

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

Nomination: Mental health and addictions

Julie Hunter, NP at the Wawa Family Health Team RAAM – A Seamless Approach in Primary Care



Since 2017 Julie Hunter, Nurse Practitioner has advocated for access to addiction medicine for patients. With support from hospital leadership and in-kind support from the Wawa Family Health Team, the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine clinic was initiated in 2019. Since access to primary care is limited for all patients, using a holistic approach with every patient encounter, Julie seamlessly provides primary care with addiction medicine. This may include MH, diabetes, hypertension, dermatology, pre/postnatal care, transgender and women's health including medical abortions. Based on a patient's need, follow-up takes place providing continuity of care for all.