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**Canadian Medical Association Honorary Membership Awards for Ontario Members**

CMA Honorary Membership is awarded to those members who have made outstanding contributions to the CMA on its Board of Directors, Committees, General Council or to Canadian medicine. CMA Honorary members from Ontario are nominated by the Board of Directors of the OMA, and elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the CMA. Members will have reached the age of 65 and have been active members of the CMA for the preceding 10 years.

**2017 Recipients:**

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Ontario Medical Association Life Membership Awards

OMA Life Membership is awarded to those members who have made an outstanding contribution to the works of the Association, the medical profession and medical science, or common good at the provincial level, and have reached the age of 65 as of December 31 in the year preceding the OMA Annual Meeting that the awards are to be presented. Under exceptional circumstances, candidates under 65 years of age may be considered.

2017 Recipients:

- Dr. Tatyana Barankin, Toronto, ON
- Dr. Crystal Cannon, Portland, ON
- Dr. Patrick Ceresia, Ottawa, ON
- Dr. Paul Coolican, Morrisburg, ON
- Dr. Raymond Dawes, Barry’s Bay, ON
- Dr. Peter Deimling, Severn, ON
- Dr. Peter Sebastian Englert, Hensall, ON
- Dr. Sheldon Fine, Toronto, ON
- Dr. Garry Ford Fisher, Simcoe, ON
- Dr. Fred Freedman, Toronto, ON
- Dr. William Hughes, Peterborough, ON
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Dr. Kevin Smith, Niagara Falls, ON
Dr. Susan Swiggum, Manotick, ON
Dr. Brian Taylor, London, ON
Dr. Steven Traplin, Guelph, ON
Dr. David Williams, Stouffville, ON
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Dr. William Wong-Pack, Burlington, ON
Dr. Philip R. Wyatt, Richmond Hill, ON
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Dr. Crystal Cannon graduated from the University of Toronto in 1976, and completed a rotating internship and further training in family medicine in Toronto and New Zealand. She practised family medicine in Thunder Bay for many years, including obstetrical care and delivery. While in Thunder Bay, Dr. Cannon was active in many areas of medical staff leadership, an initial member of both the planning and faculty at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and a preceptor for family medicine residents. She obtained her CCFP via the Alternative Route to Certification from the CFPC in 2009, and is currently a tutor in this program.

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Dr. Tatyana Barankin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and an Academic Educator for the Centre for Faculty Development (CFD). From 2000 to 2010, she was Head of Continuing Medical Education, Child and Adolescent Division, and Physician Co-ordinator for the OMA Physician Health Program (PHP).

Dr. Barankin graduated from medical school in Leningrad, the former USSR, specializing in pediatrics. She completed her training in psychiatry at the University of Toronto with a focus in child psychiatry. Her areas of work include mood and anxiety disorders across the life spectrum, ADHD, gender and cultural aspects of mental illness, resilience and stress management in physicians and other medical professionals, and medico-legal work. She has been a lead in consultations addressing the impact of military deployment on families and children, including telepsychiatry consultations to underserved areas, and has been instrumental in the development of CME programs for primary care physicians, specialists, and allied health professionals.

Dr. Barankin has been very involved in an OMA PHP project on physicians’ wellness, recruiting and training physicians to help their colleagues. She also served as a delegate, then Vice President of the North York Branson Medical Society.

Dr. Barankin is a recipient of several continuing medical education awards, including the Canadian Psychiatric Association Award, and the Faculty of Medicine University of Toronto Colin Woolf Award.

Dr. Barankin is the author of Growing up Resilient, which has received the Seal of Quality from CSC and is acknowledged by the Department of Psychiatry. Her work with Brazilian pediatricians was published in the Brazilian Adolescent Health Journal in 2013.
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Dr. Coolican has been an active member of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital and has served on the Hospital Board and as President of the Medical Staff. His practice has included obstetrics, acute and chronic hospital care, and long-term care, as well as maintaining a busy family practice. He was the Medical Director for Woodland Villa Nursing Home and served for 15 years on the Board of the Ontario Long-Term Care Physicians.

Dr. Coolican is a Past President of the Winchester-Kemptville Medical Society. He has served on numerous OMA Committees, including the Bilateral Primary Care Committee, the Physicians Services Committee, and the Negotiations Committee in 2012 and 2014. Most recently he has been involved in the Appropriate Prescribing Working Group, evaluating both personal practice reports and academic detailing as tools to assist physicians in improving their personal clinical practice.

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Dr. Patrick Ceresia

Dr. Patrick Ceresia, originally of North Bay, graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1975. He is a general practitioner with significant experience in aviation and administrative medicine, and he enjoyed a successful career with the Canadian Forces. He served in several clinical and administrative positions throughout Canada, Europe, and the Middle East, and is a veteran of the first Gulf War. He retired from the military in 1998 as a Colonel and the Chief of Staff of the Canadian Forces Medical Group.

Dr. Ceresia moved on to the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA), where, building on previous system re-engineering experience, he led the CMPA through an enterprise-wide electronic information management implementation involving complex leading-edge supporting technology systems.

At the time of his retirement in 2016 from the CMPA as a Managing Director and Chief Privacy Officer, Dr. Ceresia had established himself as a respected advisor and educational resource on eHealth and privacy matters. His knowledge and advice have been influential to the physician community, health care organizations, and governments across the country, including Ontario and the OMA.
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Dr. Raymond Dawes

Dr. Raymond Dawes graduated from Queen’s University in 1976, and completed his family medicine residency, also at Queen’s, in 1978. He is now in his 40th year of practice as a rural family doctor, initially in Winchester, Ontario, and currently in Barry’s Bay. He is a full-service rural doctor, providing primary office care, hospital care (both in the emergency department and on the inpatient floor), nursing-home care, and house calls. He has delivered over 500 babies, ceasing only when his hospital stopped providing labour and delivery care. He has served as Chief of Staff of St. Francis Memorial Hospital, is currently Director of Emergency Services, and has served on many hospital committees. He is Lead Physician of the Madawaska Valley Family Health Organization.

