



Dr. Tom Appleton – *ORA Rheumatologist of the Year Award*

Dr. Tom Appleton received the 2023 Rheumatologist of the Year Award from the Ontario Rheumatology Association. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of rheumatology. For several years, Dr. Appleton has worked with a team of Ontario rheumatologists to develop digital health solutions that help rheumatologists provide the best quality care possible for patients with rheumatic diseases. These tools integrate with electronic medical records (EMRs) and empower rheumatologists to engage in self-reflection for professional practice. Dr. Appleton was honoured to receive this award at the 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting of the ORA.

Dr. Appleton is a Clinician-Scientist at Western University and Site Chief of Rheumatology at St. Joseph's Health Care London. He is also past chair of the Canadian Rheumatology Association's Annual Scientific Meeting Committee and the current chair of the ORA Informatics Committee.



Dr. Alf Cividino – *ORA Distinguished Member Award*

It is an honour to be acknowledged by my colleagues with the ORA Distinguished Member Award. I have had the opportunity to have a varied and rewarding career as an educator, researcher, and clinician. Any success I have had stems from the support of my colleagues and family. The tenet of any role I have had has been that an individual's success is everyone's success. Thus, by supporting each other, we all win.

My role with the ORA began from the organization's inception with Carter Thorne as the driving force. The ORA has accomplished a great deal for its members in education and advocacy. While change and adaptation are the mantra of our time, it is important to remember who we are at the core . . . clinicians providing patient care.



Dr. Nicole Johnson – *Department of Pediatrics CARE Award*

Dr. Nicole Johnson is the recipient of the 2022 Department of Pediatrics CARE Award – Educator. On behalf of her colleagues, congratulations and thank you for your contributions!

The Department of Pediatrics awards comprise four awards to recognize sustained and excellent contributions that advance the four core areas of the Department’s mission: Clinical Service; Advocacy; Research; and Education. Dr. Johnson was nominated by her peers and chosen for the award by the Department Leadership team. Dr. Johnson has been a dedicated teacher, educator and mentor for many years. She has been the evaluation coordinator for pediatric clerkship for over a decade and is a respected lecturer and teacher for undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. She is a leader, locally, nationally, and internationally in the areas of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, sitting on multiple committees at the level of the University and Royal College, and non-profit organizations.



Dr. Sahil Koppikar – *ORA Early Career Rheumatologist Award*

Dr. Sahil Koppikar is the recipient of the 2023 ORA Early Career Rheumatologist Award. The ORA Early Career Rheumatologist Award established in 2021 recognizes an early career rheumatologist who has engaged with passion in an ORA project that has made an impact on the rheumatology community, has demonstrated longevity and commitment to the priorities of the ORA, and is a role model for early career members within the ORA.

Dr. Koppikar is a Clinician-Teacher at Women's College Hospital, University of Toronto. He is also the Director of the Timmins Arthritis Program and Chair of the Northern Ontario Committee of the Ontario Rheumatology Association.