May 5, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Council Award of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is presented at Council Meetings to honour outstanding Ontario physicians who have demonstrated excellence and come closest to meeting society’s vision of an “ideal physician”.

The criteria for selecting a physician for the Council Award is based on the eight “physician roles” identified by Educating Future Physicians of Ontario. The eight point selection criteria are outlined in the attached Council Award brochure. The College is seeking to recognize physicians whose performance in these roles is outstanding, recognizing that individual physicians will demonstrate more extensive expertise in some roles than in others.

If you work with a physician who has impressed you with her dedication to patients, or his commitment to research, let us know. We want to hear their stories, learn from their experiences, and most importantly, celebrate their achievements with a Council Award. While not all nominees can be honoured with an award, past nominees have told us that the nomination itself stands as a significant validation of their time and efforts. Do not underestimate the impact of your nomination on this special physician.

We receive a variety of nomination packages, some of which are focused around a comprehensive CV, while others consist of personal letters which demonstrate the physician’s commitment to the practice of medicine. We understand that given the diverse array of selection criteria, the nominator may wish to use any number of creative ways to highlight the particular attributes of their nominee. If you know of a physician who meets the selection criteria, you may wish to nominate him/her for the Council Award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is August 8, 2008.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Goldig, Physician Advisory Manager, at 416-967-2600, or 1-800-268-7096, ext. 329.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Council Award Selection Committee