**Words from the Chairman**

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself"

Henry Ford

Hi Everyone!

We....did.....it......!!!!

We moved a hospital.

Think about it. Let it loll about in your brain for a minute.

What we have been planning for and anticipating for two decades now lies behind us in time.

Not only did we move a hospital on May 24\textsuperscript{th} 2015, we did so superbly from all aspects of any analysis.

We did so only because we, as a community, focused on the task at hand and worked together.

We have now transferred all the Department's Montreal activities, with the exception of adolescent medicine and the JGH's NICU, from our 'ancient' Tupper street location to the Glen site. Fifteen years in and we, and more importantly our patients and their families, have the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century hospital we all deserve. We deserve to take a bow. A very brief bow. Now, the hard work begins. Of making our new site work for all aspects of our academic mission. Challenges remain, especially related to OPD activities now considered outside our tertiary Plan Clinique yet essential for our patients and our teaching mission, both undergraduate and post-graduate. Distressingly, our dry-lab investigators, an important and vital segment of our research community in child health, remain currently without a permanent home. Like a giant new ship, the hospital is on a prolonged, and expected, 'shake down' cruise as kinks in process, service delivery, and space allocation become apparent.

Work is now being done on space that will be our Glen-Adjacent Pediatric OPD facility at 5100 de Maisonneuve. An operational plan and scheduling is also being constructed. Space at 5252 de Maisonneuve has been identified for our paediatric CORE (dry-lab) facilities. Thus the two major outstanding issues are being addressed and will be resolved by the time of the next newsletter. Problem details identified as our shake-down cruise progresses will systematically be solved in the same solutions oriented 'can-do' approach we brought to the move itself.

Beyond this, what remains is the intangible process of making our new location our new home. Of filling it with the spirit and values that served us so well on Tupper Street. We also need to look about us and begin to realize the new opportunities that exist for us here. Now is the time to think fresh: to paradigm shift. If we achieve these goals we will be even better than we were before.

I know change is hard for all. There has been short term pain. There has to be in such a complex transformative process of metamorphosis.

But it will pass and it will all be worth it.

**Have a great summer everyone!**

Michael

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Staff Updates

Appointments:
Dr. Evelyn Constantin has been appointed Co-Director of the Sleep Lab. Evelyn joins Robert Brouillette in the administration of this entity.

Dr. Adrian Dancea is our new Associate Chair (Finance) since May 1st, 2015.

Dr. Julius Erdstein has assumed the Interim Directorship of the Division of Adolescent Medicine effective May 11, 2015.

Dr. Christine McCusker has assumed the Interim Directorship of the Division of Allergy, Immunology and Dermatology effective April 1st, 2015.

Dr. Saleem Razack has been appointed Division Director of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine commencing February 1st, 2015. He will keep his role as Associate Chair of Education on the Departmental Executive Committee.

Recruitment:
Dr. Lianne KOPEL, a pediatric respirologist joined the Division of Respiratory Medicine at the MCH earlier this year. Lianne attended medical school at McGill, undertook her pediatric residency at the MCH, and completed fellowship training at Boston Children’s Hospital where she developed a clinical interest in the pulmonary complications of sickle cell disease. She will be joining the cystic fibrosis team and will be collaborating with the Hematology Division to help care for patients with respiratory issues related to sickle cell disease.

Dr. Genevieve LEGAULT, a pediatric neurologist, has joined our Division of Pediatric Neurology. A medical graduate of Université de Sherbrooke, Genevieve did her residency in pediatric neurology at McGill before completing a three-year fellowship in pediatric neuro-oncology at NYU.

Resignations:
Dr. Franziska Baltzer has resigned as Director of the Division of Adolescent Medicine effective May 11, 2015. Franziska has led our Adolescent Medicine Program for over two decades with passion and dedication and for this, we can be eternally grateful.

Dr. Ron Gottesman stepped down as Director of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine on January 31st, 2015. Ron has created a remarkable Unit that has achieved an incredible level of widespread educational excellence and international renown in several domains.

Dr. Bruce Mazer stepped down as Director of the Division of Allergy, Immunology, and Dermatology upon assuming his new position as Deputy Scientific Director of the MUHC-RI.

Dr. Mitch Shiller has resigned as Associate Chair (Finance) effective May 1st, 2015. He will however continue as Associate Chair (Informatics).

Retirement:
Dr. Claudette Bardin retired on February 27, 2015. All who knew Claudette are well aware of the passion she brought to clinical care and teaching. In fact, her excellence in family centered care has been recognized by the hospital’s Family Advisory Forum’s Award of Excellence.

