



Resident Physician of the Month December 2016

Dr. Daniel Sawler
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I grew up just outside Halifax, Nova Scotia and completed both my undergraduate degree in Microbiology & Biochemistry and medical school at Dalhousie University. My wife and I then decided to pursue our residencies at the University of Alberta. I am currently in my third year of internal medicine and am a chief resident in the core internal medicine program. My clinical interests are in benign and malignant hematology, particularly multiple myeloma and other plasma cell dyscrasias. I am fortunate to continue my training at the University of Alberta in Hematology in the upcoming years after a recent successful CaRMS match!

Outside of medicine, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, travelling, playing golf, softball, and ultimate Frisbee (poorly), going to heavy metal concerts, and amassing an expanding collection of modern board games.

A colleague had this to say about Dr. Sawler:

"Daniel Sawler is an exemplary physician who has quickly become one of my role models. Dan's patient-centred care is unparalleled. I've begun telling people about the "Sawler method" after I had the pleasure of learning from him for a month. He does little things that enhance patient-centred care: ditching the white coat to prevent intimidation, sitting next to the patient to reinforce the notion of joint decision-making, and exuding humility to put patients at ease. Dan will take the time to explain complex medical issues to patients and ensure that they have a complete understanding of their disease. If I ever needed to be given a life-altering diagnosis, I would hope that it would come from someone with Sawleresque demeanor and poise.

Dan's commitment to medical education is laudable. As PGY-1s on a difficult first rotation, Dan was pivotal in smoothing out our transition to residency. He gave us teaching every single day and was always available to answer our often embarrassing questions.

Additionally, Dan is a very well-rounded person with an infectious personality. Unsurprisingly, all of the physicians and allied health staff on the team loved having him around. I am certain he will make a brilliant hematologist."

Congratulations Dr. Sawler!