Dr. Dawes became involved in the OMA in the 1980s as a Branch Society President and served as a member of Council for over 20 years. He was a member of the OMA Board for seven years and has served on numerous OMA committees. Dr. Dawes was Co-Chair of the joint OMA/MOHLTC Physician Human Resource Committee in the early 2000s, and he co-wrote several reports providing warnings about, and solutions to, the pending doctor shortage before the current crisis arose. He was a member of the 2004 OMA Negotiating Committee and served as Chair of the OMA Section on Rural Practice.

Dr. Dawes received the OMA Distinguished Service Award in 2008, and the Ontario College of Family Physicians of the Year Award for Region 6, in 2011. His passionate advocacy on behalf of rural doctors and those who live in rural areas continues stronger than ever.
Dr. Peter Deimling

Dr. Peter Deimling graduated from the University of Western Ontario Medical School in 1975, and followed that with a rotating internship at North York General Hospital. He obtained both CCFP and FCFP designation in 1984 and 1995, respectively. Following his graduation, Dr. Deimling began practice in Orillia, where full-spectrum family medicine was strongly encouraged. He maintained broad-spectrum care, including obstetrics, until his retirement in 2016. Dr. Deimling taught rural family medicine residents from both McMaster University and the University of Toronto, as well as cardiac rehabilitation classes to cardiac patients in Orillia.

Dr. Deimling joined the Board of the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) in 1987, and was associated with board or committee positions for 19 years, serving as President in 2003 and 2004. He was actively involved in primary care reform in Ontario, including OCFP, Ontario Family Health Network Agency Board, the E-physician Project Physician Advisory Committee, Family Health Team Action Committee, and Quality Improvement and Innovation Partnership (QIIP). He served as the founding Chair of the Board for the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO) and was a member of the Family Health Team Evaluation Advisory Committee.

In 2006, Dr. Deimling founded the Couchiching Family Health Team. He served as Physician Lead for seven years and was a member of the Orillia Health Links Steering Committee.
Dr. Peter Sebastian Englert

Dr. Peter Englert graduated from McMaster University in 1977. He completed family medicine residency and was certified in 1979, and then started a full-service rural practice in Grand Bend, including office, hospital, emergency, obstetrics, and nursing-home work. He received fellowships in the Canadian College of Family Physicians in 2001, and in the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada in 2009.

Dr. Englert became involved early on in OMA activity, becoming a delegate to Council by virtue of being elected President of the Huron County Medical Society, a position he held for many years, and he was a founding member and Past President of the OMA Section on Rural Practice. He has served as Chief of Emergency and Chief of Staff at South Huron Hospital. During the rural emergency room staffing crisis of the 1990s, Dr. Englert was involved with the development of the Scott Sessional Payment and ER alternate payment plans. He has been a Board Member and Chair of the Lambton District Health Council, and he served on the Board of the Ontario College of Family Physicians from 1998 to 2004.

Currently, Dr. Englert is a National Board Member of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, an Adjunct Professor of Family Medicine at Western University, and Medical Director of The Queensway Nursing Home. He still practises full-time rural family medicine in Grand Bend.
Dr. Sheldon Fine

Dr. Sheldon Fine has been with the Credit Valley Hospital/Trillium Health Partners as a medical oncologist since 1987, and Chief of Oncology from 2002 to 2012. He was the Regional Vice President of the Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre from its inception in 2003 to 2012. During this time, Dr. Fine spearheaded both the introduction of “lean” management into the operation of the cancer program and the incorporation of high-reliability systems to support the regional delivery of cancer services to the Peel/Halton Region. He initiated discussions of an organized colorectal cancer screening program that ultimately led to the formation of the Colon Cancer Check Program. He also initiated efforts to have a single Computerized Provider Order Entry system (CPOE) for cancer treatment in the region.

Dr. Fine has served on numerous external committees, including Colorectal Cancer Association, Consultant to ICD Revision for Heamtology/Oncology, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Advisory Committee, and multiple councils for Cancer Care Ontario. He was instrumental in spearheading the Colorectal & Breast Screening Programs for the province, as well as implementing the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Unit at Credit Valley Hospital in 2008. From 2011 to 2015, Dr. Fine served on the Board of the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division, and from 1988 to 2003, he was Chair of the OMA Section on Hematology/Oncology.

Dr. Fine has participated in numerous public speaking engagements, both to the general public as a specialist in cancer diagnosis and treatment, and to peers and medical professionals. He has written and co-written numerous publications, journals, and papers related to cancer. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto.
Dr. Garry Ford Fisher

Dr. Garry Fisher graduated from the University of Western Ontario Medical School in 1964. He was pursuing a graduate career in History when he was accepted with 59 others with varied backgrounds, into Meds. ’64. He attained a FRCS(C) in General Surgery in 1969, settled in Simcoe, Ontario, in 1970, and practised there and in a Hagersville clinic for over 40 years.

Dr. Fisher credits his career in surgery to St. Patrick, as it was on March 17, 1961, that he became enamoured of a classmate, Marg Westcott. The St. Patrick’s Day break from an anatomy lab led to a long-term romance, and they married in 1963. As a junior intern, Marg committed to anaesthesia, but Fisher had no plan. Dr. John Coles, a cardiovascular/thoracic surgeon, invited Dr. Fisher to be his resident. The next year was an incredible experience and an introduction to surgery.

