

2013 Bright Light Board Awards given in recognition of:

Significant Contribution to the Development and Growth of Family Health Teams

This year, the AFHTO Board has created a new award category to recognize an individuals or groups who are not directly affiliated with an AFHTO member but has significantly contributed to the development and growth of the Family Health Teams within their local community or at the provincial level.

The 2013 Bright Light Board Awards were awarded to:



Durhane Wong-Rieger

Durhane worked tirelessly as a foundational AFHTO board member to support, advise, encourage and help us form the organization we see today. It was so important to have a patient perspective at the very beginning, never to be forgotten. Her expertise with government and advocacy gave needed weight to the organization. Her expertise and passion associated with patient enablement is a cornerstone for the work we do, the circle of care within which we practice and is a standard of practice within Family Health Teams.



Paula Brauer

Paula Brauer has been a leader in the dietetic profession regarding advocating for the role of dietitians in interdisciplinary Primary Health Care teams. She has served as Chair of the Primary Health Care Action Group, and has been a key spokesperson for the implementation of nutrition services in primary health care. She has contributed significantly to the development of the Family Health Team Registered Dietitian Network as a mentor and advisor. No question is too small or silly for her. She is unstinting in her generosity of time, energy and wisdom.



Tom Smiley

Tom Smiley was a key participant in the formation of team based care in Ontario and a strong advocate for collaboration of pharmacists and other team members into Primary Care Practice settings and specifically into Family Health Teams. He worked as a foundational member of AFHTO and gave tirelessly of his time and expertise to an array of Family Health Teams to implement pharmacists into the Family Health Team service delivery model. He continues to provide education and expertise in the field of pharmacists, teams and primary care.

