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Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to our hospital's **Department of Nutrition** and was suggested by Indra Gupta. It was prompted by the nutritionists' response to a nation-wide Health Canada recall due to bacterial contamination of specialized formula.

Before reproducing what Indra sent me, I would like to take the occasion to say and highlight yet again that child health is a team sport and that as physicians we can only do what we do through the engagement of a myriad of health professionals from other disciplines who bring their own expertise, knowledge base and experience to the clinical context. They are owed our acknowledgement and gratitude each and every single work day.

Here is what Indra wrote:

*The Department of Nutrition needs to be acknowledged for their LIGHTNING fast work to serve some of the most vulnerable patients served by our hospital-children who are formula dependent and have complex mineral requirements because of renal failure and feeding intolerance. Lynn McCauley has been the renal nutritionist for many years and rapidly rose to the challenge with help from her nutrition colleagues. They looked at other products, screened the nutritional contents, and rapidly came up with new replacements. They found ways for the formulas to be delivered to the families and they dealt with getting rapid RAMQ approval to cover the replacement formulas- all done in a time span of 48 hours!!!!!!!!!!!!!! In total, 125 children were affected and rapidly served.*

Thanks to the nutritionists for being there for our patients.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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