

**“The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well”
Sir William Osler**

Hi everyone!

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement is written by Conall Francoeur, an ICU fellow, as part of our "pay it forward" efforts.

Please see what Conall wrote re: a dedicated team of fellow radiologists, nurses and technicians.

As the hospital “down the hill” in the current albeit soon-to-be-changing decentralized MUHC model, we have occasionally suffered from reduced access to certain services. Interventional radiology has been one such area.

Pediatric residents requesting a peripherally inserted central line (PICC) for a patient with difficult access and/or a need for prolonged IV therapy, became accustomed to the standard response of “there are no spots left on Wednesday, there might be a half-PICC day on Friday but we'll have to get back to you”. An interventional radiologist was available on site for routine procedures at best a couple days a week.

This scenario however, is becoming a thing of the past. Karl Muchantef and his dedicated team of fellow radiologists, nurses and technicians have dramatically improved our ability to offer our patients the interventions they need. These delicate and elegant procedures help not just in allowing the delivery of appropriate nutrition or medications, but also in avoiding the more invasive, potentially complicated procedures that might be required if this approach were not available.

As an ICU fellow, I am often on the requesting end of last-minute, “we really need it” requests and so have spent many hours in the interventional suite with Karl and his team. On each occasion I have been impressed by their efficient, effective and caring approach.

I am sure I speak for my entire division, and likely many others, when I say that the arrival of Karl and the evolution of the interventional radiology service have greatly improved our ability to best serve our patients. We have fortunately become one of the “haves” rather than the “have nots”.

A big thank you to Karl and the whole team,

Have a great weekend everyone!

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