



RESIDENT PHYSICIAN OF THE MONTH

JUNE

Dr. Alison Marshal Pediatric Neurology University of Calgary

Originally from Surrey, BC, I completed my undergrad degree in plant biology at UBC, moved to Alberta for my MSc at U of A before completing my western Canadian university tour and settling in Calgary for medical school and residency training in pediatric neurology. Growing up in BC fostered my love of the outdoors including camping and hiking.

My friends and I are determined to find every patio in Calgary that is dog friendly, but we are yet to find one that will let me bring my cat, Perseus (Percy for short). My favourite holiday is Halloween because I love costumes, SFX makeup and body painting (and candy).

I am deeply honoured by this nomination, and thankful for all the colleagues, mentors, patients and their families that I have learned from throughout residency.

A colleague shared this about Dr. Marshal:

Alison recently finished a term as Lead Resident Physician for her Pediatric Neurology program. During her time as Lead, she advocated strongly for her co-resident physicians to ensure that they received equitable benefits when compared to similar programs. In dual academic and administrative roles she coordinated a successful re-design of the program's Academic Half Day, organized a popular workshop on palliative care and single-handedly made a successful resident wellness retreat in the mountains happen. Alison is well known throughout the department for her sunny ways and is always available to share in a joke as well as lend an ear. She is quick to establish rapport with her patients, to the point that she was once told by an adolescent patient that she is "so cool."

Alison recently published a comprehensive review on treatment-resistant migraine, and plans to continue her training after residency with a fellowship focusing on Headache and Functional Neurology. Alison's interest in caring for and advocating for patients with headache disorders and functional neurological disorders is appreciated by her colleagues and patients alike as these areas of neurology are underserved and in need of strong advocates like Alison!