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Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Lorraine Bell** on the occasion of her receiving the Canadian Society of Transplantation 2018 Clinician Recognition Award. It was Lorraine's Division Director Beth Foster who made sure that I was aware of Lorraine's Award.

A pediatric nephrologist, Lorraine established our hospital's End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Program bringing together a committed inter-disciplinary team that offered both ongoing dialysis and transplantation to children of all ages afflicted by this chronic disorder. As part of her clinical efforts Lorraine was among the first members of our Department to offer regular provincial outreach clinics (Chicoutimi) that brought the clinician to the family.

Quite notably Lorraine took an early awareness of the challenges in transitioning patients from pediatric to adult milieus of care. She has led the hospital's efforts in facilitating and improving transition and indeed is the Lead of the MUHC Tri-Department Task Force on Transition, whose report is pending. Her experience and innovation in transition has led her to be a national and international leader in the field with multiple societal and conference leadership positions focusing on this topic.

A devoted clinician, not surprisingly she has also been a sought out educator at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Please join me in congratulating Lorraine on her Award and thanking her for her multiple valued contributions to our clinical and educational efforts.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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