



**WILLIAM
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*In celebration of the
Region of Halton's*

**PHYSICIAN
APPRECIATION
WEEK**

May 16 to 22, 2004

*To the physicians of
Georgetown Hospital Campus:*

"Thank You"

*For your dedication and
commitment to excellent
patient care and for your
contribution to the
health and well being of the
residents of Halton Hills.*

*We proudly acknowledge the contributions
of the following William Osler Health Centre
physicians whose primary campus
of practice is Georgetown:*

Anaesthesia

*Dr. Peter Chow,
Dr. Norman Mah*

Diagnostic Imaging

*Dr. Karel Kocandrla,
Dr. Eric Saibil*

Family and Emergency Medicine

*Dr. Maher Atalla, Dr. Alex Ashenhurst,
Dr. Robert Bourns, Dr. Justin Busse,
Dr. Chris Boule, Dr. Craig Carson,
Dr. Kiran Cherla, Dr. Wei Chu,
Dr. Colleen Darling, Dr. Kenneth Deichert,
Dr. Anthony Farragos, Dr. Sarah Ferguson,
Dr. Alexander Furness, Dr. Elliot Halparin,
Dr. Anne Marie Humniski, Dr. Carla Ockley,
Dr. Kate Marshall, Dr. Tushar Mehta,
Dr. Judy Ming, Dr. Nigel Phipps,
Dr. Faisal Raja, Dr. Yasar Razvi,
Dr. Elfrieda Rempel, Dr. Nazar Sharobim,
Dr. Dip Saha, Dr. Jeff Sutherland,
Dr. Don Trant, Dr. Gabriel Ting,
Dr. Jack Vanbendegem, Dr. Debbie Zeni,
Dr. Paul Zeni*

Internal Medicine

Dr. Craig Browning

Obstetrics / Gynecology

Dr. Selvaratnam Gunaratnam

Surgery

*Dr. John Iskander,
Dr. William Rubenstein*

*In addition, we also wish to show our
appreciation to many other physicians that
practice at the Georgetown campus.*



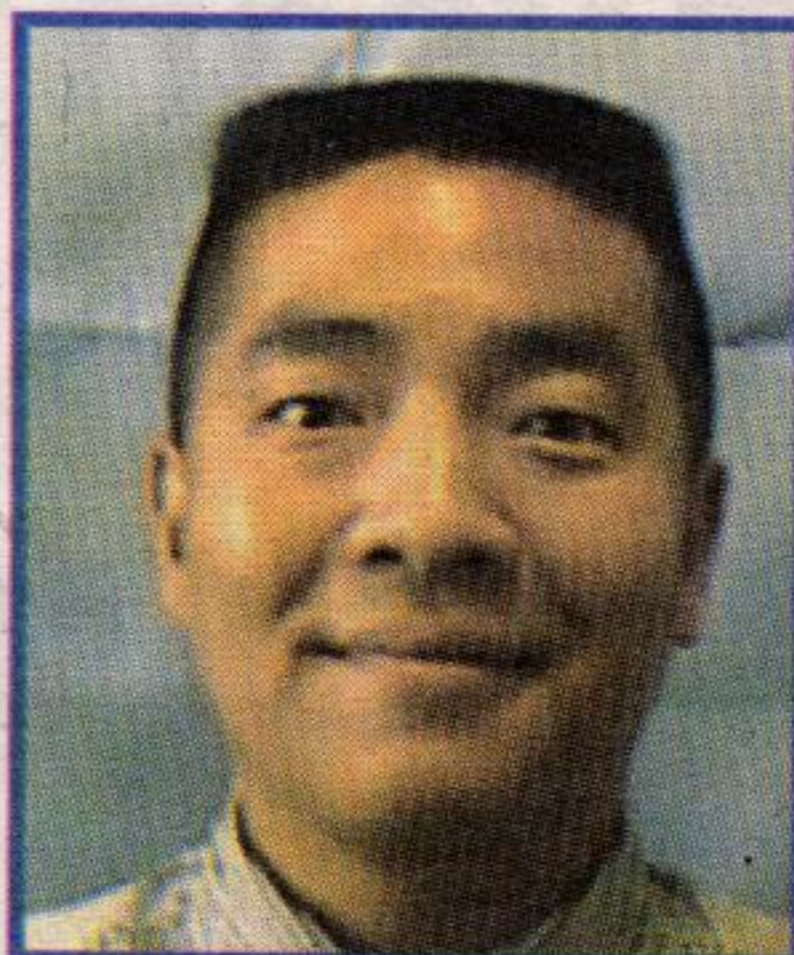
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**Halton Physician
Appreciation Week**

