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Hi Everyone.

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement was suggested by Jenn Turnbull and goes to **Jessica Stewart**.

Jessica is a member of our Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) and can take responsibility for the formulation and implementation of our Procedural Sedation Service, which is the prompt for Jenn's DA suggestion.

Staffed by PEM members, the Procedural Sedation Service is a brilliant innovation at a time of relative scarcity of anaesthesia coverage that has impacted on imaging and OR wait lists. By providing sedation where needed outside the ER that obviates the need for GA, the service has dramatically shortened MR waiting times and improved access to the OR where GA is needed. It also provides sedation for interventions requiring this outside the ER such as LPs.



Jessica's efforts is yet another example of Departmental members undertaking clinical innovation that have an impact on health service delivery. Clinical innovation is an important and vital part of our academic mission that is expressed in our core Departmental values and vision.

Please join me in thanking Jessica for taking the lead on this.

Have a great long weekend everyone! Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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