Preceptor of the Year Awards 2016

Community Preceptor of the Year – Roger Tam (Wal-Mart Pharmacy Empress & Our Own Health Center)

Roger graduated from UofM Faculty of Pharmacy in 1999 and has worked for Wal-Mart since then. He has furthered his education by obtaining his CDE and is QUIT certified. He is currently working on his CTE (Certified Tobacco Educator) and CRE (Certified Respiratory Educator). While working at Wal-Mart Roger also provided patient care at Nine Circles working with patients with HIV and STIs. He has also been practicing at Our Own Health Center (a primary care clinic). In addition Roger recently joined the board of the Canadian Treatment Action Council (an organization strengthening treatment, care and support for people living with HIV and HIV/hepatitis C co-infection in Canada).

Hospital Preceptor of the Year – Lisa Degroot (Brandon Regional Health Center)

Lisa graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy in 1999 and began her career in Brandon working for Safeway Pharmacy. She has been at the hospital in Brandon for the last 10 years and currently works on the medicine ward. She really enjoys taking students and finds it helps her keep up to date. Her tips for other preceptors include – “Ask your students lots of questions but don’t be quick to give them the answers – let them flounder (in a safe way).” She tells her students not to worry about answering questions incorrectly – this is a safe place to do this and to learn. She always asks her students on the first day how they like to learn – by reading or telling or by doing and she then adjusts her teaching to that way.

Pharmacy Team of the Year – Health Sciences Center Pediatric Pharmacists (Chris Dupont, Mike Armas, Chad Leachman, Derek McCreat, Ishwar Master, Julie Mark, Lilanie Cruz, Ryan Yanke, Paul Medeiros, Tracy Furst)

Led by Chris Dupont who was the primary preceptor of a pair of 4th year students, the team of pediatric pharmacists at Health Sciences Center worked together to provide both students with a busy, informative rotation in this highly specialized area. The students who nominated them said they were all very friendly, were open to lots of questions but also gave them opportunities to work independently.