

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS



2024

DR. JANE PHILPOTT

Award: Board Award

Achievement: Advocacy on Behalf of Team-Based Primary Care for All



Dr. Jane Philpott is the recipient of the 2024 AFHTO Board Award.

She has had an illustrious career as a family doctor, a member of Medecins San Frontieres in Niger, a federal cabinet minister of health and Dean of Health Sciences at Queen's University. Most recently, October 21, 2024, Dr. Philpott has been appointed to lead the Government of Ontario's Primary Action Team.

The list of her accomplishments is lengthy. She was the driving force in the creation of Periwinkle, a collaboration between Queen's University-Faculty of Health Science, interprofessional learners and the local CHC. Periwinkle provides team-based primary care to about 8,000 people with no family doctor in the Kingston region.

Dr. Philpott published a book this year, *Health Care for All*, that contains a road map for expanding primary-care teams to all Ontarians.

Other achievements include establishing a new admission process that improves equitable access for applicants to Queen's medicine program, a program to prepare Indigenous students for a career and a partnership with Lakeridge Health to train more family physicians.

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She co-authored the *Taking Back Health Care* report with other leaders in health care, postsecondary education and the private sector. It identifies areas of the Canadian healthcare system that need modernizing.

Dr. Philpott works tirelessly to raise awareness of the need for primary care to be front and centre of the healthcare system. She moderated Queen's 2024 Health Policy Symposium which focused on primary care. The symposium highlighted the importance of primary care for a healthy community, of primary-care providers' experience and of research in primary-care outcomes to demonstrate value for money.

Dr. Philpott has a gift for making a complicated issue understandable for citizens who do not work in healthcare. She also understands the importance of research to inform policy makers and ensure thorough evaluation of patient outcomes.

Dr. Philpott has truly set a "bright light" example to many at the local, provincial and federal levels of Canada.

Key Facts:

- Driving force behind Periwinkle which provides team-based primary care to 8,000 patients without a doctor. It offers a road map for primary care using interprofessional care teams and learners;
- As Dean of Health Sciences at Queen's University established a new admission process to improve equitable access for applicants to Queen's medicine program;
- Formed a partnership with Lakeridge Health to train more family physicians;
- Moderated Queen's *2024 Health Policy Symposium* which highlighted primary-care providers experience and the importance of primary care for a healthy community.