



Recipients of Alumna of Distinction for Excellence in Education Award

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Dr. Suzette Cooke, MD'96, PhD'15, is an award-winning educator who designs curricula and conducts research in medical education. Her personal skills in education have resulted in awards both locally and internationally. She was instrumental in re-designing the Teaching Scholars in Medicine Program and offering faculty development workshops across the departments of Medicine and Surgery.

She is passionate about creating, launching and directing the new Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) Fellowship program, one of the first programs of its kind in Canada. The program celebrated its first graduate in 2019 and now takes fellows on a yearly basis. The fellowship is helping to define the quality of training for future clinicians and advance the field of pediatric medicine in Canada and abroad.

Dr. Cooke's research focuses on creating, teaching and evaluating medical education curricula in the areas of clinical reasoning, health care communications, interdisciplinary simulation and quality improvement. She is currently a pediatrician at the Alberta Children's Hospital. She is also a clinical associate professor, clinician educator and researcher at the Cumming School of Medicine. Dr. Cooke enjoys the diversity of clinical work in the pediatric hospital setting.

Fun Fact – Dr. Cooke was inducted into the Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2017. This milestone recognizes over 30 years in sport, both as a coach and a player.