



### **Undergraduate Narrative Award Honouree Profile 2017**

### **Dr. Jean-Marc Bigonnesse**

Dr. Jean-Marc Bigonnesse is a family doctor and a former associate professor from the Faculté de médecine et des sciences de la santé of Université de Sherbrooke (Québec). Both his clinical practice and teaching have been dedicated to palliative and end-of-life care.

Examples of contributions that Dr. Bigonnesse has made to the advancement of undergraduate palliative care medical education in Canada:

1. Teaching of 4th-year medical students from 1998-2016; including development and implementation of a workshop on End-of-Life Care, Ethics and Professional Development
2. Local leader and member of the sub-committee of the Educating Future Physicians in Palliative and End-of-Life Care (EFPPEC) project from 2003-2008. The EFPPEC team developed national competencies for teaching of Palliative Care at the undergraduate level in each Faculty of Medicine in Canada, under the direction of the Association of Faculty of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) and the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA).
3. Key participant in development of a common curriculum in Palliative and End-of-Life Care for universities in Québec. The curricula from Québec and Ontario were the foundation for the EFPPEC competencies noted above.
4. Delegate from the Université de Sherbrooke to the Réseau Universitaire Québécois en Soins Palliatifs (RUQSP), to upgrade teaching and organisation of the palliative care in the Faculties of Medicine in Quebec. (2001-2015)
5. Numerous workshops, oral presentations and posters on palliative care medical education
6. Scientific co-director, 26e Congrès provincial annuel Association québécoise de soins palliatifs (Sherbrooke, QC, 2016)

Currently, Dr. Bigonnesse works at La Maison Aube-Lumière, a non-for-profit organisation offering advanced palliative and end-of-life. Recently he developed as director a master's degree micro-program in Palliative and End-of-Life Care that has been offered to health professionals at Université de Sherbrooke since 2011.

His interests include pedagogy, family medicine practice, palliative care, sociology of death and dying, and cultural aspects of death in different religions.