

CACN Henry Dunn – Lifetime Achievement Award

2023 Recipient – Dr Daune L. MacGregor



Dr. Daune L. MacGregor is a Paediatric Neurologist at the Hospital for Sick Children. Her current position is as a staff neurologist and Director of the Headache Program. She has a cross appointment at the Centre for Headache, Women's College Hospital. She recently completed two terms as Associate Pediatrician-in-Chief, and Associate Chair, Clinical Services, in the Department of Pediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto. She has been the Associate Medical Director, SickKids International.

Dr. MacGregor completed her medical training at the University of Saskatchewan graduating cum laude in 1971. She then trained in Paediatrics and Neurology in Toronto at the Hospital for Sick Children and did postgraduate studies in Developmental Neurology at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, England and the Children's Hospital Medical Center at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. She was appointed a Full Professor of Paediatrics and Neurology at the University of Toronto in 1995. Her research interests are in the study of cerebral vascular disorders including stroke and headache, and neurodevelopmental disorders including acquired brain injury in children. Dr. MacGregor is a Past President of the Canadian Association of Child Neurology (CACN). She has completed MBA studies at Athabasca University, Edmonton, Alberta completing a thesis in project management.

Dr. MacGregor is the owner of MacGregor Equestrian Farms, a Hunter Jumper facility in Chatsworth, Ontario. She is involved in the breeding of warmblood horses and has been recognized by awards at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. A recent expansion of the farming property has resulted in the planning for an orchard and cidery on site. Dr. MacGregor completed certification in Cider and Perry production at Brock University at the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute in April, 2018.

Apart from her professional degrees and appointments, the residents that nominated Dr MacGregor expressed their belief that possibly her most important contribution to the field of Pediatric Neurology has been through her lifetime of dedication, mentorship, teaching and training of future Pediatric Neurologists. They wish to acknowledge the incredible impact she has made on their careers and their lives.

In addition to formal teaching, Dr. MacGregor has taught these residents about compassion, empathy, collegiality, and professionalism through leading by example. She treats her team with respect, gratitude and imparts wisdom at every encounter. She has a great sense of humor, and a particular poise in being able to see the bigger picture. She gracefully retains the traditional practice of pediatric neurology and teaches the very same to those around her. She genuinely cares about the trainees and ensures they are progressing well in their knowledge acquisition. She provides constructive feedback to help them build their expertise and become better physicians. She takes pride in resident accomplishments, whether it be a positive patient encounter, a well written clinic note, or a successful Royal College Exam. Dr. MacGregor is kind, approachable and creates a positive learning environment for trainees.

They also note that the children Dr MacGregor has treated over the years have received only the highest quality of care, and as residents and fellows, they strive to be able to follow in her footsteps.

Thank you and Congratulations Dr MacGregor!

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