

...proudly announces the Physician, Midwife or Nurse Practitioner of the month for

May 2024:

Dr. Edward Hardy

Cancer Centre, Vernon Jubilee Hospital



The VJHPS is pleased to announce **Dr. Edward Hardy as May 2024's Medical Staff Member of the Month**. We salute Dr. Hardy for exemplifying the qualities of an excellent physician, and we are pleased to have him as a respected member of our medical staff.

Background and Training:

- Medical School: University of Saskatchewan
- Internship: St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon
- Internal Medicine: University Hospital in Saskatoon
- Hematology/Oncology Residency: University of Utah

Nominator's Comments (Andy Spencer, Family Medicine):

I've always appreciated the support and accessibility of specialist colleagues in our hospital, and Ed Hardy is no exception to that. He has historically taken the time to review complex situations with me and regularly gives up-to-date information in a kind and polite manner. I appreciate his thoroughness as a colleague, and I know my patients appreciate it too. Even when facing their mortality, my patients often comment on his calming and confidence-inspiring manner. Despite an ever-changing landscape, Ed has managed to remain a knowledgeable expert through regular advancements in his field.

Despite sharing patients from my family practice with him for 8 years now, I hadn't had much of an opportunity to get to know Ed. I was able to sit down with him in his office in the Cancer Centre for almost an hour. We discussed the storied history of VJH cancer services, particularly the evolution over time. In his typical kind manner, he gave me a tour of the space that he spends his working time in. We reviewed how the nature of a growing and aging population has applied continued stress to an under-staffed department.

We also were able to reflect on his history in medicine and Vernon. Ed grew up in Saskatchewan and did his main medical training there. He completed his residency in the US with a special interest in hematologic oncology prior to settling in Vernon in 1999. At that time, BC Cancer and our site were separate. There has been a lot of evolution of the cancer centre, and its role within the region over time.

He likes to spend his time trap shooting and watching old movies. Ed and his wife have two children, both of whom have graduated high school and are firmly now at university. That's left them nearly "empty nesters" so to speak, and he admits that there is an adjustment period now that they aren't zipping around to various kid's activities on a regular basis. Work-life balance has become a renewed focus, and I was reassured to know that I'm not the only one.

Thank you for practicing kindness and professionalism in your dealings with colleagues, and I look forward to working with you for years to come.