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Vulcan Doctor Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2011

(Edmonton, AB, July 28, 2011) The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is pleased to announce that Dr. Leonard Wade of Vulcan is Alberta's Family Physician of the Year for 2011. Recipients of this prestigious award are chosen by their peers for making significant contributions to the health and well being of their communities, dedicating themselves to the education of future generations of family doctors, and most importantly, for providing exceptional care to their patients.

"Dr. Wade provides outstanding medical care and attention, provides counseling in times of crisis, and always has the time to treat his whole patient, not just the disease or malady," says long time patient Glen Hutton. "Dr. Wade has never treated his rural practice as a "nine-to-five" job, and his bike is usually found outside the hospital long into the night."

Following graduation from the University of Calgary, Dr. Wade and his wife Barbara settled in the community of Vulcan where they raised their three children, Katie, Brendan and David. For the past 20 years, he has been Chief of Medical Staff and Medical Director of the Vulcan County Ambulance Service, and has also sat on the Medical Advisory Committee for the Department of Rural Medicine. Dr. Wade is involved with the Rural Competency Committee in determining skill requirements for new graduates practising in a rural setting, developing assessment tools for accurately determining the skill level of new recruits, and in teaching and mentoring many of these new doctors.

Dr. Wade is an avid outdoorsman, and enjoys mountaineering, hiking, scuba diving and triathlon. Combining his personal and professional interests, he has been the camp doctor for the Canadian Alpine Club, assisted with the organization of the Vulcan Tinman Triathlon, and is a founding member of the Vulcan Bodyworks Fitness Centre.

"His commitment to ensuring the longevity of excellent health care in Vulcan is evident by the countless hours that he has dedicated to health and wellness of our community," praises Tom Grant, former Mayor of Vulcan. Dr. Wade is a mentor to many and has embraced a healthy lifestyle, set by example, for others to follow.

"On behalf of the ACFP and all of his colleagues", said Dr. Paul Humphries, President of the ACFP, "we are proud of Dr. Len Wade's example of comprehensive care and community involvement."

The Alberta College of Family Physicians is a provincial, professional, voluntary organization, representing more than 3,100 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students in Alberta. Established more than fifty years ago, the ACFP strives for excellence in family practice through advocacy, continuing medical education and primary care research. The ACFP is a Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, a nationwide organization with more than 25,000 members.

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