

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

Nomination: Sustainable solutions to primary care problems

St Joseph's Family Medicine/ Urban FHT - Nursing and NP Team

Nursing and Family Medicine Resident Led Initiatives to Improve Cancer Screening in the Wake of the Pandemic



When they noted that our rates of cancer screening had plummeted since the start of the pandemic, our nursing team and family medicine residents stepped up to help with the recovery. The nurses launched a QI project that included reaching out by telephone to patients overdue for colon cancer screening to provide counselling and to facilitate FIT test referral. They contacted many patients who may not have thought to seek care. In addition, to meet the need for pap tests, the family medicine residents collaborated with the nursing team to increase the number of available pap clinics and reached out directly to all patients who were more than 4 years since their last Pap.