

“It cannot be too often or too forcibly brought home to us that the hope of the profession is with the men who do its daily work in general practice.”

Sir William Osler

Note to reader: If Osler was alive now I hope he would amend his quote to "....with the men and women....."

Hi Everyone

This week's individual Departmental Acknowledgement was suggested by Kent Saylor. Not only does it allow us to reflect on the extra-ordinary and steadfast clinical work of one of our members, it also enables me to highlight a longstanding unique Departmental and hospital program.

You don't have to spend much time on our wards, in our OPD or in our ER to realize the large number of First Nations (e.g. Cree and Inuit) children and their families that we directly care for. This observation leads to two conclusions; 1. That these children and their families incur a disproportionate burden of health issues in our population reflecting the incredible influence of social determinants on child health and well-being

"The Northern and Native Child Health Program of MCH/McGill has existed with a variety of names and administrative arrangements for over forty years. Over the years, it has been guided by the likes of the late Jack Charters, Mike Moffatt, Alan Coates and Nick Steinmetz. It started with contracts with the federal gov't, the provincial gov't and was the first University based program to engage directly in agreements with First Nations and Inuit autonomous Health Authorities. We are their partners.