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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

### DOM Governance renewal!

Over the next month or so, we will be delivering bite-sized announcements on our DOM Governance Renewal.

### Why should I care?

Representation. We want to empower our DOM members by ensuring we provide multiple conduits for their voices.

Last week we introduced the **DOM Council** (a sort of board of directors for DOM setting broad directions) with a voice from partner institution PICs, Division Directors/Heads, the core training program and early career representative (elected).

The **DOM Executive** will serve as the operational arm of DOM i.e. delivering on the programs that allows us to meet our goals. The DOM Executive will meet ~every 2 weeks and consist of the 3 Physicians-in Chief of MUHC, JGH and SMH, Associate Chair of Medicine (Dr. Schiffrin), Associate Director, Administration (Ms. Teresa Alper), an Associate Chair of Research (TBD), Associate Chair of Education (Dr. Pickering), Associate Chair Quality/Safety (TBD), Associate Chair Advancement (TBD) and Associate Chair Wellness (TBD).

Watch this space for the advertisements for these positions (i.e. the TBDs) and the position descriptions. Consider applying or encouraging a colleague to apply.

More to come!

**Announcement: RVH Site Director, McGill Core Internal Medicine Residency Training Program**



Dr. Joyce Pickering and I are happy to announce the appointment of **Dr. Maxime Cormier** to the position of **RVH Site Program Director, McGill Core Internal Medicine Residency Training Program** effective July 1, 2020. Dr. Cormier is a member of the Attending Staff of the MUHC, Division of Respiratory Diseases, and Assistant Professor in the McGill Department of Medicine.

Dr. Cormier earned his M.D. at *Université de Montréal* in 2013 and completed residency training in internal medicine and respirology at McGill University in 2018, followed by additional clinical and research training in severe asthma and in occupational lung diseases at Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur de Montréal. He is well-known for both his teaching and organizational skills. Dr. Cormier will work with the Internal Medicine Residency Training Program Director, the other site directors, and chief medical residents to create the best learning environment for RVH residents.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Cormier to this position!

Dr. Cormier is succeeding **Dr. Jennifer Landry** who has served as RVH Site Director of the Core Internal Medicine Training Program with distinction for the past 4 years. We wish to thank Dr. Landry for a superb job – both her organizational and her personal qualities were great assets to the program, and we were fortunate to have been able to benefit from them.

### Preparing for the second wave - a healthcare worker study to minimize risk and maximize workforce

Help us be ready for the second wave!

Benjamin Smith, an MUHC physician and researcher, is leading a study of home testing for healthcare workers exposed to COVID-19 to ensure our staff and patients are safe. If you, or anyone you know has recently self-isolated due to a COVID-19 exposure (i.e., within the last 7 days) and are interested in participating, please contact him for more information at [hcw@rimuhc.ca](mailto:hcw@rimuhc.ca).

This is not a medication study.

Thanks for your courageous work, and for helping us be ready for the second wave!

### BMJ publication on Accuracy of Serological Tests for COVID-19

Congratulations to Dr. Faiz Khan on a study just published in the British Medical Journal "Diagnostic accuracy of serological tests for covid-19: systematic review and meta-analysis" <https://www.bmj.com/content/370/bmj.m2516>

The study is already getting some headlines!

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/canadian-led-research-casts-doubt-on-accuracy-of-covid-19-antibody-tests-1.5007343>

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Best,  
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