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Federation of Medical Women of Canada Honours Hon. Dr. Carolyn Bennett with the 2006 May Cohen Leadership Award And Brigadier General Hilary Jaeger with Honorary Membership

Moncton – The Federation of Medical Women of Canada will honor one of their members on Friday, August 18, 2006 at their awards luncheon during their 2006 Annual General Meeting and Scientific Assembly. The Honorable Dr. Carolyn Bennett has been selected as this year's May Cohen Leadership Award recipient.

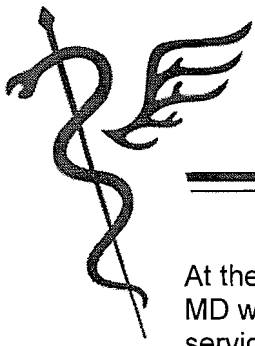
The May Cohen Award, is an annual award which recognizes a member of the Federation for her role in the promotion of women's health. The Award is named for Dr. May Cohen, former FMWC national president, who through example puts the FMWC Vision Statement into action.

Prior to her election, Dr. Bennett was a family physician and a founding partner of Bedford Medical Associates in downtown Toronto. She was President of the Medical Staff Association of Women's College Hospital and Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. Dr. Bennett served on the Boards of Havergal College, Women's College Hospital, the Ontario Medical Association, and the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto.

In 1986, Dr. Bennett received the Royal Life Saving Society Service Cross -- a Commonwealth award recognizing her more than twenty years of distinguished service. In 2002, she was the recipient of the coveted EVE Award for contributing to the advancement of women in politics and in 2003 received the first ever CAMIMH Mental Health Champion Award. In 2005, Carolyn received the Non-Consumer involvement award for promoting and facilitating consumer participation within the CMHA. Carolyn was also the first recipient of the National Award of Excellence for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to Injury Prevention and Safety promotion in Canada. Bennett is also author of "Kill or Cure? How Canadians Can Remake their Health Care System," published in October 2000.

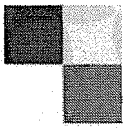
Dr. Bennett obtained her degree in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1974, and received her certification in Family Medicine in 1976. She and her husband, Canadian film producer Peter O'Brian, have two sons.

The Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) is proud to count Hon. Dr. Carolyn Bennett amongst its recipient of this prestigious award. The FMWC would also like to thank Duchesnay for supporting the Federation in its efforts to recognize its finest leaders.



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At the same ceremony, The Federation also recognized Brigadier General Hilary Jaeger, MD with an Honorary Membership in recognition of her accomplishments and the service, courage and leadership she models and advances every day.

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