

"You need something to open up a new door, to show you something seen before, but overlooked a hundred times or more"

Bob Dylan

Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgment goes to a trio of 'senior' members of the Department (**Denis Leduc, Dorothy Moore and Stephen Liben**) for their being acknowledged in the Canadian Pediatric Society's (CPS) recent information release highlighting the 15 Canadians in '15 who made a difference in child and youth health.

Denis was highlighted for his vital role as editor of the newly updated edition of *Well Beings: A Guide to Health in Child Care*. This book is considered an essential reference text for child care settings (eg daycares, schools) and is required reading in the majority of early childhood education programs. The current edition incorporates new guidelines on physical activity and changes in CPR for children. Denis is a former President of the CPS. A dedicated community-based pediatrician, Denis has a thriving, much sought after practice in lower Westmount and has led for a number of years the group taking care of the normal newborn nursery first at the RVH legacy site and now at the Glen site. He has served on multiple national committees and task forces related to child health, including currently CPS ones related to Early Childhood Development and Preventative Health Care. A fellow Habs season ticket holder, I am sure to see him at least a couple of times during the season on the jumbotron at the Bell Centre while at a game.

Dorothy was singled out by the CPS for her leadership in revising *Your Child's Best Shot*. This information resource is aimed to counter the relentless misinformation campaign of entrenched anti-vaxxers who have been at the root of recent Canadian epidemics of entirely vaccine-preventable illnesses. By providing the media, parents, and health practitioners with balanced information that puts the 'controversy' in perspective by providing solid evidence, Dorothy's efforts will go a long way to hopefully restoring vaccination as an inevitable rite of a healthy infancy and childhood. Dorothy's original DA from March 7, 2014 can be accessed through this link: [Pediatrics' DA, 2014-03-14](#)

Stephen Liben received his mention for his effort in assembling and editing the April 2015 thematic issue of *Paediatrics & Child Health* on palliative care. This edition addressed challenging and ethical questions raised in the face of advancing medical technology, increasing lifespans and varying access to care. Stephen focused his efforts on how care providers can improve quality of life and assemble the best team of professionals to address a multitude of issues. Here is a link to learn more about Stephen from his original DA on September 7, 2012: [Pediatrics' DA, 2012-09-07](#)

Denis, Dorothy and Stephen fruitful efforts on a national/international stage in 2015 are great examples of how we effect changes in our chosen fields well beyond our local scope of practice and direct patient encounter. Please join me in congratulating them on this recognition.

Have a great weekend everyone. And a Happy Easter for those celebrating.

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