

Departmental Acknowledgement

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too"
Yogi Berra

Hi Everyone,

gone on to get a liver transplant. Allison then reveals to me that this was the patient assigned to her by her Osler Fellow in first year medical school. A remarkable circle was closed. The same patient had given of herself to teach two generations of physicians the most fundamental aspects of this wondrous profession. Two generations of physicians linked by the most fundamental bond of being parent and child. I was blown away by the karma of it all. And of course had my Departmental Acknowledgement for the week and a story to tell my eventual grandchildren.

We are a teaching institution. This is driven by the care we provide to our patients. Without their involvement in teaching, we would be reduced to textbooks and simulation centres which, as good as they can be, will never replace the complexity and uniqueness and challenges of the 'real' patient. Remember to continuously thank them for their participation in our collective teaching efforts.

Chag Shameach to all those celebrating Pesach,
Happy Easter to those celebrating Easter,
Happy Long Weekend to everyone else,

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