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Shine A Light: Dr. Shalil Patidar

When you move from another province, one of your most daunting tasks is to find a new family physician you are comfortable with. One family counts themselves lucky to have found Dr. Shalil Patidar.

"After moving to Alberta from Ontario three years ago, we were fortunate to find Dr. Patidar as our family physician. He has consistently been thorough, considerate and compassionate. He is excellent at explaining everything to us and takes all issues into consideration when making a diagnosis. He's a physician that goes above and beyond for his patients. We value the genuine care and concern his has for his patients. His receptionist, Imelda, is also impeccable."

Let's learn more about Dr. Patidar.

Tell us about your practice.

I've been a family physician for four years. My practice is in west Edmonton at Edgemont Health Centre.

Why did you choose family medicine?

Due to the diverse population and breadth of medicine it involved; I also enjoy the variety it allows for.



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What do you find most satisfying about your work?

Family medicine is challenging these days, so it is very touching when a patient nominates me for an award like this. Hearing stories about how we made a difference or helped someone improve their quality of life ... these keep us going on a day-to-day basis. I say "we" because I think this is probably rewarding for all family physicians. These small gestures have such a huge impact on us.

Your team was also mentioned. Talk more about that.

My staff and colleagues put in a lot of effort every day, and that is not always seen by everyone because it's behind the scenes. I love to see patients recognize and acknowledge them as well.

About The Shine A Light Program

The Shine A Light Program recognizes and profiles AMA member physicians who are making a difference by:

- Spearheading projects that improve patient and/or community life
- Diligently following/tracking patients to ensure coordinated care
- Contributing to Alberta's vision of a high-performing health care system

We're looking forward to your <u>nominations</u> and to shining a light on physicians who put Patients First® in everything they do.

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