Dr. Fisher was on rounds in the spring of 1966 with UWO Professor of Surgery Dr. Angus McLachlin, who said, “You’d better come with me next year,” as that was how the selection process worked then. Professor McLachlin (the Chief) trained one or two residents each year and was a wonderful legendary teacher — tough, but fatherly.

Dr. Fisher has been on numerous committees at Norfolk General Hospital and West Haldimand General Hospital. He has served on OMA and OAGS boards, consulted for the CPSO and the CMPA, and is a Life Member of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons.
Dr. Fred Freedman

Dr. Fred Freedman graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1976. After three years of internal medicine residency, he worked briefly in the Northwest Territories and Northwestern Ontario in the underserviced program before starting his general practice in Toronto.

Dr. Freedman co-founded the Medical Reform Group of Ontario in 1979. His practice became the first Health Service Organization (HSO) in the City of Toronto in 1988, and he was an early collaborator with Toronto Public Health community initiatives. Since the 1980s, he has worked with the District Health Council of Toronto and with a number of local initiatives to further community-based health care delivery services as well as alternate payment methods in primary care.

Dr. Freedman has been a faculty member of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at U of T since 1983, and has held privileges at University Health Network (UHN) since then. He delivered babies at UHN until 1988.

Dr. Freedman served 10 years on the executive of the OMA HSO Section, including two years as Chair. In 2000, he was awarded a Fellowship in the College of Family Medicine Canada.

Dr. Freedman worked hard to further the use of electronic medical records (EMR) in family medicine, and he became an early adopter of a fully-integrated EMR in his own group practice.
Dr. Howard Jacobs

Dr. Howard Jacobs graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 1977. After completing training in family practice and internal medicine and gaining a specialty in family practice, he immigrated to Canada and worked in rural medicine in Newfoundland and Northern Ontario. In 1990, Dr. Jacobs moved to Toronto and became involved in the fledgling field of pain medicine, where he was instrumental in the establishment of the Ontario Pain Physicians Association. He worked hard to obtain Section recognition in the Ontario Medical Association and subsequently served for many years as Chair of the OMA Section on Chronic Pain, retiring only recently from that position. He continues to serve on the Executive of the Section.

Dr. Jacobs helped establish the Canadian Academy of Pain Management, serving as President and Executive Member for many years. As an advisor to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, he developed Guidelines for Out of Hospital Interventional Pain Premises and has served on numerous other committees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, including one to develop the Standards for Change of Scope of Practice in Pain Medicine. Dr. Jacobs has been an invited speaker to medical meetings in Canada, the United States and Europe, and has served on numerous expert panels related to pain medicine.

He is currently the Director of the Jacobs Pain Centre in Markham, and continues to be active in training physicians in interventional and comprehensive pain medicine.

Dr. Jacobs is a family man who enjoys life to the fullest, with a passion for everything he does.
Dr. Howard Lamb

Dr. Howard Lamb graduated from Dalhousie Medical School in 1981, interned at St. Joseph’s Hospital in London, Ontario, and began general family practice in Tillsonburg, Ontario, in 1982. He has been active on the staff of Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH), delivering obstetrical care for 20 years and Emergency Room coverage for 33 years. He has also served as Chief of Emergency Services, Chief of Family Practice, Chief of Pediatrics, and President of the Medical Staff. He helped to institute the Hospital On-Call Coverage Fund at TDMH, which he then managed for several years.

Dr. Lamb helped establish the Ridout Family Health Organization and continues to be the Lead Physician. He joined the Oxford Medical Society in the early 1990s, and has served as an OMA Delegate for District 2 and as a member of the Executive of the OMA Section on General and Family Practice.

Most recently, Dr. Lamb has served on the Rural Expert Panel, and he continues to pursue an active family practice in Tillsonburg.
Dr. W. John Long

Dr. John Long was born in Bendigo, Australia, graduated from Melbourne University Medical School in 1961, and attained Primary Fellowship in General Surgery in 1965. He began practice in general surgery at the Winchester and Royal Masonic Hospital in London (U.K.), worked at the Great Ormond Street Hospital in the U.K., and subsequently did paediatric surgery in Edinburgh.

Dr. Long arrived in Canada in 1972 to practise General Surgery at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Elliot Lake. He has served on multiple committees in Northern Ontario concerning underserviced area staffing, and he assisted in establishing the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), where he is now an Associate Professor in General Surgery.

Dr. Long has been a member of the Northeast Cancer Care Hospital, OMA Education Committee, and the Toronto Academy of Medicine, and he is an inaugural member of the Ontario Association of General Surgeons.
Dr. Renwick Mann

Raised in a Northern Ontario mining county, Dr. Renwick Mann graduated from Queen’s University in 1975. He trained in anesthesiology and practised in Peterborough, Ontario, from 1979 to 2007. Dr. Mann’s OMA involvement started at the Peterborough County Medical Society, where he benefited from the encouragement of Dr. Kris Mohindra and the mentorship of Dr. Garry Humphreys. At OMA Council, Dr. Mann has served on the Audit Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Central Tariff Appeals Panel, as well as participating in working groups on Honoraria and Relativity. He has been District Chair for both District 6 (which includes Peterborough) and District 8 (when he worked at The Ottawa Hospital from 2008 to 2010). He was elected to the OMA Board of Directors as the Surgical Assembly representative in 2014 and served there until 2016. Dr. Mann also served with the Canadian Anesthesiologists’ Society (CAS), thanks to Dr. Bharat Maini’s encouragement, first as the Ontario representative to the Board of Directors and then on the executive, where he was President from 2004 to 2006. His role as CAS President took him to the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), where he chaired the Specialist Forum and served on the Board of Directors. He has chaired the CMA Audit Committee and still serves on the CMA Finance and Audit Committee.

