



Resident Physician of the Month: June 2019

Dr. Danika Leung
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First, I feel truly honoured for the nomination and selection - what a surprise and an encouragement!

Currently, I am a PGY2 finishing my final month of Family Medicine residency at the University of Alberta!

I was born in Hong Kong, but since moving here at the age of one, Edmonton has been my beloved home and community. I completed all my schooling in Edmonton before going on to pursue medical school at the University of Alberta.

During medical school and residency, I developed a strong passion for patients at the end of life. I find deep satisfaction in helping patients and families navigate the last chapter of their life journey, transforming it from a time of fear to one of security and meaning. In July 2019, I am incredibly excited to be continuing at the University of Alberta as a resident physician in the Palliative Care Enhanced Skills program. Eventually, I hope to combine my passion for palliative care and global health, by finding creative ways to deliver palliative care to marginalized populations, both domestically and internationally.

In my free time I enjoy reading, board games, mentoring young people and volunteering overseas. The 10 months I spent in Edson in medical school stimulated my appetite for the outdoors – and I continue to enjoy running, biking and cross-country skiing. I am actively involved in my church community and the CMDS (Christian Medical and Dental Society) resident chapter, who collectively have been essential in supporting my personal wellness during residency.

Again, thank you for the nomination. Shout-out to my fellow family medicine resident physicians who will be graduating this month – congratulations, we made it, team!

Colleagues had this to say about Dr. Danika Leung:

“Danika is passionate about providing palliative care to patients with terminal illnesses. Danika took the initiative to organize a Pallium Canada LEAP Course in Edmonton so that fellow resident physicians could have the opportunity to learn more about palliative care. The course brought together resident physicians with inter-professional team members, including family physicians, nurses and pharmacists. While Danika contributes to our residency program through academic activities like the LEAP course, she is also a kind person who invests in friendships with her co-resident physicians.”

Congratulations Dr. Danika Leung!