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**Dr. Wei Chu
Family Medicine**

After just eight years of practicing medicine, Dr. Wei Chu finds himself maintaining a fine balance between his family life, his patients and his responsibilities as the Site Chief of Emergency at William Osler Health Centre's Georgetown campus and President of the medical staff in Georgetown.

In addition to operating a family practice, his duties include attending Medical Advisory Committee and Board meetings, serving on Board subcommittees and representing the Georgetown physicians at the senior administration level.

His day usually starts at the Emergency Room (ER), where he checks in with the staff, and does patient rounds and paper work. By about 9:30 a.m., he's in his medical office next door to the hospital and sees patients there all day. Occasionally, he stops in at the ER again at lunchtime. After work, there may be a medical education seminar or a night shift at the hospital.

Dr. Chu admits it can be a bit of a challenge to juggle the administrative side with his duty to his patients. "You're always having to do self checks," he says. "If you let certain tasks overwhelm others, it doesn't work out. I try to ensure I have enough time with my patients."

With a wife and two daughters — aged seven months and two-and-a-half years — personal time is also a priority. Dr. Chu makes it a point to spend time with his family, take regular vacations and play sports, including hockey, tennis and golf.

Part of what drew him to medicine as a career was the autonomy it offered, the ability to be flexible in his schedule. He was particularly attracted to family medicine because of its wide scope — the opportunity to deal with the whole spectrum of human life, from newborns to the elderly.

"The main benefit to family medicine is having the ability to follow people through their lives — in healthy and unhealthy times — through their whole life cycle," he says. "You develop relationships that aren't just professional, they extend almost into friendships."

Early on in his university training, Dr. Chu knew he wanted to work in a smaller community, which would allow him to be involved in fields such as emergency medicine as well as family practice. He did an elective at William Osler and found it a welcoming place, a friendly community rather than simply a work environment.

He enjoys the daily commute to Georgetown from his home in Mississauga. "It's a beautiful area of the province," he says. "It's nice to drive to work every day and see farmers' fields. Very relaxing."



**Dr. Ken Deichert
Family Medicine**

Dr. Ken Deichert trained at the University of Western Ontario, did an additional year's schooling in anaesthesiology at the University of Toronto and worked in Kapuskasing for two-and-a-half years as a General Practitioner/Anaesthesiologist before moving to Halton in 1993.

He came to William Osler Health

Centre's Georgetown campus because it was close to the amenities of a big city, yet small enough to offer the opportunity to work in a range of fields, including emergency medicine, anaesthesiology, long-term care and surgical assistance.

As his practice evolves, he has chosen to focus more on family medicine and long-term care — fields that allow the most patient interaction. "I know it sounds a little cliché, but I always saw medicine as a way to work with people," he says. "It's the relationships that you build that are the most rewarding thing... getting people through whatever they are experiencing."

A typical day begins with inpatient rounds at the hospital. After that, Deichert spends most of the day at his medical office in town and occasionally works in the after hours clinic, does weekend calls and assists in the hospital operating room. Once a week, he spends an afternoon at a nursing home in Oakville seeing patients who find it difficult to travel to a doctor's office.

At times, Dr. Deichert provides bedside care via long-distance telephone calls. He recalls one patient who was in isolation following a bone marrow transplant. "He was in a room by himself at Prince Margaret Hospital in Toronto for about two weeks," he explains. "He couldn't have contact with anybody because of the risk of infection. You have no immune system at that point. I'd call him on my way home from work, talk for a while... just to keep him company."

On the personal side, as a single parent of two active children, aged 7 and 9 years, time is always at a premium. When he does get some free time for himself, he enjoys sports, cooking and spending time with friends.



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