

PRAISE for

In the Trenches *The Daily Grind of Family and Academic Medicine*

*Jason Profetto came to the McMaster medical school in 2006 and I remember him clearly as a very young, very enthusiastic first year medical student. I have enjoyed working in many capacities with Jason over the last eleven years as he completed his medical school training and residency and returned to our program as a teacher and leader. While Jason is undoubtedly older and wiser now, he has not lost one ounce of his **infectious energy and enthusiasm**. He was a joy to have as a student and he is a joy to have as a teacher and leader in our medical school. I am very pleased that a larger community will have the opportunity to get to know Jason through his exciting new book.*

Cathy Oudshoorn, Manager,
Undergraduate Medical Education, McMaster University

*When Jason was a medical resident, he was keen to teach students and was persistent in creating a niche for resident teaching in Niagara. He soon developed a better way to do the teaching, and since graduating has become faculty; now his better way is the McMaster way. Jason continues to be a **leader in medical education** at McMaster. These stories and the lessons in them will help us better understand both our healers and the human condition.*

Dr. Karl Stobbe, Former and Inaugural Assistant Dean of the Niagara Regional Campus,
McMaster's Medical School

*Having had the pleasure of working with Dr. Profetto over the past few years, I have come to know that his mind never stops, that he has a seemingly unending pursuit of knowledge. At a very early stage of his professional career, he has realized the importance not only of the doctor-patient relationship, but also the outside influences that impact this from office efficiencies to political decisions. Patients have told me how lucky they feel to have him as their physician. As one of his peers, I admire his critical thinking and innovative ideas. He makes me strive to be a better physician. The future of **primary care is in fabulous hands** with such forward-thinking and dedicated physician as Dr. Profetto.*

Dr. Monica DeBenedetti, MD, CCFP
President, Hamilton Family Health Team

*Dr. Jason Profetto personifies the ideal doctor. He's smart, compassionate, and innovative. He gives his patients more than medicine; he gives humanity. He teaches residents and students, builds his community, and keeps strong ties with the generation of physicians ahead of him. In all of this, **Dr. Profetto takes time to see things that most of us ignore**. He stops. He thinks. He allows himself to be changed for the better and then shares that with the rest of us. Listen, learn, and enjoy.*

Dr. Shawn Whatley, President, Ontario Medical Association

*It has been a pleasure working with Dr. Profetto for the last ten years. He is an enthusiastic, passionate, professional, approachable, and light-hearted colleague. Dr. Profetto is an excellent educator who creates a comfortable and pleasant environment for his students and colleagues. It will be extremely beneficial to share and **enlighten readers** with the experiences of such an outstanding medical professional.*

Dr. Vian Mohialdin, Clinical Skills Teacher,
McMaster University

*I have known Jason for more than ten years, from his early beginnings as a medical student, to becoming the Chair of Clinical Skills for the MD Program. **In the Trenches is a wonderful book that illustrates the life experiences of a practicing family physician.** Each chapter provides stories to the reader on how Jason has surpassed obstacles, helped others, and became an overall exceptional physician to his patients and teacher to his students and residents.*

Dr Ari Shali, Former Clinical Skills Chair,
McMaster University, Department of Pathology

*Have you ever wondered what it's like to have the best job in the world, a family physician? Dr. Jason Profetto, an important leader in medical education and medical politics, gives an **insider's view into this fascinating world.** Whether you are a patient, a clinician, or dream of being a clinician, this book will give you some unique insights.*

Scott Wooder, MD, CCFP,
Past President, Ontario Medical Association



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