspired improvements in rehabilitation equipment and technology that have improved mobility, comfort and quality of life for people with disabilities.

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Residential Care for Me: Megamorphosis – Seniors Care and Palliative Services, Providence Health Care

The goal of Residential Care for Me: Megamorphosis is to change the residential care culture from an institutional to a social model of care, and improve quality of life for residents by rapidly testing and implementing changes that focus on emotional connections, allow residents to direct each moment, and create the feeling of home.

Top Innovation

SNIFF: C. Difficile Canine Scent Detection Program – Vancouver Coastal Health

An innovative and dedicated team of people and a growing roster of pups known as the C. Difficile Scent Detection Program is pioneering a cost-effective method to improve and enhance C. Difficile surveillance and improve infection control and prevention practices.

Workplace Health Innovation

VGH Emergency Department Healthy Workplace Initiative – Vancouver Coastal Health

Vancouver General Hospital's emergency department formed a multi-disciplinary team with the goal of working together to improve workplace health and safety, leading to an improved working climate where staff report feeling engaged and better able to provide the type of quality care that emergency patients deserve.

Collaborative Solutions

Improving Indigenous Cancer Journeys: A Road Map – BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, BC Cancer (Provincial Health Services Authority), First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation BC

The Indigenous Cancer Strategy is a collaborative strategy that will improve indigenous cancer outcomes by addressing all steps of the cancer journey, from prevention and treatment, through to survivorship and end-of-life care.



BC HEALTH CARE AWARDS

This year's Awards of Merit recipients are:

Dianna Mah-Jones Award of Excellence in Person-Centred Care

- Resources and Needs Review – Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, Island Health

Top Innovation

- Symphony QuickCall – Workforce Management Solutions, Provincial Health Services Authority
- Fall-unteers: A Volunteer-Based Falls Prevention Strategy in Residential Care – Holy Family Hospital Residential Care, Providence Health Care

Workplace Health Innovation

- Reducing Workplace Injuries through Leading Practices – Menno Place

Collaborative Solutions

- Regional Strategy for Reducing Ambulance Turnaround Times – BC Emergency Health Services, Provincial Health Services Authority, Fraser Health
- Vancouver Shared Care Team – Doctors of BC, Providence Health Care, Vancouver Coastal Health

Since the awards launched in 2007, more than 200 Gold Apples and Awards of Merit have been awarded to health employees who are improving BC's health care system and patient care.

The 2018 *BC Health Care Awards* are generously supported by Great-West Life, Healthcare Benefit Trust, and Pacific Blue Cross.

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The Health Employers Association of British Columbia (HEABC) is the accredited bargaining agent for most publicly funded health employers in the province, representing denominational, proprietary and affiliate health employers, as well as the province's six health authorities. HEABC coordinates the labour relations interests of 230 publicly funded health care employers and negotiates five major provincial agreements covering more than 115,000 unionized health care employees.

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