***FOCUS ON GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE***

***OCTOBER 2012***

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***Excellence in the Division***

***CONGRATULATIONS!***

**Dr Blair Schwartz** has been officially recruited to the JGH. He will join the Division and play an important role in the Center for Quality Improvement that is led by the Division, as soon as he completes his Masters of Public Health at John Hopkins. We look forward to welcoming Dr Schwartz next year!

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**Dr Ernesto Schiffrin began his term as President of the International Society of Hypertension on Oct 3.**

This prestigious world leading organization promotes the advancement of knowledge in the prevention and management of heart disease and stroke in hypertension.

**See Dr Schiffrin in the August 2012 issue of The Lancet.**

His Profile, *[Ernesto Schiffrin: essential player in hypertension](http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/viewarticle?data=dGJyMPPp44rp2%2fdV0%2bnjisfk5Ie46a9KsKyuT7Ok63nn5Kx95uXxjL6nrkeypbBIr6ieSa6wr024p7A4v8OkjPDX7Ivf2fKB7eTnfLursUmurbBKt6ykhN%2fk5VXj5KR84LPfUeac8nnls79mpNfsVbWus06vrrdRpNztiuvX8lXk6%2bqE8tv2jAAA&hid=106" \o "Ernesto Schiffrin: essential player in hypertension. )* appeared in the 8/11/2012 issue, Vol. 380 Issue 9841,

p 555, and his comment, *[Hypertension: treatments, diabetes, and developing regions](http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/viewarticle?data=dGJyMPPp44rp2%2fdV0%2bnjisfk5Ie46a9KsKyuT7Ok63nn5Kx95uXxjL6nrkeypbBIr6ieSa6wr024p7A4v8OkjPDX7Ivf2fKB7eTnfLursUmurbBKt6ykhN%2fk5VXj5KR84LPfUeac8nnls79mpNfsVbWus06vrrZQpNztiuvX8lXk6%2bqE8tv2jAAA&hid=106" \o "Hypertension: treatments, diabetes, and developing regions. )* in the same issue, pp 539 – 541.

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**Dr John Hoffer** was successful in obtaining a grant fromthe Lotte and John Hecht Foundation for $105,000.

Dr Hoffer is the principal investigator on the study *Open clinical trial to validate a short-term vitamin D loading and maintenance dose protocol in people with advanced lung cancer.*

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**Dr Stella Daskalopoulou** received CIHR funding for, and will lead, the study *MEthods of ASsessing blood pressUre: identifying thReshold and target valuEs (MeasureBP)*. This study is a Canadian Hypertension Education Program-initiative that aims to identify blood pressure treatment thresholds and targets for different methods of blood pressure measurements.

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**Dr Tom Maniatis** was invited to be a Keynote Speaker at the national Strategic Planning Summit Meeting in Edmonton on 8 March 2013. Organized by the Office of Medical Education, University of Alberta, the “Core Summit” will review the clinical environment and current trends in medical education to be proactive in setting the agenda of the Core Internal Medicine Training Program for the next decade.



**Dr Todd Lee has been named CTU Director of Six Medicine, RVH. He takes over from Dr Jeff Wiseman, who is stepping down after 6 years of excellent leadership. Thank you Jeff for all your hard work and contributions!**

***CONGRATULATIONS AND***

***BEST WISHES!***

***Drs Todd Lee and Andree-Anne Beaulieu***

***were married on Sunday 14 Oct!***

**Dr Tom Maniatis is organizing a McGill Dinner at the CSIM in Quebec City at 6:00 on Thurs 18 Oct at Le Café du Monde, 84 Dalhousie. RSVP to him at thomas.maniatis@mcgill.ca**

**Dr Suzanne Morin** **will present** ***Management of osteoporosis: Back to clinical judgment***

**at the MUHC Medical Grand Rounds at** **Noon on Tues 30 Oct.**

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**Ongoing Activities**

**Research Innovations**

**First Research in Progress Seminar!**

Organized by **Dr Kaberi Dasgupta,** the first **Research in Progress Seminar** will focus on vascular medicine and will take place at 4:00 p.m., Salle Florence, Hotel Vogue on Monday 12 Nov 2012. Division researchers will give

15-minute presentations, followed by the McGill GIM Division Rounds **(see program on p. 3)**.