Division Director’s Review:
Dr. Martin Bitzan’s mandate, as Director of Pediatric Nephrology, has been renewed for a period of five years, ending in August 2020.

Congratulations to:
Dr. Louise Auger, who received the important Paige and Bernard Kaplan Teaching Award, for a second time in her career. This Award is given out by the pediatric resident staff, and singles out one attending staff who has most impressed and influenced them through teaching. With the number of educational stars we have on Faculty, there is no shortage of worthy and outstanding recipients. As most know, Louise is always teaching whether it be on the wards, in the Resident Continuity Clinic, in the Multiculturalism Clinic or even waiting for an elevator. She is passionate about this aspect of her life and it clearly shows. It’s nice to see that it is deeply appreciated and recognized.

Dr. Ron Gottesman who has received the 2015 Paediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC) Award for Leadership as a Clinician Educator. Ron receives his award for his enormous contributions in medical education, and in particular his pioneering and innovative work in simulation education.
**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Dr. Nadine Korah for her recent engagement to Mr. Christopher Panasuk with a wedding planned in late Summer 2015.

and TO THE DELIGHTED PARENTS:

Dr. Nina Nouraeyan for the birth of her son, Kaaveh, born in October 2014.

Dr. Nikki Rink who had a baby boy, Kolya Rivet, on December 17, 2014.

Dr. Geneviève Legault for the birth of her son, Timothé, born on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2015.

Dr. Samara Zavalkoff for the birth of her daughter, Ruby Olivia, on March 7, 2015.

* Dr. Dorothy Moore, for her Life Member Award from the Canadian Pediatric Society. An infectious diseases specialist, Dorothy is also a member of the Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program Steering committee, an IMPACT investigator and the CPS liaison to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. Dr. Moore is an Associate Professor of Paediatrics at McGill University with an interest in health-care associated infections, influenza and paediatric HIV.

* Dr. Apo Papageorgiou who was honored by the Hellenic Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal with the President’s DEKA Award at the Windsor in the presence of 300 participants. Congratulatory messages for promoting the image of Canada and Quebec world-wide came from Prime Minister Harper, Premier Couillard, the Speaker of the Senate Mr. Houssakos and Mayor Coderre.

Our Pediatric Nephrology group for the Schrier Award from the International Society of Nephrology. This is in recognition for their longstanding collaboration with the St. John’s Medical College in Bangalore, India. This program is an example of the difference we can make in global health in less advantageous settings through sustained professional commitment. Kudos to the entire Division of Pediatric Nephrology and especially to Drs. Paul Goodyer and Martin Bitzan who have played a leadership role in this initiative over the years.

* Dr. Constantin Polychronakos has received the 2015 Paediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC) Award for Leadership as a Clinician Investigator. This award recognizes Constantin’s international stature in furthering our understanding of the molecular and genetic mechanisms underlying both Type I and Type II diabetes mellitus.

* Dr. Caroline Quach who received the 2015 SHEA William Jarvis Award from the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) for her article “Chlorhexidrine bathing in a tertiary care neonatal intensive care unit: Impact on central line-associated bloodstream infections”. The award aims to recognize the best international manuscript submitted to ICHE in 2014.

**WEEKLY DEPARTMENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**


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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr. Stephen Liben, for his promotion to the rank of Full Professor (CAS) at McGill. A member of the Division of General Pediatrics, Stephen’s professional efforts, which have taken place entirely here, have been most evident in pediatric palliative care, whole person care and the role of mindfulness in medicine. It’s not easy achieving this rank at McGill and the critical threshold is substantive international recognition in one’s chosen field(s) of academic efforts. Stephen has indeed reached a level of international peer recognition meriting his promotion. He has made significant and profoundly impacting contributions that are widely recognized well beyond Canada. It’s terrific to have such accomplished Faculty members such as Stephen. It attests to the vibrancy of our community and enriches us all.

AND TO:
The new chief residents, Drs. Sam Freeman and Caitlin Prendergast have been selected as chief residents for the period March 10, 2015 to March 10, 2016.

NEWS FROM THE MCGILL PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM COMMITTEE (RCP):

Dear colleagues,

Now that we are on the other side of The Move, it is time to reflect on this historic academic year that is coming to a close and look forward to the start of the summer and the next academic year. We would like to thank all the residents who helped make the move to the Glen such a success and who have embraced our new hospital with such enthusiasm and optimism. This is definitely the start of an exciting new chapter in our residency program!

The end of the academic year is always bittersweet as we say goodbye and wish good luck to our senior residents moving on to start their careers or to pursue fellowships, while at the same time welcoming our new junior residents.

This July, we will have 11 pediatric R1s who will be the first cohort to start their residencies at the new Glen MCH. We are proud of the clinical and academic accomplishments of all of our residents and look forward to the unique contributions these new trainees will make to the further growth of our program.

