

Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement is once again my call and goes to an old friend of mine Mitchell Shiller.

Mitch is a long time community-based pediatrician in Pierrefonds. Since its inception he has been the driving force behind the Children's Care Clinic (CCC) which is a group pediatrics practice that brings together 7 pediatricians all of whom are affiliated with the MCH and the Department of Pediatrics. For over 20 years I would go out to the CCC one to two days a month to do neurology consultations and follow-up. It was an immensely pleasurable professional experience that gave this academic sub-specialist an understanding and appreciation of the challenges of the front-line care provider.

Mitch gets this week's acknowledgement for his dedication and accomplishments as Associate Chair-Finance and Informatics. He is the CFO of the PMG, the Department's group practice plan where he has brought a business approach that has enhanced member value and improved operations. Fiercely dedicated to transparency and communication he has also vastly increased the awareness by members of this plan. He is also heading up a Task Force on Remuneration that is seeking greater objectivity and fairness in how within the plan physicians are reimbursed. If this wasn't enough, on the informatics front he has championed increased IT through a soon to be implemented built to measure PMG billing system that will improve billing efficiency and recovery while lowering overhead costs and a medical informatics unit that will address many units' desire for increase data capability and retrieval that will improve clinical operations and facilitate clinical research opportunities.

I think Mitch deserves a collective thank you from the Department for these efforts.

Have a great weekend everyone

Michael