

“The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.”

- Sir William Osler

Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement is a "pay-it-forward" special and the honour of doing so goes to one of last month's acknowledgees (is that a word?) Lisa Anne Rasmussen. Lisa Anne selected **June Ortenberg** and wrote the following about June:

<Arriving at MCH two years ago as a neurologist, one of the clinics I was asked to join was the Neurofibromatosis Clinic. I must say I was nervous, such a complex disease with so much information and medicine to know. I still remember my very first clinic and how all my nervous butterflies disappeared. All it took was the open, gracious, caring and welcoming nature of June.

Since that first introduction, it was my absolute pleasure to work alongside June in the NF Clinic. It cannot be overemphasized that the work June does for the NF population is truly life changing for the patients and their families. Many of them told me directly “we do not know what we would do without Dr. Ortenberg.”

June's dedication to this patient population over the years is truly remarkable. In my short time with the NF clinic we changed secretaries, clinic days and clinic spaces multiple times, there were endless challenges with support staff and physical space to see patients. Yet June's commitment never wavered and she always met families with graciousness and what can only be called love. It has been a sincerely notable experience for me to work alongside June. I have learned so much from her not only about NF, but also (and more importantly) about being a dedicated and caring physician. June has taught me about the physician I want to be and for this I am eternally thankful.

For me June highlights that which is most beautiful in our community. To me MCH is about commitment, kindness, compassionate caring and all alongside superb clinical acumen.

Coming to the MCH, working with June, working with all of you has truly been a blessing in my life. Many years ago, in my medical school interview, I said that I wanted to bring more heart and love into medicine... I see now that it is already here.>

I think Lisa Anne did a great job capturing the June we know.

Have a great weekend everyone

Michael