

2018 HEALTH INNOVATION AWARDS

This year's recipient of the Patient-Centred Care Award was the inventory management team from Prairie Mountain Health. The team worked with front-line staff to develop and implement new ways of ordering and stocking medical and surgical supplies to reduce waste and provide easy access for staff to the supplies. This helped the region save more than \$700,000 in 2017-18 while maintaining patient safety and ensuring quality care.

The recipients of the Health-System Improvement Award were teams from seven different personal care homes in Winnipeg that improved resident care through the Safer Care for Older Persons in residential Environments (SCOPE) program. Each team looked at ways to improve patients' mobility, reduce pain or improve responsive behaviours of dementia by applying evidence-based best practices. These included implementing a card system for staff to show how they could ensure patients' comfort and adding music during meals to reduce noisy behaviour.

The organizational recipient of the the Mino Bimaadiziwin Innovation Award for Healthy Living is the Manitoba First Nations Casino Trust, which worked with a number of partners on a health, wellness and gambling awareness initiative. The initiative, called the Balancing Hook, increases the awareness of gambling and related issues by Manitoba First Nations peoples through culturally appropriate training services for First Nations care providers.

The individual recipient of the Mino Bimaadiziwin Innovation Award for Healthy Living is Taneal Semeniuk, founder and facilitator of 'Mothers Helping Mothers', a peer support group focused on mental health for mothers of young children in Russell. The group promotes mental wellness by providing peer support from other individuals with lived and shared experiences.

The recipient of the Enid Thompson Award for Health Care Innovation is Trish Bergal. Beginning her nursing career in 1983, Bergal worked in many departments before becoming the director of utilization for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. She co-ordinated access to emergent services and care teams for patients across the province and from neighbouring provinces, balancing the care for those who needed it most with those whose urgent needs had lessened but still needed care.