Now semi-retired, Dr. Mann works part time in Timmins in a private dental specialty clinic and at Weeneebayko General Hospital in Moose Factory.
Dr. J. Joel Rosenberg

Dr. Joel Rosenberg graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, in 1976, and completed his internship at Toronto East General Hospital (now Michael Garron Hospital) in 1977. He then became a practicing family physician in East Toronto and was appointed to active staff in the Department of Family Practice at Toronto East General Hospital (TEGH).

Dr. Rosenberg joined the Executive of the Toronto East Medical Society and became Delegate to OMA Council in 1979, serving as Branch President from 1983 to 1984 and from 1986 to 1987.

He was elected a member of the OMA Board of Directors from 1990 to 1996, where he served on various committees, such as the Committee on Economics, Political Action Committee, Health Care Funding Subcommittee, and the committee that established the Physician Health Program. During his tenure, he also served on the Canadian Medical Association Council.

Over the years, Dr. Rosenberg has played an active role in the Department of Family Practice at TEGH, including serving as an Executive Member of the Department (from 2000 to 2003), and he was appointed as Program Director (Community Liaison) in 2004. In this capacity, in which he still serves, he is responsible for the Continuing Medical Education for the Department, including organizing the popular Fundamentals Series, which attracts over 100 physicians from across the GTA. He is also a member of the Primary Care and Community Committee of the Toronto East sub-LHIN.
Dr. Kevin Smith

Dr. Kevin Smith graduated from the University of Alberta Medical School in 1983. He trained in dermatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and has been practising dermatology in Niagara Falls since 1988. Providing aesthetic treatments since 2000, he has done over 25,000 BTX-A cosmetic and therapeutic treatment sessions and 10,000 treatment sessions with fillers. Dr. Smith has also performed and supervised many thousands of laser and intense pulsed light treatments for the removal of unwanted hair, blood vessels, tattoos, lentigines, scars, and wrinkles.

Dr. Smith is a consultant, researcher, and speaker for leading aesthetic and laser companies. He acts as a reviewer for medical journals specializing in surgical and aesthetic medicine and serves as a consultant and expert for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the Canadian Medical Protective Association.

Dr. Smith has given over 200 lectures at meetings in North America and overseas, teaching physicians advanced techniques for the use of BTX-A, fillers, lasers, and intense pulsed light. Dr. Smith has published scientific papers and book chapters about various aspects of aesthetic medicine and dermatology.
Dr. Brian Taylor
Dr. Brian Taylor brought Dr. Brian Taylor and his siblings to Canada from Ireland in 1956, wanting to give their children a chance at a better life. With encouragement and unending support, Dr. Taylor graduated in medicine from the University of Western Ontario (UWO) in 1975, interned, and then entered the UWO General Surgery Program. This was followed by a Fellowship in the new specialty of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Mayo Clinic from 1981 to 1983. In 1983, Dr. Taylor joined the surgical staff at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario, as the first fully trained colorectal surgeon at UWO, and he was Chief of Surgery at St. Joseph's from 1990 to 1999. He received the Sisters of St. Joseph Award for service to the hospital and patients during his tenure as Chief of Surgery. He became Chair/Chief of the Division of General Surgery at UWO in 1999, and held that position until 2005. Prior to his retirement in 2015, he was Chair of the Surgical Clerkship at UWO, and he was honoured to receive the John Provan Award as Outstanding Canadian Surgical Educator in 2012. Dr. Taylor has been a member of the Executive of the London and District Academy of Medicine, serving a term as President, and he was also an OMA District 2 representative. His passion was patient care in colorectal surgery, and he was directly involved in the teaching of students and residents. Dr. Taylor's main area of research was motility disorders of the GI tract, and he is still researching this topic post-retirement. Dr. Taylor feels very fortunate to have had the opportunity to come to Canada and is honoured and humbled to have been able to care for many hundreds of patients over his career.

Dr. Susan Swiggum
Dr. Susan Swiggum is one of Canada’s leading voices for medical-legal risk management, patient safety, and physician leadership. She has received numerous awards for her outstanding performance and is a well-known advocate for women physicians. After graduating in medicine from the University of Ottawa, she practiced in rural Ontario. In 1985, she returned to residency and completed a fellowship in dermatology. In 1987, she joined the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Medicine, and she achieved the rank of full professor in 2000. The following year, she joined the Canadian Medical Protective Association as a physician risk manager. Since 2015, she has been senior advisor for safe medical care. Long active in organized medicine, Dr. Swiggum served as President of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada and national spokesperson for the Canadian Dermatology Association. Her leadership in these societies led to her involvement with the Canadian Medical Association Committee of Affiliates, and she has taken on many other roles in the national organization, including the CMA Board of Directors, the CMA Women’s Physicians’ Issues Committee, MD Management, and national leadership conferences. She also served as a member of the task force on equity of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. In every capacity, Dr. Swiggum has been a mentor to women physicians. Not only does she inspire others with her ability to multi-task a busy family life and an academic practice, but she also has influenced and encouraged the career and leadership choices of her younger colleagues. Her mentorship continues long after the initial relationship is established because of her genuine personal and professional interest in others.
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Dr. Steven Traplin

Dr. Steven Traplin graduated with a B.A. in history in 1976, and a B.Sc. in 1979, from the University of Guelph, and he graduated from McMaster Medical School in 1983. After a family practice internship, he was a full-time E.R. physician until December 1989. Dr. Traplin then assumed a family practice, which continues to the present. Dr. Traplin served as the first President of Guelph Emergency Medical Services and was President of the Wellington County Medical Society for five terms. He was a delegate to OMA Council for eight years and an alternate for several more years.