**Grand Opening of the Vascular Lab at the MGH**. **Dr Stella Daskalopoulou** is inviting Division members to the Grand Opening at B2.104 MGH at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday 13 Nov 2012. **(see program on p. 3)**

**Clinical Innovations**

**Pre-Op Medicine: Dr David Hornstein, Director of the MGH Perioperative Medicine Center**

The year 2012 has been a tremendous one of growth for the new MGH Perioperative Medicine Center, and for perioperative activities at the MUHC in general. At the MGH the center celebrated its first anniversary in May 2012. The center offers perioperative Internal Medicine consultation five days per week, is now operating afternoon clinics, and is hosting month-long rotations for senior trainees in General Internal Medicine and Anesthesia. The center is actively involved in an international research project pertaining to prevention of perioperative ischemic events, and trainees are exposed to clinical research during their rotations at the center. Two McGill trainees in GIM are pursuing further specialty training in Perioperative Medicine outside of McGill, and they will bring further development to the McGill wide GIM- led academic training program in Perioperative Medicine in the very near future, as we continue to develop and expand this exciting domain.

**St. Mary’s** members of the Division are also developing a pre-operative assessment unit as a new area for research and teaching.

**Quality Improvement:** Drs Dev Jayaraman Laurence Green, Todd Lee, Blair Schwartz form the core group who have launched the Center for Quality Improvement (CQI).

**GIM Clinics**

**Electronic Medical Records.**  Dr Mark Roper presented how the open source OSCAREMR platform is used in Family Medicine to the MUHC Exec Committee. Dr Todd Lee is heading an IT Committee to assess the use of OSCAR and other GIM-related needs.

Dr Thomas Maniatis will chair the Transition Committee to prepare the Division for the move to the Glen.

The Ultrasound equipment has arrived and Dr Maniatis is organizing a second course this Fall.

**CTU: A Family Medicine Hospitalist** **on 6 MED**.

Dr Anita Brown-Johnson, Director, Secondary Care Division, Dept. of Family Medicine, MUHC let Dr Jeff Wiseman know that Dr Sebastian Negrete, a family physician hospitalist who completed Family Medicine Residency Training at St. Mary’s Hospital last Spring, will begin working on 6 Medical in the capacity of co-attending MD.

**Education Innovations**

The first phase of the Joint Office of Education (JOE) proposal prepared by Drs Elizov, Snell and Cummings will start this Fall with a needs assessment survey. The goal is to promote educational activities for division members.

**St Mary's** Division members are renewing their focus on internal medicine teaching done at McGill's Community Hospital. They are building on a successful year accommodating residents from the internal medicine program, both for electives and, when needed, for alternatives for their rural rotations. The Department of Medicine at St Mary’s is planning a detailed review of the clinical teaching units: how to improve the teaching environment for students and family medicine residents, and how to incorporate a greater role for general internal medicine residents and fellows.

**St Mary’s** Division members held an education retreat on October 11th to build on the successful retreat held in the spring. They will focus on new challenges and opportunities for their clinical teaching units.

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**McGill Division GIM Rounds**

**4:00 pm, Monday 12 November**

**Salle Florence, Hotel Vogue**

**1425 rue de la montagne**

**(valet parking)**

**Theme : Vascular Medicine**

**4:00 First Division Research in Progress Seminar**

4:00 – Dr Ernesto Schiffrin

4:15 – Dr Louise Pilote

4:30 – Dr Simon Bacon

4:45 – Dr Kaberi Dasgupta

**5:00 – 5:15 Break**

5:15 ⎼ Dr Stella Daskalopoulou

5:30 – Dr Vicky Tagalakis

5:45 – Dr Steven Grover

**6:00 – cocktails**

**6:30 – dinner**

**7:15 – *Adipose tissue as an endocrine organ* byDr Christos Mantzoros, Professor, Harvard**

Dr Mantzoros is a world expert in the area of insulin resistance and the epidemiology and biology of adipose tissue secreted hormones. Recent major contributions by his research group at Harvard University include the elucidation of the physiological role and potential diagnostic and therapeutic utility of leptin and adiponectin in human physiology and pathophysiology, especially in obesity.

**8:00 Showcase /updates of activities in Vascular Medicine in the McGill Division**

8:00 – Vascular Health Unit, Dr Stella Daskalopoulou

8:10 – HTN clinic, Dr Laurence Green

8:20 – HTN Database, Dr Leora Birnbaum

8:30 – Cardiovascular Prevention Centre, Dr Luc Trudeau

8:40 – Thrombosis Clinic, Dr Susan Kahn

8:50 – CHIP, Dr Steven Grover

**Tues 13 Nov**

**4:00 - GRAND OPENING, Vascular Lab**

Dr Stella Daskalopoulou will welcome all Division members at **B2.104 MGH.**

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**Happy Halloween!**

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