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## **Dr. Shannon Wiebe recognized as Rural ER Physician of the Year**

Kenora, ON, May 11, 2022 – Kenora’s own Dr. Shannon Wiebe, recently nominated by her peers, has been recognized as 2022’s *Ontario Rural ER Physician of the Year*. These distinguished awards are coordinated by the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP) and recognize excellence in specific areas within emergency medicine, including advocacy, education, research, and professional practice.

Dr. Wiebe is a busy family doctor, who regularly works in the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Emergency Department (LWDH), covers her own patients when they are admitted to the hospital and also works as a hospitalist, has nursing home patients, provides cancer care and has also recently taken on a leadership role with the hospital on the Medical Quality Assurance Committee.

Ray Racette, LWDH President & CEO shares “Dr. Wiebe was born and raised in Kenora and it is more than evident to her patients and colleagues that she immensely cares for this community. We are incredibly fortunate to have physicians like Dr. Wiebe committed to providing amazing care here.” Dr. Wiebe is a busy mom to two children and was the only female award recipient this year.

Dr. Sarah Giles talks about her colleague “I have had the privilege of knowing Shannon since residency. I have always looked up to her. She provides world-class care, is organized, has a huge heart, and does so many things that keep the doors open on the hospital.”

The Emergency Department at Lake of the Woods District Hospital provides 24-hour 365 days a year care to over 20,000 persons each year requiring immediate or urgent assessment, diagnosis and treatment for injury and / or illness. LWDH has had three doctors receive the ER Physician of the Year award in the past five years, including Dr. Sean Moore and Dr. Sarah Giles.

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