Dr. Traplin was a founding member of the first Family Health Network in the province. He served seven years on the Board of the Guelph Family Health Team and six years as the Lead Physician and Chair of the Board. He has also organized hockey games for local physicians on Wednesday afternoons for the past 32 years and counting.
Dr. David Williams

Dr. David Williams was appointed Chief Medical Officer of Health for the province of Ontario in 2016. He assumed the Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health position in July 2015, having been Medical Officer of Health for the Thunder Bay District Board of Health since October 2011. From 2005 to 2011, Dr. Williams was the Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Branch Director at the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. During this time, he was also the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario. From 1991 to 2005, Dr. Williams was the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

Dr. Williams is a four-time graduate of the University of Toronto, receiving his B.Sc., MD, Masters in Community Health and Epidemiology (MHSc), and Fellowships in Community Medicine/Public Health and Preventive Medicine (FRCPS).

Prior to entering public health, Dr. Williams had a hospital-based clinical practice as a GP and GP Anaesthetist at the Sioux Lookout Zone Hospital for three years and also worked in international health at the United Mission to Nepal Mission Hospital, Tansen, Nepal, over an eight-year period.
Dr. Malcolm Wilson
Dr. Malcolm Wilson graduated from Queen’s University in 1975, and undertook training in internal medicine, which he completed in 1980 at the University of Western Ontario.
Dr. Wilson started practice at St. Joseph’s Hospital in London, Ontario, and was a Clinical Associate Professor. In 1988, he relocated to Huntsville, Ontario. He is currently on active consulting staff at Muskoka Algonquin Health Care, where he served as Chief of Staff from 1992 to 1995. He is an Associate Professor in the Clinical Sciences Division at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), where he is involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate training in internal medicine.
Dr. Wilson served for over 12 years on the OMA Section on General Internal Medicine as Chair, Tariff Chair, and member of the Central Tariff Committee. Other appointments have included Community Representative on the Executive of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine (2004 to 2007), the RCPS Board of Examiners Oral Examination Committee (1987 to 1992), and the RCPS Written Exam Committee (2000 to 2009).
Dr. William Wong-Pack

Dr. William Wong-Pack is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Radiology at the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton, and a Staff Nuclear Medicine Physician at St. Joseph’s Healthcare and Hamilton Health Sciences. He graduated in 1977 from the University of the West Indies and then completed his residency in radiology and nuclear medicine at the University of Toronto in 1983, obtaining fellowships in both radiology and nuclear medicine.

Dr. Wong-Pack was a Staff Radiologist at St. Joseph’s Health Centre in Toronto in 1984 and 1985. In 1986, he moved to Hamilton to become Head of the Department of Nuclear Medicine at St. Joseph’s Healthcare. From 1992 to 1994, he was Chair of the OMA Section on Nuclear Medicine.

Currently, Dr. Wong-Pack teaches radiology residents training at McMaster Medical School, and his main interest is in CT/PET imaging.
Dr. Philip R. Wyatt

Dr. Philip Wyatt graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1976 with a PhD in human anatomy and human genetics, and he received his MD from the University of Kentucky in 1980. He began practising clinical and laboratory genetics in Toronto in 1983, and established the Regional Genetics Program at North York General Hospital. He served on several Ministry of Health Advisory Committees, helped establish the Provincial Maternal Serum Screening Program, and was Section Head of the OMA Section on Genetics.

Through his work on numerous committees in Ontario, including the Central East Ontario Committee on Genetic Services, Ontario’s Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program, Ontario’s Quality Management Program, and the Ministry of Health Advisory Committee on Predictive Genetic Services, Dr. Wyatt has promoted the expansion of both clinical and laboratory genetic services for over 40 years.

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Ontario Medical Association Centennial Award

Established to commemorate the OMA centennial in 1980, the Centennial Award is awarded to a non-physician in recognition of outstanding achievements in serving the health and welfare of the people of Ontario through lengthy service and/or distinguished acts.

This year’s recipient is:

    Mr. Rick Firth, Toronto, ON
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Mr. Rick Firth is President and CEO of Hospice Palliative Care Ontario, a member-based association representing hospices, health care professionals, and volunteers working in palliative care. Mr. Firth came to palliative care in 1991 as a hospice board director and joined the staff team in 1997. In 2003, he merged the hospice with another, and headed the new organization until he moved to the Hospice Association in 2009. He then led the creation of Hospice Palliative Care Ontario through a merger of the Hospice Association of Ontario and the Ontario Palliative Care Association.

Mr. Firth is a member of Executive Oversight for the Ontario Palliative Care Network, and he chairs the Network’s Partnership Advisory Council. He serves on the executive of the Quality Hospice Palliative Care Coalition of Ontario. He is President of The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, where he chairs the Executive and Membership Committees. Mr. Firth received the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 in recognition of his contribution to palliative care in Canada. He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.

Mr. Firth’s focus is on enabling sustainable community-based palliative care through effective public policy engagement, driving system change for building sustainable and high-quality hospice palliative care services for the people of Ontario.
Ontario Medical Association Distinguished Service Award
The Distinguished Service Award is awarded to a member of the Association for exceptional long-standing service to the OMA and patients of Ontario.

This year’s recipient is:
Dr. Wayne Tanner, Toronto, ON
Dr. Wayne Tanner

Dr. Wayne Tanner graduated from Fort William Collegiate in 1966, and in September of that year began pre-meds at the University of Toronto. So began a journey that 48 years later finds him working on the front lines at St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto, one of the busiest vascular and trauma centres in Canada.

Stops along the way have included internship in Halifax, family practice in Cape Breton Island and Thunder Bay, general surgical training at McGill, vascular fellowship in Toronto, surgical practice in Boston, affiliation with Harvard, surgical practice at the Toronto East General Hospital, a brief stint in The United Arab Emirates, and St. Michael’s Hospital, as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Tanner discovered medical politics in 1998, and he has played numerous roles in that arena. He has been involved in three sets of framework negotiations, most recently the very challenging and ultimately successful 2012 Physician Services Agreement. He served three terms on the Physician Services Committee, and was instrumental in developing, implementing, and co-managing the Hospital On Call Program from its inception in 2000 until 2010.

