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Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to two non-Departmental members, **Aude Exertier** and **Patricia Gauthier**, for their launch of a medical-legal partnership at the MCH.

Aude is a legal counsel with Pro Bono Quebec, while Patricia is Director of Social Services at the MCH. Together they have formulated and launched Quebec's first hospital based medical legal partnership. This partnership recognizes that social factors that have legal implications, and more importantly legal means of possible redress, have a substantive impact on the health of children. These factors include immigration status, housing, income security and family matters.

The recognition of these factors, to be aided in the near future by a screening tool, should prompt the initial referral to a hospital-based pro bono non-means tested legal consultation. Subsequent legal intervention if necessary can then be carried out with the assistance of Pro Bono Quebec.

We should all be proud that the MCH is the first hospital in Quebec to offer this service. A 'shout out' to the MCH Foundation for providing the initial funding support to this important initiative and Pro Bono Quebec for contributing their expertise and organizational support.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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