

### **SOGC and CFWH Award Canadian Journalists for Excellence in Women’s Health Reporting**

Ottawa, November 2, 2020 – The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) and the Canadian Foundation for Women’s Health (CFWH) are pleased to award two Canadian journalists for excellence in reporting on women’s health. The award acknowledges journalists whose work has contributed a valuable public health service in both broadcasting and print media in Canada.

The winners of the 2020 SOGC/CFWH Journalism Awards for Excellence in Women’s’ Health reporting are Amélie Cléroux in *Protégez-Vous* magazine and Marika Wheeler on CBC Radio.

The award is split into two categories, print and broadcast.

In the print category, Amélie Cléroux’s piece titled *Protégez-vous! Mais comment?* seeks to bring understanding and shed light on the subject of contraception and issues Canadians face in choosing the right one.

In the broadcasting category, Marika Wheeler produced an informative radio piece on pelvic floor problems titled [\*Mentioning the Unmentionable\*](#) that opened up conversation on a topic many women feel embarrassed to speak about.

“Without quality well-researched journalism, some stories would never get told,” says Dr. Jennifer Blake, SOGC Chief Executive Officer. “Like previous winners, this year’s award winners have made a significant impact in the realm of women’s health by not only opening up a dialogue on topics that might seem uncomfortable to speak about but by changing the way we perceive and discuss issues related to issues that affect all Canadians. These journalists have added significant impact to that dialogue and are moving it in a positive direction for women.”

“Congratulations to both journalists,” says Dr. Catherine Popadiuk, Executive Director of the CFWH. “Having open dialogue on these kinds of topics helps to reduce the isolation and stigma many feel about the health issues they may be facing.”

### **About The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada**

The SOGC is one of Canada's oldest national specialty organizations. Established in 1944, the Society's mission is to promote excellence in the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology and to advance the health of women through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and education. The SOGC represents obstetricians/gynaecologists, family physicians, nurses, midwives and allied health professionals working in the field of sexual reproductive health. For more information, please visit [www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org)

### **About the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health**

The mission of the CFWH is to advance the health of women in Canada and around the world through research, education and advocacy in obstetrics and gynaecology. The CFWH believes that every woman should have equitable access to optimal comprehensive health care, provided with integrity and compassion in Canada and around the world. For more information, please visit [www.cfwh.org](http://www.cfwh.org)

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