

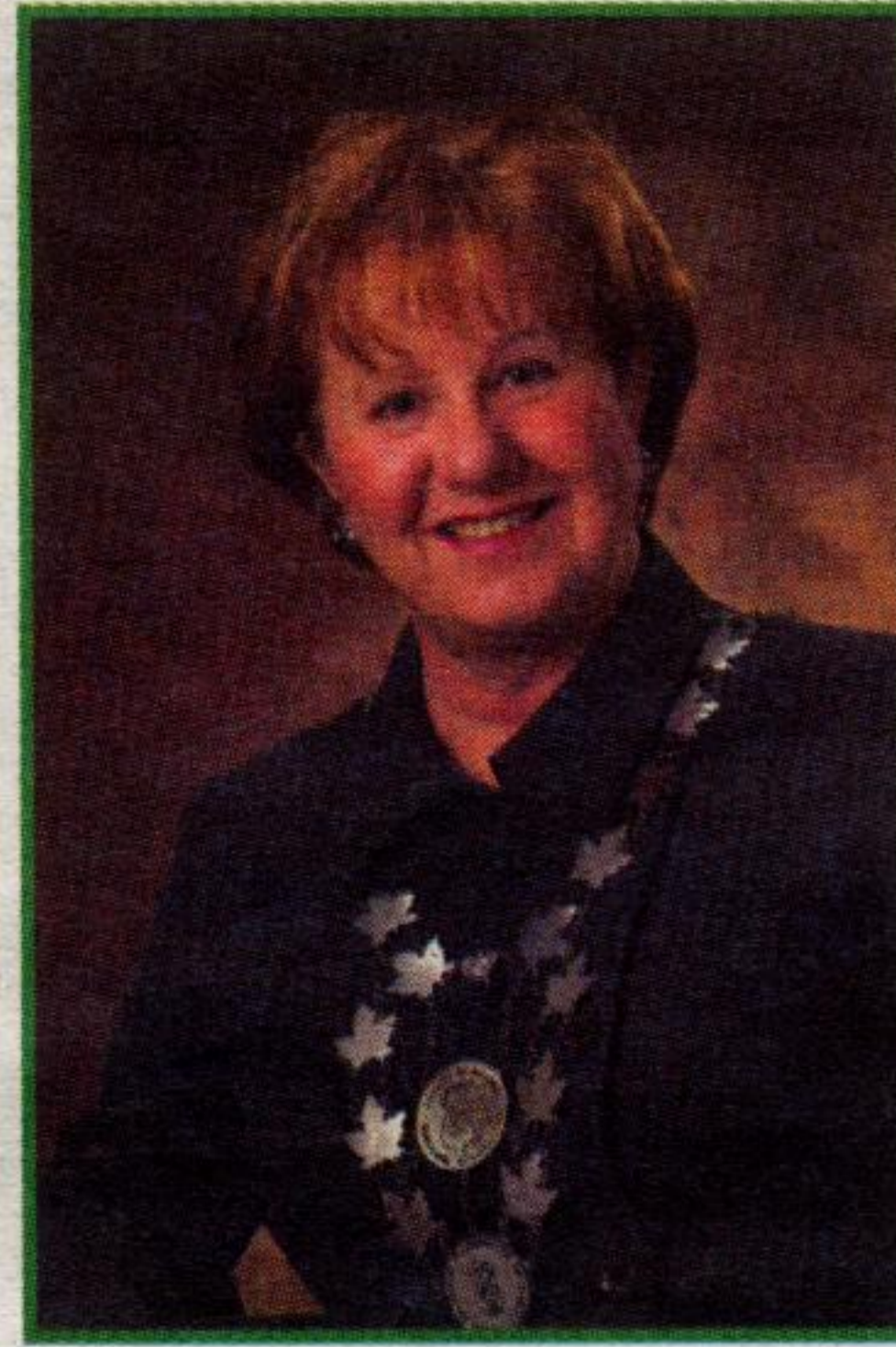
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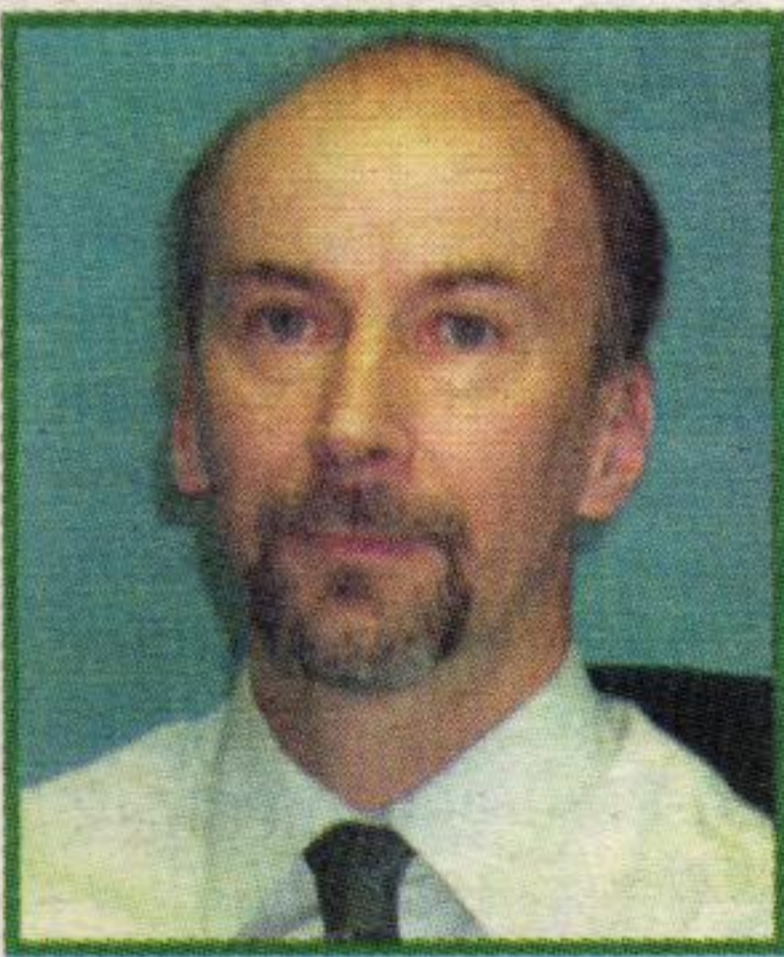
physicians for the excellent care they provide to all residents. The profiles listed below feature four of Halton Hills' physicians who articulate why they enjoy serving our community and describe their lives both in and outside of medicine.

