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Thank you for recognizing Dr Patten

Thank you for your profile of Dr Don Patten in your November issue. I was a resident in family practice at the Ottawa Civic Hospital in the early 1990s, and I am very grateful to Dr Patten for sharing his knowledge and skills in the art and science of medicine with us. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working with many knowledgeable and wise colleagues, and Dr Patten is one of the best. He has been a wonderful example of and advocate for the practice of family medicine, and I was very pleased to see him receive a small amount of the recognition that he deserves.

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