



## In memoriam: Carole L Marcus MBBCH, FAASM

Carole Marcus was a dear friend and colleague of many Canadian pediatricians and sleep specialists. As stated in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5734885](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5734885)), 'on November 19, 2017 the world lost a remarkable physician, scientist, educator, and mentor who critically shaped the discipline of Pediatric Sleep Medicine, establishing best practices for diagnosing and treating infants, children and adolescents with sleep disordered breathing who inspired generations of clinicians and investigators, sowing the foundation for future discoveries and innovations'.

These words echo throughout Canada where Carole had an enormous influence on pediatric sleep. Carole was instrumental in training and mentoring pediatric sleep specialists at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and across Canada. Carole also played a significant role in advancing pediatric sleep services in Toronto both in the clinical and research arena.

Comments from colleagues across Canada really highlight the impact Carole had in Canada: 'Carole was influential in shaping my clinical and research career in pediatric sleep medicine and I will always be indebted to her. 'After finishing my clinical training at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) under Carole's mentorship, I started a Faculty position in Sleep Medicine in Toronto. Carole was instrumental in shaping my clinical career in Toronto. As well as always being available for phone advice, she visited Toronto and toured our sleep facility and advised us on clinical services specifically, on expansion of the sleep laboratory service to international standards and establishing speciality clinics within Sleep medicine. Further, she was a keynote speaker at SickKids international sleep symposium where she highlighted the importance of early diagnosis and targeted therapeutic interventions in children to our paediatricians and stakeholders. Carole certainly shaped my commitment for clinical excellence in Sleep medicine.' (Indra Narang, University of Toronto). 'Carole was an outstanding educator, as witnessed by all who attended her exemplary key note presentation at the CSS meeting, April 2017 in Calgary. Her presentations were always scholarly, engaging, and demonstrated her depth of knowledge as well as her dedication both to her work and to the children and families she cared for. The Canadian sleep community benefited greatly from Carole's presentations in Canada. The care of children with sleep disordered breathing problems in Canada has improved greatly from the wisdom imparted by

Carole in her presentations and from her mentorship of young Canadian sleep physicians.' (Shelly Weiss, University of Toronto); 'Carole was a remarkable scientist, clinician and person who taught me that good science is rigorous, humble and worth pursuing for the children whose stories stick with us and push us to do more. Carole and her work will continue to inspire me' (Joanna Maclean, University of Alberta). 'As well as championing pediatric sleep medicine across the world, she was also especially interested in the career of young trainees and clinicians, providing thought and inspiration to others work' (Sherri Katz, University of Ottawa). 'Carole has assisted our evolving sleep program in many ways; as an educator training our staff, as a mentor for research studies and as a role model for building a novel program within Pediatric Respiratory. Pediatric Sleep Medicine in Canada would not be at the level of excellence without her' (Felix Ratjen, University of Toronto). 'Carole was an incredible mentor, colleague and friend. It was an honor to have trained under her supervision. Her passion for sleep medicine, her leadership in the field and her commitment to improving her patients' breathing and quality of life was evident within the first five minutes of meeting her.' (Reshma Amin, University of Toronto).

Carole was a remarkable person, clinician, scientist and educator. Her legacy will continue to inspire generations of sleep specialists. She will be deeply missed by her family, her international and Canadian colleagues and friends.

### Appendix A. Supplementary data

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