

News release

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Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario Honours West Park Healthcare Centre Nurse

Toronto- In time for National Nursing Week, the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario presented its prestigious President's Award for Leadership in Clinical Nursing Practice to a West Park Healthcare Centre Advanced Practice Nurse. Registered Nurse Fran MacLeod received her award on April 28th at the RNAO annual general meeting dinner.

The award is made to the registered nurse who consistently demonstrates expertise and evidence-based practice in one or more areas of clinical practice in a staff nurse position. The recipient is chosen for enhancing the image of nursing by demonstrating nursing leadership in his/her workplace and influencing change for the betterment of patients, families and/or communities.

"West Park is very proud to have Fran MacLeod as a member of the staff and to have her expertise shared with her nursing colleagues for the benefit of our patients," says Anne-Marie Malek, President & CEO. "We are pleased to recognize her outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing and that she was chosen from among 140,000 nurses in the province for this award. Fran has been a role model to her colleagues and is an excellent ambassador for nursing at West Park Healthcare Centre."

Fran was nominated by her colleagues in the Professional Practice portfolio for her contributions over her 23 year career as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Advanced Practice Nurse with a specialty in Gerontology. During that career, Fran has been active within the RNAO and other nursing associations and played a lead role in the development of best practice guidelines for the treatment of pressure ulcers.

She consistently implements the core concepts of group development within her own practice and is creative in finding ways to improve team performance, communicating well and sharing her expertise in client/family assessment and care planning, skin and wound care and program design and implementation. She has presented 27 papers, has 10 publications and eight poster presentations to her credit.



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The recipient of the award receives a \$2,000 scholarship or equivalent amount toward the next Canadian Nurses Association or International Council of Nurses conference. Funding for the award is generously provided by HUB International Ontario Limited, RNAO's group home and auto insurance provider.

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