



**Association of General Hospital Psychiatric Services**

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**Jane Chamberlin Award 2021 Selection**

**Hospital:** London Health Sciences Centre – Victoria Hospital

**Candidate's Name:** Dr. Kamini Vasudev

**Position:** Medical Director – Ambulatory Programs

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It would be hard to capture here Dr. Kamini Vasudev's commitment to serving both our hospital and our region's patient population. As Medical Director for our Ambulatory services, Kamini has helped lead through the covid pandemic through difficult and uncertain times, helping navigate complicated issues such as staff working from home, staff redeployments to other hospital departments, staff absences as well as managing reduction of services. Since Spring 2021, she worked effectively with her hospital leadership counterparts to manage a significant outpatient wait-list of almost 12 months that had developed as a result of the Covid pandemic. Through creative approaches involving triaging of patients to allied health psychosocial assessments, in addition to regular psychiatrist appointments, as well as through implementation of a new team-based model approach, our hospital was able to reduce the wait time to less than six months within just a few months of the plan being implemented. We hope to reduce this further to a 4-8 week wait within the next few months. In addition to her hard work in leadership, Kamini has always been extremely dedicated to her work and to our patients. She is very often the first physician to offer to support patients who for whatever reason are left without a physician. She sets an example for others through both her actions as well as her vast knowledge of our department's history and current state. This has allowed her to propose creative solutions to serve our patients, and more importantly, she offers her leadership to achieve these goals. Kamini treats others with respect and kindness and all this with humbleness and integrity.

**Submitted by**

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