On June 18, a new tradition was started in the Atrium of the MCH. A graduation ceremony for pediatric residents and subspecialty fellows completing their training. The following graduates were honored:

Majed Alabdulhafid, Pediatric Critical Care
Watfa Al Dhaheri, Nephrology
Abdulmajeed AlSubaihin, Pediatrics
Ahmad Al-Zahrani, Pediatrics
Dania Basodon, Pediatrics
Brett Burstein, Emergency Medicine
Jeanette Comeau, Infection Disease
Audrey Dadoun, Emergency Medicine
Janie Desrochers, Pediatrics
Bruce D’Souza, Pediatrics
Samar El Tarazi, Pediatrics
Karine Falardeau, Pediatrics
Emmanuelle Fauteux-Lamarre, Emergency Medicine
Conall Francoeur, Pediatric Critical Care
Sabrina Furtado, Neonatology
Sabrina Jeanty, Nephrology
Maya Leitner, Adolescent Medicine
Sara Long-Gagné, Complex Care
Ahlam Mazi, Respiratory Medicine
Catherine Nolin, Academic General Pediatrics
Kim-Anh Nguyen, Neonatal Follow-Up
Bradley Osterman, Neurophysiology
Iskra Peltekova, Developmental & Behavior Peds
Kaitlin Penney, Pediatrics
Jean-Philippe Proulx-Gauthier, Rheumatology
Lisa Anne Rasmussen, Palliative Care
Claudia Renaud, Cardiology
Marie St-Hilaire, Neonatology
Bahar Torab, Allergy/Immunology

We wish you a wonderful summer, after which we will hopefully all know how to find our way at the Glen!

Evelyn Constantin & Catherine Henin
Co-Directors, Pediatric Residency Program
THE MUHC RESEARCH INSTITUTE

New appointment:

Congratulations to our fellow department member, Dr. Bruce Mazer, for his appointment as Deputy Executive Director/Deputy Chief Scientific Officer at the MUHC-RI and Head of Child Health Research at the MCH.

Congratulations for the new grants:

Dr. Kolja Eppert for obtaining a 2-year Operating Grant of $160,000 from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada for his project “Extracellular Vesicle Regulation of Leukemic Cells”.

Dr. Paul Goodyer, for obtaining a FRQ-S grant for his project : “Novel Therapies for Cystinosis”.

Dr. Nada Jabado for obtaining a FRQ-S Chaire de recherche for her project on "Genese et progression des tumeurs cérébrales de haut-grade chez l'enfant".

Dr. Larry Lands for obtaining a grant of $34,295 from the Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

Dr. Annette Majnemer for obtaining a CIHR grant of $50,000 for her project “Child Bright: Child Health Initiative Limiting Disability – Brain Research Improving 6 month and Health Trajectories”.

Dr. Myriam Srour for being successful at obtaining a Chercheur-Boursier Clinician Junior 1 Award from the FRQ-S for her project : “Étude des malformations cérébrales par séquençage de l’exome entier”.

And to:

Dr. Michael Zappitelli for being successful at obtaining a FRQ-S Chercheur boursier clinician Senior Award for his project “Programme visant à améliorer le diagnostic et les conséquences à long terme de l’insuffisance rénale aiguë chez les enfants ”.

Dr. Marc Beltempo, for successfully obtaining a FRQ-S competitive awards in the recent granting cycle. Marc’s award is to support his Master’s Degree in Health Policy at Université de Montréal; he will be looking at issues related to health service delivery and its impact on neonatal care across Canada.

Dr. Wissam Shalish, a neonatologist, for his recent FRQ-S award to support his PhD studies at McGill, under the supervision of Dr. Guilherme Sant’Anna. Wissam will seek to pragmatically develop an algorithm to automatically predict when an extremely premature infant can be successfully extubated, thus avoiding both extended ventilatory dependence and the trauma of re-intubation.

And Congratulations to

Suna Jung, Dr. Pia Wintermark’s PhD student, for receiving the 2014-2015 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier GCS) awarded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), a prestigious
IN MEMORIAM

A Gentleman and a Scholar:
A Tribute to Melvin Wise who passed away on February 4, 2015

Dr. Melvin Wise epitomized what we have all strived for in our professional careers. He was thoughtful, measured, and generous with his time and knowledge.

Mel was born and raised in Southwestern Ontario, in the area now known as Brantford. He started at the Montreal Children’s in the mid-1960's, having trained in the first Cystic Fibrosis clinic in Cleveland. Such a clinic was truly revolutionary for its time. CF care was in its infancy-encapsulated pancreatic enzymes weren’t even available, and the concept of multi-disciplinary care was really novel.

