



Nomination

Mental health and addictions

St. Joseph's Urban FHT - Dr. Anita Srivastava

Advocacy in Addition Medicine (or Addictions) - Dr. Anita Srivastava



Dr. Anita Srivastava is one of Canada's leading addiction researchers and advocate for addiction patients. For the past 15 years, she has worked with stakeholders at the community, provincial, and national level to develop clinical guidelines and treatment protocols. Amid the national opioid crisis, Dr. Srivastava has been at the forefront to reduce barriers to treatment access, implementing innovative clinical protocols. She was integral in writing the national opioid use guidelines and has published extensively in leading Canadian medical journals. She has promoted physician education and the development of emergency department clinical protocols and rapid access addiction clinics across Ontario.

Dr. Srivastava has a unique ability to evaluate the efficacy of patient care. After careful consultation with her patients she identified the ways in which St. Joseph's treatment methods failed to meet their needs; in response, she developed protocols for home induction of medications and front-line treatment in the ED. Dr. Srivastava has worked closely with ED physicians and nurses to implement and evaluate treatment protocols. She currently advises other health teams in Ontario to implement ED protocols for the treatment of opioid use disorder and is setting up three programs in Eastern Ontario for both implementation and evaluation.