Dr. Tanner has been involved in numerous other OMA Committees and initiatives, including the OMA Board of Directors.
Ontario Medical Association Presidential Award
The Presidential Award recognizes exceptional and long-standing humanitarian service to the greater community (in Ontario or elsewhere) that brings honour to the medical profession. The award recipient, by his or her actions, demonstrates the highest qualities of service by a physician that we all admire.

This year’s recipient is:
   Dr. Hardy Friesen, Peterborough, ON
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Dr. Hardy Friesen graduated from the University of Toronto in 1979, and completed his family practice residency at the University of Western Ontario in 1981. Currently, he practises comprehensive family medicine in Peterborough, Ontario.
Dr. Friesen established the Peterborough Medical Brigade in 2000. This apolitical, non-religious organization’s mission is to deliver primary medical and dental care to the rural poor in developing nations. Brigades consisting of physicians, dentists, nurses, and other personnel provide daily care in village clinics. Twenty-seven self-funded teams have provided service to over 40,000 people in Honduras, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Uganda. Approximately $2 million worth of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals have been donated to the host countries.
Ontario Medical Association Advocate for Students and Residents Award

The Advocate for Students and Residents Award is awarded to a physician or non-physician in recognition of outstanding contributions that have significantly benefited the medical students or residents of the province of Ontario.

This year’s recipient is:

Dr. Melissa Andrew, Kingston, ON
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In addition to completing psychiatry training and a two-year fellowship in geriatric psychiatry at the University of Toronto, Dr. Melissa Andrew received a Master’s Degree in Health Professional Education at OISE-UT. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Queen’s University, working with the Seniors Mental Health Outreach Program, based at Providence Care Hospital. Dr. Andrew was appointed Queen’s University’s first Director of Resident Affairs in 2008, and has been instrumental in shaping this position.

Dr. Andrew is a previous Education Chair (2007-2012), and Vice President (2008-2012) of the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry (CAGP). In 2010, she and colleague Dr. Cathy Shea led the application process that resulted in the establishment of Geriatric Psychiatry as an official subspecialty of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. In recognition of this work, Drs. Andrew and Shea were recognized as the 2013 recipients of the CAGP’s award for Outstanding Contributions to Geriatric Psychiatry in Canada.

Dr. Andrew served as the inaugural Chair of the Specialty Committee in Geriatric Psychiatry at the Royal College (2010-2016). She is a current member of the Royal College Residency Accreditation Committee, the Geriatric Psychiatry Specialty Committee, the Examination Committees in Psychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry, and the Ontario Psychiatric Association Council. Dr. Andrew received the designation of Fellow of the Canadian Psychiatric Association in 2014.

She is currently engaged in providing leadership in the development and implementation of a competency-based model for geriatric psychiatry subspecialty training at Queen’s University.
Medical Student Achievement Award
The Medical Student Achievement Award is awarded for significant contributions at the political and/or community level that help advance the life and/or education of all medical students. The award may be presented annually to one student from each of the six provincial medical schools.

This year’s recipients are:
  Mr. Justin Cottrell, Western University
  Mr. Chintan Dave, Queen’s University
  Ms. Emma Herrington, McMaster University
  Mr. Rameez Imtiaz, University of Ottawa
  Ms. Sarah Silverberg, University of Toronto
  Mr. Warren Stevenson, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Justin Cottrell

Mr. Justin Cottrell is a fourth-year medical student at Western University and an alumnus of the Richard Ivey School of Business. As Co-Chair of the Ontario Medical Students Association (OMSA), he has been deeply engaged in medical politics, securing health human resource safeguards for medical students and reversing cuts to the number of residency positions in Ontario.

A fierce advocate for colleagues and patients, Mr. Cottrell has been a student representative at over 50 meetings across Canada. As previous Director of Representation of OMSA, he spearheaded the first self-funded OMSA Lobby Day, bringing 60 medical students from across Ontario to Queen’s Park to advocate for increased seniors’ access to long-term care. This topic was selected from his work, facilitating the first provincial medical student advocacy survey.

In addition to his advocacy, Mr. Cottrell was Co-Chair of the Ontario Medical Students Weekend, the largest medical student conference in Canada. He has facilitated strategic partnerships between OMSA and many provincial organizations, including Health Quality Ontario (HQO), to encourage a culture of quality improvement in medical education.

Mr. Cottrell’s approachability and personable nature make him well liked, and his work ethic and strong sense of integrity gain him respect as a role model and mentor. He will be starting his Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Residency at the University of Toronto in July. In addition to developing his clinical skills, he hopes to continue focusing on quality improvement and bridging the gaps between robotic training programs and clinical practice.
Chintan Dave

Mr. Chintan Dave is a fourth-year medical student at Queen’s University who has been extensively involved with student and community leadership at both the local and international level. At Queen’s, as part of the student council, he was responsible for implementing Wellness Month, and he started the Queen’s Student Safety Initiative, which provides non-judgemental information and resources to Queen’s students regarding study-aid drugs through presentations that involve expert toxicologists. Mr. Dave hopes to amalgamate these presentations into orientation week for incoming Queen’s students.

As Director of Partnerships for MedExplore, he has been instrumental in establishing one of the largest mentorship programs in Kingston, Ontario. MedExplore is a medical-student-run organization that provides guidance to marginalized high school students who are aiming for post-secondary education. Mr. Dave’s commitment to advocacy, community engagement, and leadership garnered him the Queen’s University Brian Yealland Community Leadership Award for 2016-2017.

