

# News Release

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## Bluewater Health Recognizes Outstanding Physicians

**SARNIA & PETROLIA – October 1, 2018** – On Thursday, September 27, Bluewater Health and Bluewater Health Foundation hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Physician Appreciation Day to honour physicians who contribute to the Sarnia-Lambton community.

“I am very pleased to honour and recognize our talented physicians who contribute so much to our patients and the care we provide at Bluewater Health,” said Dr. Mike Haddad, Chief of Professional Staff.

This year’s recipient of the Outstanding Physician of the Year Award is Dr. Paul Martin, a urologist. Dr. Martin is recognized for his high standards, sound clinical judgment, and excellent communication skills with his patients, family, and other healthcare professionals. He is involved in teaching medical students and residents, and participates in challenging case rounds at Western University’s oncology meetings. He is also a strong advocate for health prevention. Dr. Martin is always exploring new ideas and better ways to improve efficiency. He is considered without question a man of integrity.

The Outstanding Contribution to the Hospital Award was awarded to Dr. Angela Wang. She was recognized as a physician who has made a tremendous difference in the lives of her colleagues, patients and community. Dr. Wang has served as the Medical Director for Rural Health and also is a core physician involved in training and teaching medical learners from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western University. Dr. Wang is also recognized for focusing on women and younger females.

The Peer Recognition Award was presented to Dr. Haydar Al-Sadkhan. His colleagues recognized him as someone who is very competent, always available, and helpful. His colleagues also commented that Dr. Al-Sadkhan has a very human approach to all of his patients, and treats them with the utmost respect at all times.

This year’s recipient of the annual Culture of Philanthropy award is Dr. David Pressey, an obstetrician/gynaecologist. This award recognizes a physician whose personal generosity, time commitment and community leadership has inspired others to become involved in supporting Bluewater Health. “Dr. Pressey has been a long-time and generous supporter of the Foundation through donations and attendance at special events and donor education series,” said Kathy Alexander, Executive Director, Bluewater Health Foundation. “It is our pleasure to celebrate his contributions to the work of the Foundation.”

Bluewater Health, with locations in Sarnia and Petrolia, cares for the residents of Sarnia-Lambton. With close to 2,500 staff, Professional Staff and volunteers, Bluewater Health provides an array of specialized acute, complex continuing care, allied health and ambulatory care services. Bluewater Health’s Mission is: *We create exemplary healthcare experiences with patients and families every time.* For more information about Bluewater Health, visit [www.bluewaterhealth.ca](http://www.bluewaterhealth.ca) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

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### Backgrounder

*Outstanding Physician of the Year Award*

This award recognizes a physician who demonstrates outstanding service to patients, the organization and fellow staff members, as well as excellence in leadership and citizenship. Based on the College of Physicians and Surgeons' award, it reflects the eight roles of the 'ideal' physician that reflect the many needs and expectations of society:

- Medical Expert/Clinical Decision Maker
- Communicator
- Collaborator
- Gatekeeper/Resource Manager
- Health Advocate
- Learner
- Scientist/Scholar
- Personal & Professional

*Outstanding Contribution to the Hospital Award*

This award recognizes a physician who demonstrates qualities of leadership and provides outstanding contributions to the success of initiatives aligning with the strategic directions of Bluewater Health. Areas include: leadership, team work, patient service, and alignment with Bluewater Health's strategic directions.

*Peer Recognition Award*

This award recognizes physicians who are considered outstanding, as nominated by their peers.

*Culture of Philanthropy Award*

This award recognizes a physician whose generosity and commitment further the mission of Bluewater Health Foundation.

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