

FMC MSA Service Recognition Awards 2017

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1. What is your fondest memory of your time at Foothills?

I enjoyed being a member of a very high functioning multidisciplinary team. Despite the relatively small capacity of 39 beds, the Foothills NICU consistently has the highest number of admissions when compared to all other NICUs in Canada. In addition, we have some of the best neonatal outcomes in the Canadian Neonatal Network (CNN). Both the bedside teams and the management team achieve this through their diligence and dedication to the patients.

2. Of all your contributions at Foothills, what are you proudest of?

I was instrumental in developing the “No refusal policy”. This process “de-links” the acceptance of high risk antenatal patients from the NICU capacity challenges. In this way we ensure that all high risk antenatal patients from our catchment area are accepted by the Obstetric team, no matter what the bed capacity situation is in the Foothills NICU. Neurodevelopmental outcomes are much improved when extremely preterm babies are born in Level III centres such as the Foothill NICU.

3. What advice would the “you of today “give the younger version of yourself at the start of your practicing career?

Keep the patient at the centre of all your endeavors
Be diligent and persistent for what you believe is best for patient care
Be prepared to be wrong