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Hi Everyone.

One of the things that makes our Department 'extra-special' is our Northern and Native Health (N &NH) Program that provides direct care, remote care, and local care to the First Nations population, both in Northern Quebec (Inuit and Cree) and in the greater Montreal region.

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to the Program Head for N & NH **Johanne Morel**. Johanne is now remarkably in her 4th decade of professional service to this population. For twelve weeks a year she travels to the north to provide consultation services to various small Inuit communities. When in Montreal she provides support to the health professionals in these communities and provides a hub for services when these children and families have to travel to Montreal for tertiary care. In her role as Program Head she has played a leading role in formulating new ententes with both the Inuit and Cree health boards and filling new regional PEMs meant to improve targeted local pediatric care. She has also been busy conceptualizing and implementing a unique social pediatric model to be based in the North.

For her innovative work Johanne recently received from the Canadian Pediatric Society Social Pediatrics Interest Group the Janusz Korczak Association of Canada Award for Advancing Richer Interprofessional and Intersectorial Partnerships.

Please join me in congratulating Johanne on her recent award and in acknowledging her enormous and steadfast and meaningful contribution to caring for a group of children that unfortunately have been too often left behind in our Canadian matrix.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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