In his fourth year, Mr. Dave undertook a two-week medical elective in Tanzania with Pamoja Tunaweza (grassroots NGO), where he provided basic medical services to underserviced communities. He worked with local physicians and colleagues to develop a health education curriculum for locals that emphasized common medical illnesses in Moshi, Tanzania. He hopes to use his experience to establish a cross-cultural elective for Canadian medical students to broaden their understanding of global health and social determinants.

Mr. Dave hopes to continue his student and community leadership through his residency and beyond. He plans to work at a Canadian academic centre and involve himself in the betterment of his community.
**Emma Herrington**

Ms. Emma Herrington is a second-year medical student at McMaster University. She grew up canoeing in Northern Ontario on Lake Temagami. Ms. Herrington completed her undergraduate degree at Dalhousie University in Neuroscience, where her research focused primarily on THC and antidepressant treatment interaction in Huntington’s Disease. While completing her degree at Dalhousie, Ms. Herrington volunteered in both Eastern Europe and at the Thai-Burma border. These experiences inspired her to complete an M.Sc. in Global Health at McMaster University. Her thesis explored the identification of human trafficking victims in the health care setting. As a medical student, Ms. Herrington has dedicated much of her time to the integration of the topic of human trafficking into medical curricula. She is the co-founder of the Canadian Alliance of Medical Students Against Human Trafficking (CAM-SAHT), a student-led organization that is devoted to stimulating curriculum reform and research development on the topic of human trafficking.

Ms. Herrington advocates for women’s health and is currently the Co-Chair of the McMaster Medical Students for Choice interest group. She has also worked with the National Abortion Federation to design informative handouts for medical students regarding family planning services. She is passionate about improving and protecting the mental health of her peers, and is currently developing a medical student crisis line at McMaster. Ms. Herrington hopes to become an OBGYN and work with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) later in her career as a medical professional.
**Sarah Silverberg**

Ms. Sarah Silverberg, a third-year medical student at the University of Toronto, is passionate about improving Canada’s health care system. She is the VP of Government Affairs for the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS), having previously represented Toronto on the Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee. In this role, she leads national advocacy projects on the opioid crisis, bringing medical students to Parliament Hill for a National Lobby Day, and working with Health Canada to further student contributions to improve patient outcomes.

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**Rameez Imtiaz**

Mr. Rameez Imtiaz is a third-year medical student at the University of Ottawa. He plans to apply to residency training in internal medicine, probably subspecializing in nephrology. His goal is to work in a tertiary care centre and have a diverse career that includes clinical care, engagement in medical education, and involvement in clinical research targeting chronic kidney disease. He is a firm believer in student empowerment and has sought to achieve this through his various roles at the medical school level.

Mr. Imtiaz has worked with the Refugee Health Initiative (RHI) for the past three years. The RHI pairs medical students with newly arrived refugee families in Ottawa and assists these families in their transition to Canadian society. As part of this organization, he hosted a health fair that focused on educating refugees on preventive health measures.

Mr. Imtiaz created the Financial Management in Medicine Interest Group with an aim to improve financial literacy for himself and his peers through seminars and workshops led by physicians. This initiative was well received, and he will present the results at the 2017 Canadian Conference on Medical Education.

Mr. Imtiaz has also been involved in extensive clinical research with the Kidney Research Centre at the University of Ottawa. His work, which explores novel approaches to guiding the management of electrolyte control in patients with end-stage renal disease, has been recognized through scholarly funding, and he has presented it at multiple conferences.
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Beyond his role as class representative, Mr. Stevenson enjoys providing opportunities for his colleagues to get involved in their own education. He founded the Student Medical Educators Committee, a group that meets regularly to improve their teaching skills. His peer-teaching aspirations extend beyond medical education through his role as Site Coordinator for Altitude: Healthcare Mentoring, a program that matches medical student mentors to first- and second-year undergraduate students interested in health care. He spearheaded and led a cardio-respiratory seminar for NOSM students encompassing heart sounds, ECG readings, and PFTs, and he worked alongside NOSM faculty to develop the first-ever Learner Leadership Forum at Northern Constellations, a workshop designed to promote tomorrow’s leaders.

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Resident Achievement Award
The Resident Achievement Award is awarded for outstanding contribution to the advancement of postgraduate training. As of 2007, the award may be presented annually to one resident from each of the six provincial medical schools.

This year’s recipients are:
- Dr. Rajesh Bhayana, University of Toronto
- Dr. Stephanie Kenny, University of Ottawa
- Dr. Hassan Mir, McMaster University
- Dr. Timothy Nguyen, Western University
- Dr. Eve Purdy, Queen’s University
Dr. Rajesh Bhayana

Dr. Rajesh Bhayana, the incoming Chief Resident of the Diagnostic Radiology Program at the University of Toronto, has worked extensively to improve education in radiology through a number of innovative projects. Recognizing that transitioning to radiology and independent call is one of the most difficult stages in a radiology resident’s career, he set out to improve his program’s didactic call-preparation series. Dr. Bhayana co-founded an experience-based educational program comprehensive of emergency radiology to prepare residents more adequately. Learners work through representative scrollable cases in a simulated environment with a senior resident, enabling teaching to be tailored to each learner’s level. Learners are provided with comprehensive but concise learning material surrounding each case. Additionally, he has worked to enhance academic half-day teaching by introducing the technology for interactive lectures to his program, where residents solve cases by finding and clicking on radiologic abnormalities on their smartphones during lectures.

Dr. Bhayana is passionate about education, and he serves as a frequent lecturer for residents, medical students, and allied-health professionals. He is the founder of the educational website navigatingradiology.com, and has developed instructive videos that have been well received and cumulatively viewed over 100,000 times on YouTube. Outside of his educational efforts, Dr. Bhayana received numerous academic awards while completing his B.Sc. at Western University and MD at the University of Toronto for achieving one of the highest academic averages at both levels.

