

**“Work is the open sesame of every portal, the great equalizer in the world, the true philosopher’s stone which transmutes all the base metal of humanity into gold.”**

**- Sir William Osler**

Hi Everyone

Last week I attended the bi-annual meeting of the Pediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC). Twice a year the Academic heads get together to share discussion about common challenges and opportunities. It is very much a community of peers and within this group I find a tremendous repository of wisdom, experience and practical knowledge to draw upon in my role here.

The PCC has established (2007) annual leadership awards in research, education and clinical practice for academic pediatricians. We nominate members of our respective Departments with the Awardee selected by an independent review panel made up of former Chairs. This year I am delighted to say that our very own **Emmett Francoeur** received the award for clinical practice.

I thought for this week's acknowledgement I would reprint what I wrote on Emmett's behalf.

*Pediatric Chairs of Canada Clinician Practitioner Leadership Award.*

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Emmett joins previous PCC Departmental Awardees in research (**Charles Scriver, Michael Kramer**) and education (**Wendy MacDonald**).

Please join me in congratulating Emmett on this terrific recognition of a career path well done.

Have a great weekend everyone

Michael