

Government of Manitoba's Health Innovations Enid Thompson award for Health Care Innovation

Chad and Richard were both honoured by becoming the first recipients of the Government of Manitoba's Health Innovations Enid Thompson award for Health Care Innovation. This award recognizes an outstanding change that has had a positive effect on patient care in the publicly funded health care system. Both Chad and Richard work at CancerCare Manitoba. Chad is in medical devices and Richard in nuclear electronics. They designed and installed a specially shielded DVD player, protected from the radiation and an adjustable mobile stand. The children can focus their attention on their favourite show. As a result of this innovation the need for anaesthetics has been dramatically reduced, as well as appointment time, anxiety and stress. This project has now been expanded to include the nuclear medicine and burn units at the Health Sciences Centre.

“People put forward good ideas to improve health care and healthy living, and these awards help us recognize their hard work and encourage even more innovative ideas,” said Oswald. “Even a simple change can make a big difference.”

Let Chad and Richard serve as an example to each of us to bring our ideas forward, no matter how simple they might be. To submit your ideas or to contact us go to www.mahcp.ca “Contact Us” or click on the “Depend on Us” photo for the Eliminate the Wait website.