Dr. Bhayana grew up in London, Ontario, with his supportive family.
Dr. Hassan Mir

Dr. Hassan Mir completed his medical school training at Western University and his internal medicine residency at McMaster University. He is currently pursuing his cardiology fellowship at McMaster University.

Dr. Mir has a clinical and research interest in smoking cessation. Working under the mentorship of Dr. Salim Yusuf, Dr. Mir has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications evaluating compliance of tobacco control policies in countries around the world. Beyond this, Dr. Mir is passionate about improving the social determinants of health and optimizing the delivery of health care. He is currently leading a large prospective cohort study under the guidance of Dr. Gordon Guyatt, evaluating the impact of smartphone technology on access to social assistance programs among patients in poverty.

Dr. Mir holds resident leadership positions at McMaster University, Canadian Society of Internal Medicine, American College of Physicians, Canadian Cardiovascular Society, American College of Cardiology, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He has received local, national and international recognition for his excellence and commitment to clinical teaching, research, resident leadership and health advocacy.

Dr. Mir plans on practising in an academic centre, where he can build upon his current activities. Further, he hopes to provide continued guidance and mentorship for future generations of health care providers to positively impact the field of medicine.

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Dr. Stephanie Kenny

Dr. Stephanie Kenny is a fourth-year resident in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Ottawa and the current President of the Professional Association of Residents of Ontario (PARO). Originally from Kingston, Ontario, she completed her undergraduate studies at Queen’s University in Life Sciences and Neuroscience, followed by medical school at the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Kenny has a strong background in medical leadership, previously serving as Chair of the Ontario Medical Students Association, where she founded the OMSA Medical Student Leadership Summit, and holding numerous positions on the Board of Directors of PARO. She currently serves as a Director on the Resident Doctors of Canada Board in addition to performing her duties as PARO President. She is the Chair of the PARO Negotiations Committee, advocating for better working conditions on behalf of all 5,400 residents in the province. Her work has been recognized by numerous awards for high-level advocacy on behalf of medical student and resident issues.

Dr. Kenny has interests in medical education research and health systems improvement. She has published her research on improved delivery of radiology education in undergraduate medical education in top radiology journals. Within her residency program, she has contributed to redesigning the academic half-day curriculum for junior residents. Following completion of her residency, Dr. Kenny will be pursuing fellowship training in Abdominal Imaging and Interventional Radiology at Harvard University. Ultimately, she hopes to combine a clinical radiology practice with continued work in medical leadership and health care management.
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Dr. Timothy Nguyen

Dr. Timothy Nguyen was born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, before settling in Ontario. He completed his medical degree at Queen’s University and is currently the Chief Resident in Radiation Oncology at Western University.

With a passion for mentorship and education, Dr. Nguyen has spearheaded several innovative initiatives to the benefit of his peers. Leveraging social media, he created a resident-led oncology mentorship group for medical students that has improved medical student engagement with the oncology department through online content, an observership program, and one-on-one mentoring. His ideas on how to teach quality improvement in residency were recognized with an award at the International Conference of Residency Education.

As a resident, Dr. Nguyen has published multiple award-winning research projects on a variety of subjects, including patient-centred care, cost-effectiveness analysis, and peer review in radiation oncology, which have been presented at national and international conferences. He has also been active in local leadership positions, including serving as a physician representative on the patient and family advisory committee and as a resident representative on the department of oncology strategic steering committee.

After residency, Dr. Nguyen hopes to complete a research-based fellowship as he works towards an academic career.
Dr. Eve Purdy

Dr. Eve Purdy is a second-year resident in emergency medicine at Queen’s University. For the past two years she has served as the Professional Association of Residents of Ontario (PARO) site Chair, a role in which she advocates for residents on postgraduate and hospital committees and leads a team that organizes social and wellness events for Queen’s residents throughout the year. Dr. Purdy has an interest in asynchronous learning tools and has been a leader on a number of local, national, and international projects related to free, open-access medical education. Within her own program, she has spearheaded a blog that summarizes emergency medicine grand rounds topics, which can be shared with those unable to attend, and other relevant specialists. Dr. Purdy is a senior editor for CanadiEM.org (a national emergency medicine blog that receives over 650,000 views per year) and the #MEdICS project (an online, asynchronous, case-based discussion of challenges in medical education). In addition to contributing to the creation of free, open-access content, Dr. Purdy is dedicated to researching this emerging learning space. She led a national study evaluating the use of online resources by emergency medicine residents and a review of a novel learner-centred editorial process. She is concurrently completing a Master’s in Applied Anthropology and intends to use a feminist lens to continue studying traditional and online learning environments as well as the experiences of female physicians in clinical and leadership roles.
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Dr. Amit Bagga, Chief of Nephrology at Windsor Regional Hospital, is the ECMS President for 2016 and 2017.

T.C. Routley Challenge Shield Award

Donated in 1947 by Dr. T. Clarence Routley, the first full-time Secretary of the OMA from 1918 to 1938, this award is given to the Branch Society which, through its programs and activities, most adequately fulfills the objectives of service to its members, its community, and the medical profession.

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Dr. Amit Bagga, Chief of Nephrology at Windsor Regional Hospital, is the ECMS President for 2016 and 2017.
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**This year’s recipients are:**

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- Dr. Geordie Fallis, Toronto, ON
- Dr. Dibyendu S. Goswami, Welland, ON
- Dr. Joy Marie Hataley, Kingston, ON
- Dr. Norm Kee, Orillia, ON
- Dr. Adam Steacie, Kingston, ON
- Dr. Ved Tandan, Hamilton, ON

Recipients of the Glenn Sawyer Service Award will receive their award at their local Medical Society meeting.
Section Service Award
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   Dr. Peter Wong, Etobicoke, ON

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