If you would like to find out more about Halton Physician Appreciation Week or Halton Region's Physician Recruitment Program, contact Angela Sugden Praysner, Physician Recruitment Coordinator, at 905-825-6000, toll free at 1-866-4HALTON, or go to www.region.halton.on.ca.



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Dr. Craig Carson

One of the biggest challenges for most people these days is finding a happy median between work and family life. For Dr. Craig Carson, that meant giving up his family practice in Guelph a few years ago and establishing a new practice in Georgetown. This allowed his wife to commute to

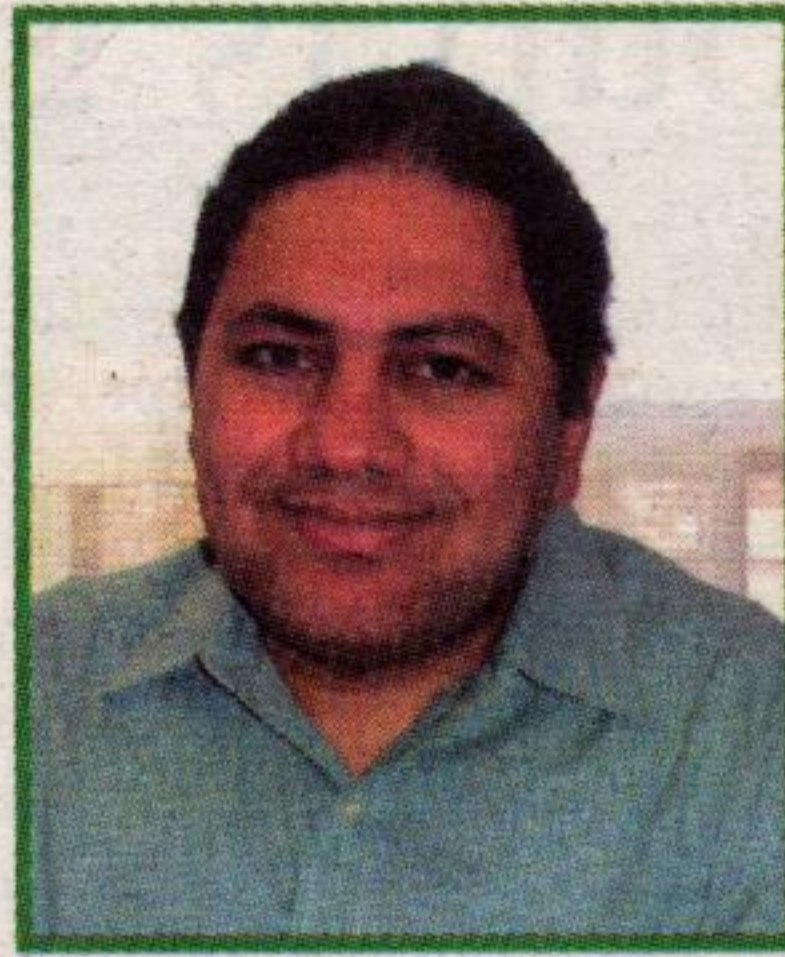
her job in Toronto while he stayed close to home and their two small children. The move has worked out fine for Craig - he deeply enjoys the variety in his medical practice both in the community and at William Osler Health Centre - Georgetown.

Craig grew up in Dundas, Ontario, did an undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Waterloo University and then studied medicine at McMaster University. After his residency, he chose family medicine because it offered 'the full gamut' of caring for people of all ages. In Georgetown, he also has the opportunity to participate in hospital administration - he is President of the Georgetown Professional Staff Association - and practices emergency medicine, which he finds energizing.

"I find acute care stimulating and exciting. And I like the diversity of my office practice - looking after children and the elderly. You really get to know people... families... and develop relationships with them. That's the advantage of a small town."

Keeping abreast of new trends and treatments is challenging for family practitioners because of their wide scope of practice. But many of the physicians in Halton Hills participate in a McMaster-based program of small group information sessions that helps them maintain their knowledge and skills.

Craig also finds there is a real sense of partnership among the physicians and staff at the hospital. "We have a good team at the hospital," he said. "The camaraderie is excellent. There's nothing that would make me want to move away from this area."



Dr. John Iskander

As general surgeon for William Osler Health Centre - Georgetown, Dr. John Iskander is in high demand, often called upon to perform emergency surgeries at short notice as well as operations that are regularly scheduled. It means that his day is unpredictable, but the immediacy of surgery is what

drew him to the field in the first place.

"I love surgery because it's often a quick fix," he said. "I see somebody suffering from a specific problem, and I'm able to help them. And the patient sees results very fast."

John grew up in the Sudan and originally trained as a physician and surgeon at the University of Khartoum. When his family emigrated to Canada in the early 1990s, he chose to move with them and did a one-year clerkship at the University of Toronto in order to qualify to practice medicine in Ontario. But he was still interested in surgery and decided to enter the university's surgical program even though that meant several more years of training.

He joined Osler - Georgetown in 2000, partly because of its size and location. Here, John is able to perform a range of general surgery and connect with his patients in a way that isn't possible in larger centres. "I like small communities and small hospitals," he said. "It brings you close to people. It makes you more of a 'family' surgeon." Even so, he would like to see the hospital gradually grow to support additional programs and services for area residents.

Apart from his commitment to his patients, John's priority is family. He and his wife have three children - a school-aged boy and girl and the newest addition, a baby boy who made his debut in early April. They also have several brothers and sisters and about 12 nieces and nephews, all living in the Toronto area.

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