



PRESS RELEASE

The New Brunswick Association of Occupational Therapists (NBAOT) is pleased to announce that the Plastic Surgery Department at the Saint John Regional Hospital has won a 2021 Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) Citation Award.

The CAOT Citation Award provides an opportunity for collaboration with provincial/territorial professional occupational therapy organizations. The purpose of the Citation Award is to acknowledge the contribution/accomplishment to the health and well-being of Canadians of an agency, program and/or individual within each province/territory, who is not an occupational therapist.

The Plastic Surgery Department was recognized for their team approach where therapists and surgeons practiced together in several weekly plastic surgery clinics. These clinics allowed the surgeons, therapists, and clients to meet initially and as necessary during treatment to collaborate on care needs. It allowed for improved communication between client, therapist, and surgeon as well as faster and more efficient care for the client. They were also applauded for an innovative Inter-disciplinary opportunity called "Hand Rounds". These rounds were organized by the therapy team and gave clients with complex needs an opportunity to meet with the entire plastic surgery team of surgeons and therapists to determine if there were any unexplored options for their treatment. This was an initiative of our surgeons to ensure all clients received the best care.

Photo attached.

The New Brunswick Association of Occupational Therapists is a professional and regulatory organization that exists to advance quality occupational therapy practice in the interest of public protection and to represent occupational therapist's province-wide by advancing standards of education and practice and shaping health policy.



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