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This week's DA goes to another individual who received a Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation award on Oct. 27. Never one to blow her own horn, Dr. Indra Gupta tends to keep her impressive list of accomplishments and contributions to herself. Fortunately, her outstanding contributions were recently recognized with the 2021 MCHF Research Award of Excellence.

Indra's commitment to research excellence, not only with respect to her own research team, but also with respect to our entire pediatric research community at the RI-MUHC makes her the epitome of a dedicated clinician-scientist and an exemplary 'scientific citizen'. She joined the Division of Nephrology at Montreal Children's Hospital and the RI-MUHC in 1998. Since her appointment, she has developed a research program focusing on the molecular mechanisms underlying kidney development, and disorders that arise due to congenital malformations. Indra's curiosity and openness to creative ideas has been a hallmark of her work; recently she assembled an eclectic interdisciplinary team of scientists (including a plant scientist!) and clinicians to conduct a pre-clinical study exploring the genetic variants associated with kidney stones and the use of non-invasive natural therapeutics to reduce recurrence. Her research program has been continuously supported with funding from CIHR,