CACN Henry Dunn – Lifetime Achievement Award

2020 Recipient - Dr Robert Haslam



Dr Haslam was very pleased to learn that he had been chosen to receive the 2020 CACN Henry Dunn Award, unfortunately, he passed away on March 30th. This award was presented to his family in absentia with our deepest condolences.

Dr. Haslam was truly a giant in the fields of pediatrics and child neurology in all the ways that matter most. His contributions as a clinician, teacher, academic, and leader at the highest levels are legendary, impacting the care of children with neurological disorders across Canada and the world. He literally built the field of child neurology in southern Alberta while leading the growth of the entire Department of Pediatrics in Calgary where he served as Chairman for many years. His influence expanded to other internationally recognized institutions, most notably serving as Chairman and Pediatrician-in-Chief at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto for 10 years. Formal recognitions of Dr. Haslam's contributions are

too many to count but are collectively exemplified on the national level by his induction to the Order of Canada and being awarded the 2020 Henry Dunn Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Child Neurology.

Above and beyond these remarkable accomplishments, it was Dr. Haslam's skill as a clinician and teacher, as well as his remarkable humanity, which may have been most impactful. His ability to acquire the essential history and combine it with a careful, targeted examination to understand a child's neurological problem was truly masterful. Dr. Haslam's ability to connect with a child and communicate with parents was unmatched. To then be able to teach and instill these most essential skills in the hundreds of trainees he touched has carried immeasurable impact. This primary dedication to the "art of medicine" and the care of patients and families, is evident on his CV where all of his many prestigious leadership appointments and awards are only listed after his primary profession: child neurologist.

We thank Dr. Haslam for setting the highest of examples that we will strive to emulate.

Calgary Herald obituary:

https://calgaryherald.remembering.ca/obituary/robert-bob-haslam-1078953694 **Globe and Mail obituary:**

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