



June 5, 2020

Dr. Kim Smyth
Developmental Neurologist
University of Calgary
Calgary, AB

Re: 2019-2020 PARA Clinical Teaching Award Honourable Mention – University of Calgary

Dear Dr. Smyth:

The Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta (PARA) is pleased to inform you that you have received an Honorable Mention for the 2019-2020 *PARA Clinical Teaching Award* for the University of Calgary. This award recognizes physician preceptors who have shown excellence in resident physician education.

This is what your nominators shared about your commitment to medical education:

“Dr. Smyth provides excellent developmentally focused neurology care to her patients, often seeing complex patient with challenging symptoms. She often researches novel investigations, approaches, and treatments, and through this provides her patients with excellent cutting-edge care.

Dr. Smyth goes out of her way to teach residents and fellows. She prepares presentations for one-on-one teaching sessions that are tailored to specific patients being seen in clinic that day. She ensure not to overbook clinics to allow ample time for teaching.

Dr. Smyth understands the importance of balancing learning, clinical demands, and life away from medicine. She demonstrates an understanding of well-being by supporting residents and fellows to do the same

Smyth is always asking what areas of teaching or support residents or fellows may need to supplement their learning. She frequently revises presentations, and ensures they are tailored to patients we are seeing on a specific day

Dr. Smyth focuses on adapting to the learning style of the learner in front of her, and making her teaching sessions interactive and very relevant to clinical care.”

Again, congratulations on receiving this Honourable Mention for the 2019-2020 *PARA Clinical Teaching Award*.

Sincerely,



Dr. Francesco Rizzuti
PARA President

*cc: Dr. Jon Meddings, Dean, Cummings School of Medicine
Dr. Lisa Welikovitch, Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education Office*