

...proudly announces the Physician, Midwife or Nurse Practitioner of the month for

July 2023:



Dr. Eiko Waida, Paediatrics

The VJHPS is pleased to announce **Dr. Eiko Waida as July's 2023 Medical Staff Member of the Month**. We salute Dr. Waida for exemplifying the qualities of an excellent practitioner, and we are pleased to have her as a respected member of our medical staff community.

Nominator's Comments (Dr. Jay Fourie, Emergency Medicine):

Eiko Waida was born in Japan and moved to the US at the age of one. Her family moved frequently while she was growing up, even spending her grade 7 year in Italy, where she learned Italian. Eiko decided to study medicine after a career day in her grade 9 year. The opportunity to interact with people while solving the “puzzle” of their symptoms immediately appealed to her. Paediatrics was an obvious choice for her as she found herself drawn to every child during her internship at St Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver. The interaction with children and their families, the variety of the field, and her involvement in quality improvement at health authority and provincial levels continues to challenge and stimulate her. She considers “persistence” to be her best quality which has stood her in good stead over the years. Having consulted Eiko, one can rest assured that any child will receive exceptional care. She treats fellow staff with respect and always has time to answers questions.

Outside of medicine, Eiko loves to read and travel. She enjoys following Formula 1 racing, and her favorite driver is Lewis Hamilton. She speaks English, French and Japanese which would have served her well in her alternate career choice of international diplomacy. She lives in Vernon with her husband and her mother while their 17 year old twins are studying in Europe and their eldest is working in Toronto.

Eiko's bucket list includes doing a hut-to-hut hiking trip, eating at the Alchemist, and doing a food tour in Vietnam with family.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Waida as July’s VJH Medical Staff Member of the month.