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### ***Prestigious Canadian Site with Top Healthcare Excellence Award Unveils the UNIVANTS “GREAT” Trophy***

The UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence award program honors and celebrates integrated clinical care teams who have made measurable differences in health outcomes. Among the many honors associated with the program, top-performing teams are now eligible to feature the “Globally Renowned Atlas Trophy” (aka “GREAT” Trophy) at their health system. Reserved only for the most elite healthcare teams, this prominent trophy travels the world, recognizing health systems with patient-centric integrated clinical care teams who have achieved transformational health outcomes.

First to receive this elite honor is the 2020 UNIVANTS of Healthcare Excellence award winning team at Seven Oaks General Hospital, Shared Health in Manitoba, Canada. The Kidney Check program, led by Dr. Paul Komenda, Academic Nephrologist, Chronic Disease Innovation Center and Professor of Medicine at University of Manitoba is a strategic and comprehensive initiative that involves screening, triage, and treatment for preventive kidney care in rural and remote First Nations communities across Canada. This team drives enhanced wellness for patients and communities through point-of-care testing (POCT) for earlier identification of chronic kidney disease, diabetes, and hypertension in individuals ages 10 and up, regardless of pre-existing risk factors. Using the Kidney Failure Risk Equation (age, sex, eGFR and proteinuria), high risk individuals are identified and linked to appropriate care.

Thus far, the Kidney Check program has reached over 11 First Nations communities in Manitoba, Canada. With substantial outcomes and impressive success, the program continues to expand with activation in 4 additional provinces across Canada.

The GREAT trophy arrived at Seven Oaks General Hospital in early June 2021. Featured prominently within their main lobby and residing among other honors and affiliations associated with this site, the trophy welcomes patients, employees and executives with its impressive stature and inscription that reinforces the site’s commitment and success in achieving healthcare excellence.



“Having the GREAT trophy in the lobby of Seven Oaks General Hospital is a daily reminder of all of our fantastic partnerships and our site’s commitment to patients, communities and healthcare excellence. We look forward to continued collaboration with our First Nations patients, scientists and clinicians in improving access to early preventative care.”

– Dr Paul Komenda, Research Director SOGH CDIC and Professor of Medicine U Manitoba

“It is fantastic that our important work with the Kidney Check team has been recognized with this prestigious honor. We love that we are the first site to feature this trophy and are excited to know where it might travel next.”

– Heather Martin, Research Coordinator, Chronic Disease Innovation Centre, Seven Oaks General Hospital, Kidney Check Program

Learn more about this elite site online at [www.cansolveckd.ca/research/kidney-check/](http://www.cansolveckd.ca/research/kidney-check/) and more about the UNIVANTS program or the GREAT Trophy at <https://www.univantshce.com>