

FMC MSA Service Recognition Awards 2017

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26.5 Years

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

Being part of a group of dedicated and committed professionals who convinced the University and the Calgary Health Region to create the first Academic Department of Critical Care Medicine in Canada.

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

Membership in a Team that developed the functional programming and subsequent architectural design for the current Multi-System ICU in the McGaig Tower of the FMC. This ICU received an Award from the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), and the American Institute of Architects Academy on Architecture for Health in recognition of its design which demonstrates the highest attention to both functional and humanitarian issues for the care of the critically ill.

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

Savor every moment of the privilege you have been given to care for your fellow human being and remember that this privilege calls on you to be at your best when your patient is often feeling at their worst. Small details of these interactions will have a long lasting effect not only on the patients you care for but their families as well. The practice of medicine is indeed a journey and it is the friendships you make along the way that will sustain you for a long and productive career.