

# BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

2021

## **DR. BRIAN KLAR**

**Award: Board Award**

**Achievement: Commitment to Integrated Healthcare with An Equitable Foundation In Primary Care**

Both prior to and throughout the pandemic, Dr. Brian Klar has provided excellent care, service, leadership, and inspiration, all the while juggling diverse claims on his time and attention.

Dr. Klar is the Chief of Family Medicine at William Osler Health System (WOHS), where he runs the Department of Family and Community Medicine, and the co-chair of the Collaboration Council of the Brampton Etobicoke Ontario Health Team (BEOHT). He is also a practising family physician who serves long-term care patients and has recently started providing medical support for the Cat Lake First Nations.

Since COVID-19 hit Canada, Dr. Klar has led the charge to ensure that primary care providers had the support they needed to continue to provide exceptional patient care. Dr. Klar supported providers in many ways, by helping them acquire personal protective equipment, supporting long term care homes and being involved in testing/vaccination efforts.

Dr. Klar works tirelessly to advocate for a strong primary care foundation within the BE OHT and across the community, including the creation of the BE OHT Community Medical Advisory Council (CMAC). Additionally, Dr. Klar helped recruit over 120 primary care providers to the BE OHT membership. As the Collaboration Council co-chair, he provides a primary care lens to any initiative both inside the acute care system and within the community. He also works closely with the OHT's Patient Family Advisory Council.

Dr. Klar mentors colleagues and new graduates in family medicine and engages them to lead system initiatives, including COVID@HOME, the SCOPE (Seamless Care Optimizing the Patient Experience) program, and a primary care physician hotline for urgent patient needs.

He encourages other family physicians to take on leadership roles and leads by example; he sits on regional/provincial tables on behalf of the BE OHT and WOHS, where he advocates for the importance of primary care engagement. Such extraordinary leadership and commitment should not go unnoticed.

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**Key Facts:**

- Dr. Klar models leadership through his commitment and actions
- In addition to his organizational responsibilities, he cares for patients in long-term care homes and mentors colleagues and recent graduates
- Provides medical support for Cat Lake First Nations
- Sits on various regional/provincial tables representing BE OHT and WOHS
- Juggles multiple roles and commitments seamlessly