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Pharmacare Clinical Pharmacist Team recognized for excellence

Edmonton, AB – The Pharmacare healthcare team based in Edmonton was awarded W.L. Boddy Pharmacy Team Award by the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP) and the Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA) at an awards celebration held April 21, 2015 in Edmonton.

This award is presented to a healthcare team (pharmacy staff team or multidisciplinary team that includes one or more pharmacists) in Alberta who, by virtue of their collaboration skills and use of the pharmacist's full scope of practice, positively impact the health of individuals in their community.

In selecting this year's recipients, the Awards Committee considered how the team incorporated the pharmacists' full scope of practice; and examined additional factors including staffing, workflow, staff training and development, policies and procedures, technology and innovative programs resulting in excellent patient care.

Profile: Ryan Stempfle, VP Clinical and Pharmacy Strategy, Pharmacare Clinical Pharmacist Team

Autonomy, access to cutting edge technology, professional development, and having influence in making decisions is what Ryan Stempfle, Pharmacare's Vice President of Clinical and Pharmacy Strategy, feels makes a great team and great work environment.

Ryan leads the Pharmacare team – a dynamic and high performing group of professionals who place an emphasis on working to their full scope of practice. In fact, pursuing additional prescribing authorization has become the team's top strategic initiative, along with acquiring training in disease state management, and developing capacity to precept pharmacy students.

"Ultimately our team brings access to care into the community, bringing a full scope of practice to offer timely assessment, intervention, and follow up to improve health outcomes, reduce risks of hospitalization, and enhance quality of life for our patients," explains Ryan.

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Working in the full scope of practice and becoming educated in specific disease states, collectively the team has an expansive knowledge base benefiting their patients.

All treatment decisions are aligned to the goals of patient care and clinical practice guidelines; and outcomes are tracked to fully enhance the patient care experience.

Ryan believes in the massive power of team work. “Everyone’s input is valued and we are all part of the idea process. He adds, “Not only is it a privilege to be part of this team but also to serve our patients in the community and to provide them with positive health outcomes.”

There are 20 clinical pharmacists at Pharmacare and four clinical operations managers. Each clinical operations manager, collaborates with their clinical pharmacists to solve challenging drug-related problems, overcome barriers to providing clinical services by developing processes, and coaching to provide more services within challenging populations and environments.

About the APEX AWARDS

The APEX awards recognize excellence in pharmacy practice in Alberta. Initiated in August 2007, the awards are jointly funded, promoted, and presented by the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP) and the Alberta Pharmacists’ Association (RxA).

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