

David L. Storey Excellence in Teaching Award

Celebrating a Legacy of Dedication and Mentorship in Medicine

Introduction

In the vibrant and evolving medical community of the Yukon, we are privileged to have outstanding pillars who support and strengthen us. This year, as we approach the retirement of one such pillar, Dr. David Storey, we find a perfect opportunity to honor his remarkable career and commitment to medical education.

A Distinguished Career

Dr. David Storey has dedicated nearly half a century to providing life-saving medical services in the Yukon. After graduating with the first medical class of McMaster University in 1972, Dr. Storey began his career as an Emergency Room physician in Kelowna. His journey brought him to the Yukon, where he became a GP and completed GP-anesthesia training in New Zealand. After finishing his surgical residency in Calgary, he has since served as one of the territory's few surgeons since 1986.

Dr. Storey's contributions to our community go beyond his impressive surgical skills and extensive practice. His tireless commitment to being on call for his patients showcases a profound dedication to the well-being of Yukoners.

A Legacy of Teaching

Dr. Storey embodies the essence of mentorship in medicine. His approach to teaching is dynamic, memorable, and deeply impactful. While he may not lead journal clubs or fill out evaluations, his wisdom is imparted through casual moments—often accompanied by stirring his coffee with the arm of his glasses. His experience, shared through engaging storytelling, offers invaluable lessons that transcend textbook knowledge.

Countless medical students, residents, and locums who have had the privilege to learn from Dr. Storey have left Whitehorse enriched, often recounting his stories and passing along his lessons to others. His ability to connect with students and colleagues alike has shaped many careers and left a lasting impression on all who have worked alongside him.

Embracing Community

Dr. Storey has always emphasized the importance of community in medicine. He reminds us that our patients are not just cases; they are our friends, neighbors, and fellow community members. This perspective fosters a unique bond among healthcare providers

in the Yukon, reinforcing the notion that we are a family, navigating the complexities of life together.

Proposal for the Award

As Dr. Storey prepares to embark on a new chapter of his life, YMA created the establishment of the ****David L. Storey Excellence in Teaching Award****. This award will honor his profound impact on medical education in the Yukon, recognizing those who exemplify his commitment to teaching, mentorship, and community care.

How to Nominate

To nominate a physician for the David L. Storey Excellence in Teaching Award, please send an email to office@yukondoctors.ca. In your nomination, outline the individual's demonstrated career commitment to teaching and how they have excelled in the roles of educator and mentor for medical students, residents, and colleagues.

Conclusion

Dr. David Storey's legacy is one of dedication, compassion, and extraordinary teaching. Through the establishment of this award, we will celebrate his contributions while inspiring future generations of healthcare professionals to follow in his footsteps. Join us in honoring Dr. Storey's remarkable career and the enduring influence he has had on us all.