

Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement was suggested by Larry Lands and goes to David Zielinski of Respiriology.

Larry took the time and effort to write a short precis on why he was putting forward David. I will reprint it below in its entirety as it really cannot be improved upon. I would add that David's only weak point is his annual contribution to Movember which despite the best of intentions isn't quite in the Tom Selleck class.

Dr. Zielinski joined the Respiratory Division a few years ago and assumed, in succession the Training Program Directorship and the Pediatric Directorship of the Programme National de Ventilation à Domicile (PNAVD). David has done a remarkable job in revamping and reinvigorating both these programs.

For the Training Program, David took a methodical approach to establishing, correcting, and otherwise re-organizing all the facets of the program to meet Royal College approval. He instituted new didactic sessions, and refreshed already established ones. He introduced joint Pediatric-Adult diadactic seminars related to multi-disciplinary care for Cystic Fibrosis and other chronic lung diseases of children, who go on to become adults and require care by physicians unfamiliar with these conditions. His hands-on and personal approach to training challenges has been especially appreciated by the trainees. He even knows how to keep the attending staff in line around our teaching goals. His dedication to the training program is exemplary and evident to everyone, and it is truly gratifying to be told by our trainees how supportive and accessible he is, how he is attentive to their needs, and how he seizes upon teaching opportunities whenever and wherever they present.

PNAVD is a true province-wide program, which provides leadership in setting goals, procedures, and equipment for patients requiring ventilatory support at home. David has been instrumental in making sure that excellent at-home services for children are available and meet pediatric needs, such as bringing volume recruitment and cough assist into mainstream therapy, and exploring new home ventilators. As many of these patients have neuromuscular disorders, David's activities in PNAVD have ensured that children in the Neuromuscular Clinic which he attends are receiving optimal personalized therapies.

Dave lives happily with Dr. Vicky Scholten of our Department of Pediatrics and their super little guy, Carter. Dave trains avidly and is built like a truck under his quiet demeanor, in case you were thinking about going toe-to-toe.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Michael