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Hi Everyone!

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to Anne-Marie Gosselin. It is given specifically in recognition of her major contribution in representing the Department and the MCH at the provincial table that will finally lead to the establishment of a province-wide pediatric transport system for seriously ill children. I was all set to write the DA when Laurie Plotnick and Saleem Razack, Division Directors of Emergency Medicine & Critical Care, provided the following. I am delighted to reproduce it in its entirety.



"We have known Anne-Marie since our time spent together in pediatric residency over 20 years ago. Over the years Anne-Marie has transitioned from a person with whom we trained to a valued colleague and friend who always puts the patients' best interests first and will bend over backwards to support a colleague without asking for anything in return. Anne-Marie has been the Pediatric Emergency Medicine rotation coordinator for over eight years and has demonstrated steadfast commitment, expertise and professionalism to ensure a safe learning environment and much-valued learning experience.

This, in and of itself is deserving of a Departmental Acknowledgement, but over the last year, and especially last few months, Anne-Marie has expertly led our Departmental and institutional efforts to successfully advocate, with the three other Quebec pediatric centres, for a ministerially funded dedicated pediatric transport system in the province. It would be fair to say that the question about dedicated pediatric transport has been raised for at least thirty years. Anne-Marie has shown formidable political, collaborative, and leadership skills throughout this process and, with team members from the other pediatric centres, has successfully obtained commitment from the Ministry of Health and Social Services for a pilot project.

Laurie Plotnick and Saleem Razack"

Please join me in thanking Anne-Marie for her efforts on behalf of the children of Quebec and our hospital.

Have a great weekend!

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