Mel came to Montreal and began to work with Pierre Beaudry and Helen Brickman. Mel and Pierre assumed the care of CF patients and, with Helen, began offering Tuberculosis screening and care of children as an extension of the adult Tuberculosis program. Today, our CF clinic continues to be a major clinical and academic leader while our tuberculosis screening program served as a national model.

Many trainees supervised by Mel went on to have outstanding careers in health care. Lou Landau and Lynn Taussig both have had renowned research careers and have launched the careers of dozens of pediatric respirologists. Lou in Australia went on to become Chair of Pediatrics and Dean of Medicine at the University of Western Australia. Lynn expanded and developed the well-known Tuscon asthma cohort, and became CEO of National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver. Together, the two were the editors-in-chief of a leading text in pediatric respiratory medicine. Mel and Pierre recruited Michel Bureau, who went on to become Division Director, Dean of Sherbrooke, Director of the FRSQ (now FRQS), and a deputy minister of health. Allan Coates was another recruit of Pierre and Mel’s, who served as Division Director at MCH and Sickkids, and produced many key papers and guidelines concerning the measurement of pulmonary function in children.

Mel served as a Vice-Dean for the McGill Faculty of Medicine. Mel’s most compelling administrative contribution was the establishment of the Respiratory Division Practice Plan over 30 years ago. This plan has enabled the Division to grow and support academic activity, and enjoy an unmatched collegiality. Earlier on in his career, Mel conducted clinical research, but realized his true passion was clinical care. While not pursuing an active research career, Mel’s insightful comments at research rounds typically crystallized the issues and enhanced both the presenter’s and audience’s appreciation of the strengths and weaknesses of the data.

Mel was incredibly well read over a breadth of topics much beyond pediatric respiratory medicine; he truly served as the Division’s library. But most importantly, he shared this knowledge with others in a quiet egalitarian manner. He took this thoughtful demeanor into the clinic, and provided exemplary care and compassion for his patients, often caring for the children of his former patients. He always provided a calm and reasoned voice that supported the Division through the challenges that it has faced.

At the age of 85, Mel was still contributing clinical care and helpful commentary to scientific and clinical rounds and Divisional meetings. He will be sorely missed in the Division.

Larry Lands
February 5, 2015

Dr. Eleanor Colle passed away on June 5, 2015. Eleanor was an Emeritus Professor in the Department prior to her retirement almost two decades ago. Eleanor was originally from Minnesota where she received her undergraduate and medical education. She came to Montreal and McGill with her husband Dr. Lloyd Maclean (an academic general surgeon based at the RVH) in 1962. Eleanor dedicated her clinical and research work to childhood metabolic diseases, in particular nonketotic hypoglycemia and insulin dependent diabetes. She served for a decade as Director of Pediatric Endocrinology at the MCH, and indeed is among the pioneers of this field in North America. She also directed clinical research for a time at the MCH. Eleanor was a compassionate physician and a thorough, meticulous, thoughtful and successful researcher.

Dr. Eleanor Colle
In Memoriam (cont’)

It is also with regret that we were informed of the death of Dr. Diana Willis, a former member of our Division of Neonatology and a long-time attending in the RVH NICU.

Diana did indeed have a long, valued and treasured relationship with McGill and the Department of Pediatrics. From a personal perspective I recall that she was my first attending in a NICU when I did my pediatrics Clerkship and again she attended during my time as a pediatric junior and senior resident in the RVH NICU, a place that has faded into history when the RVH moved to the Glen. I recall with fondness her commitment to both her often quite tiny and very sick patients and to teaching often bewildered students and residents, including myself, who often felt overwhelmed by the fragility of the critically ill newborn. Diana was a patient soul. She was also quite knowledgeable and thorough and together with Bob Usher she was part of a formidable attending staff team. I can’t help but remember that during her attending blocks she would live in her RV parked in the Doctors’ parking lot adjacent to the Women’s Pavilion!

Michael

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO:

Dr. Saleem Razack on the loss of his brother, Zaim, who passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 11, 2015.

Dr. Jae-Marie Ferdinand on the loss of her father, Lennox Ferdinand, who passed away January 28, 2015.

Dr. John Mitchell on the loss of his mother, Christabel Elizabeth Mitchell who passed away peacefully on February 25, 2015.

Dr. Emmett Francoeur on the loss of his mother, Maria O’Hara who passed away at the vulnerable age of 104 on May 17, 2015.

Dr. Claudette Bardin for the loss of her mother in early June 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS
TOWNHALL MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

8:00 a.m.

Conference room

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Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m.

YOU ARE ALL ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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