



Resident Physician of the Month February 2017

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I was born in Toronto, Ontario, where I spent most of my early life. After high school, I wanted to venture out on my own so I decided to go west for University. Both my father and brother, who were healthcare professionals themselves, encouraged me to pursue medicine as a rewarding career. I graduated from the University of Lethbridge, majoring in Biochemistry, and then was fortunate enough to complete medical school at University of Alberta. From my interests in medical school, I was able to continue my passion for Dermatology at the University of Alberta, with particular interests in skin cancer prevention and education.

Outside of medicine, I've always taken an interest in playing and watching all sports, but in particular, basketball and hockey. During my spare time, I enjoy cooking and dining at various restaurants. I took these passions to the web and started my own food blog, which has in turn given me invitations to restaurant openings and product launches across Canada.

A colleague had this to say about Dr. Wong:

"Dr. Wong has exemplified on multiple occasions the type of resident physician we all aspire to be. He is always ready to provide a helping hand to his colleagues –whether it be the junior or senior resident physicians. When I had a family emergency, without hesitation I knew I could rely on Dr. Wong. He immediately accepted to provide call coverage so I could be with family.

He has demonstrated the role of being an active team player, most recently driving many resident physicians to our dermatology retreat and then being our guide for group activities. Dr. Wong on a daily basis interacts collegially with rotators in our program, the allied health care staff, and is a favourite of many patients. We are fortunate to have a resident physician that puts others first and always cares for their well-being. Academically Dr. Wong has taken on challenging research projects –including a continuing medical education article and has most recently presented some of his research at the American Academy of Dermatology Meeting. His hard work, team spirit, sense of humor, and humbling personality makes him an ideal candidate for the PARA resident of the month."

Congratulations Dr. Wong!