Chair’s Update

We are delighted to launch our first eNewsletter with this issue. We that will highlight ongoing business within our busy Department.

If you have any exciting news to share, please let us know at officeofthechairanesthesia@mcgill.ca, and we will include them in our next issue.

Thomas Schricker

Pain Clinic has a New Interim Director

Dr Jordi PEREZ has been appointed Interim Director of the Pain Clinic as of May 2, 2022. We thank the outgoing Chair, Dr Yoram Shir, for all his dedication to leading this unit for over the last 10 years.

Jordi Perez, MD, PhD, FIPP is an anesthesiologist who specializes in pain management.

He graduated with a degree in Medicine before specializing in Anesthesiology at the University of Barcelona, Spain. Dr. Perez’s path to becoming a pain clinician included completing a two-year combined research and clinical pain fellowship in our Department. He then returned to Barcelona and obtained his PhD by completing research on dietary modifications and experimental neuropathic pain. Dr. Perez then practiced pain medicine in Spain and England before returning to McGill in 2012 where he is currently an Associate professor in the Department of Anesthesia.
**CaRMS Update**

Anesthesia will welcome the following new residents in July 2022:

Leonard Nguyen,  
Université de Sherbrooke

Quinlan Pon,  
University of Alberta

Shan Jin Wang,  
University of Alberta

James Lawson,  
University of British Columbia

Martin Muermann,  
University of British Columbia

Noha Elsherbini,  
McGill University

**CCCS Representative**

Dr Stephen Yang has been appointed the Canadian Critical Care Society’s (CCCS) representative at the Canadian Journal of Anesthesia Editorial Board.

**AAQ Vice-President**

Dr Guiseppe Fuda has been named the L’Association des Anesthésiologistes du Québec (AAQ) Vice-President as of May 1, 2022. Dr Letourneau has assumed leadership of the Comité des Normes.

**Bourse Rosario Denis 2021**

Dr. Matthew Cameron won the prestigious Bourse Rosario Denis 2021 from the AAQ ($20,000) for his project — “Bloc parasternaux a action prolongee pour l’anesthesie après une chirurgie cardiaque: Un essai Clinique randomize controle, en double aveugle.”

**Promotions**

Congratulations to the following faculty members who have been promoted.

* Professor Arkady Khutorsky has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure
* Drs Nathalie Buu and Shawn Hoffman have both been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

**McGill Residents’ and Faculty Luncheon — May 28th**

Our McGill Residents’ and Faculty Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 12 to 4 PM at Terrasse Bonsecours 364 rue de la Commune Est. Montreal H2Y OB4

Partners and children welcome  
RSVP by May 26 anesthesi@mcgill.ca

**Harold Griffith Lecture — April 13th**

Speaker Dr Lucie Filteau presented the following talk:  
“Building a QPS Pillar - Key Components of an Effective Departmental Quality and Safety Program”

**AAQ Resident Competitions**

Congratulations to Sara Chisling (PGY2) and Latifa Al Kharusi (PGY4) who were both chosen to compete at the AAQ resident competitions on April 30th.

Sara Chisling presented on the association of the parasympathetic evaluation index in newborns and postsurgical pain scores while Latifa Al Kharusi presented on iron supplementation for patients undergoing cardiac surgery.

**Hot off the presses!**

Congratulations to Sara for her third-place finish!
News from the MUHC Prehabilitation Clinic

The MUHC Prehabilitation Clinic has been officially functioning since October 2021 and is open daily at the Montreal General Hospital. It receives referrals from surgeons and internists, and works closely with the Preoperative Clinic and the Central Operating Room Booking (CORB). In addition, there is an active research program with projects funded by CIHR, ESPEN, MITACS, Rossy Cancer Network, the Louise and Alan Edwards Foundation for Research on Pain, the Canadian Donation and Transplantation Research Program, and the Canadian Association for the Study of Liver.

The Prehabilitation Clinic collaborates with the McGill School of Nutrition and the Department of Kinesiology. Currently, four graduate students (2 PhD and 2 MSc) are supervised by members of the Clinic.

Canadian Anesthesiologists’ Society Annual Meeting

June 24-26, 2022

We are looking forward to the Canadian Anesthesiologists’ Society Annual Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia in June.

Julien Vaillancourt (PGY2) was among those chosen to present at the CAS Resident Oral Presentation Competition! Julien will be presenting on the rectus femoris bedside ultrasound screening of sarcopenia!

Best of luck to Julien!

Education News

Latest Publications

Prehabilitation and perioperative Centre


McIsaac, D.I., Gill, M., Boland, L. and 42 more (...) (2022). Prehabilitation in adult patients undergoing surgery: an umbrella review of systematic reviews. British Journal of Anaesthesia,128(2) 244-257

Davis, J.F., van Rooijen, S.J., Grimmett, C. and 7 more (...) (2022). From Theory to Practice: An International Approach to Establishing Prehabilitation Programmes. Current Anesthesiology Reports,12(1) 129-137

Pain Centre


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Anesthesia Research Unit


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Duclos, C., Maschke, C., Mahdid, Y. and 8 more (...) (2022). Brain Responses to Propofol in Advance of Recovery from Coma and Disorders of Consciousness A Preliminary Study. American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine,205(2) 171-182

MCH


Withington, D., Matava, C. (2022). Lungs and ventilation in children—alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Paediatric Anaesthesia,32(2) 103-104

von Ungern-Sternberg, B.S., Engelhardt, T., Matava, C. (2022). The secret to longevity is to keep breathing (Sophie Tucker). Paediatric Anaesthesia,32(2) 95-96


Stoolder, M., Vigouroux, M., Mohamed, N. and 2 more (...) (2022). Long-term efficacy and adverse effects of outpatient procedural analgesia with nitrous oxide for a child with Epidermolysis Bullosa. Paediatric Anaesthesia, 32(1) 85-87


**RVH**


**MGH**


Leung, V.W.Y., Baldini, G., Liberman, S. and 5 more (...) (2022). Tolerating clear fluids diet on postoperative day 0 predicts early recovery of gastrointestinal function after laparoscopic colectomy. Surgical Endoscopy


Perlman, R., Lo, J., Po, J. and 3 more (...) (2022). Trauma and the Anesthesiologist: an International Perspective. Current Anesthesiology Reports,

**St. Mary’s**

Tran, D.Q., Maikong, N., Kantakam, P. and 3 more (...) (2022). Famous blue stain coat (with sincere gratitude to Leonard Cohen). Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, 47(2)