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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

Following huge growth in community COVID cases through September, we are starting to see **accelerating hospitalization growth**. While disheartening, it is heartening to see everyone pulling together (trainees, faculty in DOM, faculty in other Departments, nurses and allied health professionals, administrative leadership), in all our McGill affiliated hospitals. **We will get through this together**, we have each other's back and this challenge is thankfully temporary.

In recognition of Worlds Teacher's Day on October 5th this week, I would like to thank all of you who teach (and that is pretty well everyone- trainees teaching trainees, nurses teaching docs, docs teaching grad students etc., etc). It is very gratifying to reflect on the fact that as teachers of future health care professionals or future scientists we are not only helping our students but the patients they serve or the patients who will benefit from our trainee's future health care advances.

New DOM Support for Education Innovation

DOM is excited to have created a new fund to support Education Scholarship grants following a generous one-time donation from the late Dr. McCallum. We hope to support new and better ways to teach/evaluate and disseminate these findings globally.

We would like to thank our selection committee Chaired by Dr. Linda Snell for establishing a rigorous peer reviewed process.

Congratulations to our inaugural awardees (drum roll please)...

'Silence is not always golden: a qualitative exploration of the ripple effects of the failure to fail phenomenon on resident perceptions and learning' led by DOM recent recruit **Dr. Nathalie Nathoo** and **Dr Ning-Zi Sun**.

'Teaching Whole Person Care: Does it enhance our students' healing skills?' led by **Dr. Tom Hutchison** and **Dr. Stuart Lubarsky**

'The Deteriorating Patient Smartphone App: Designing Virtual Nightmares On-Call to Harness Emotions for Learning' led by **Dr. Jeff Wiseman**

Dr. David Dawson CSIM Osler Award Winner!

Dr. David Dawson, has been awarded the 2020 **Canadian Society of Internal Medicine (CSIM) Osler Award**. The CSIM Osler Awards are presented annually to individuals demonstrating excellence in achievement in the field of General Internal Medicine, either in clinical practice, research, medical education, specialty development or health promotion.

RAMQ reactivates Teaching billing codes after temporary COVID hiatus

RAMQ celebrated World Teacher's Day by reactivating the following billing codes for teaching:

- XXX249 Courses or lectures to students, residents, doctors or other health professionals
- XXX250 Teaching medical students clinical reasoning
- XXX251 Simulation teaching to students, residents or doctors
- XXX252 objective clinical examination evaluation

We are all very concerned about our McGill medical students' clinical teaching in the time of the pandemic and we want to ensure they can meet graduation requirements. They have limited access to elective rotations, clinical teaching by Zoom is an evolving art and recruitment of teachers is a challenge due to ever shifting/growing COVID demands. Many elective opportunities were suspended during the 1st wave of COVID, and with the onset of the 2nd wave, we don't want our students' education to suffer. **Ask your Division Director how you can help** (electives, RAC, TCP, etc). Please do your best to chip in- every little bit helps.

Save the Date - McGill Department of Medicine Research Symposium (Virtual Edition) – November 10, 11 and 12, 2020

Please join us on November 10, 11 and 12 from 4:00-5:30 pm for the 2020 McGill Department of Medicine Research Symposium.

This year's keynote speakers will be **Dr. Rita Redberg**, Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine and Director of Women's Cardiovascular Services and some guy named **Dr. Marc Rodger** (he was cheap and available).

More details and Zoom link to follow!

Announcements of Newly Appointed Faculty

Dr. Nathan Messas (no photo available) was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in February 2020. Dr. Messas is in the Division of Cardiology.

Dr. Messas earned his medical degree from the Université de Strasbourg, France. He subsequently completed his post-graduate training in Cardiology from 2008-2012 and a “Clinicat” in Cardiology from 2012-2016 in France. In addition, Dr. Messas pursued a 2-year fellowship in Interventional Cardiology at the Université de Montréal.

Dr. Messas will carry out his research in the field of antiplatelet treatments for heart disease and frailty at the Jewish General Hospital.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Messas to our staff.



Dr. Nan Zhao was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in September 2020. Dr. Zhao is in the Division of Respiratory Medicine.

Dr. Zhao earned her medical degree from McGill University in 2014. She subsequently completed her post-graduate training in Internal Medicine in 2017 and in Respiratory Medicine in 2019. She completed her Respiriology Fellowship in Asthma at McMaster University.

Dr. Zhao will have a major role in training pulmonary residents and she will be developing her research in the field of asthma, airway disease and the role of sputum induction to characterize airway inflammation at the Jewish General Hospital.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Zhao to our staff.



Dr. Michael Chetrit was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in July 2020. Dr. Chetrit is in the Division of Cardiology.

Dr. Chetrit completed his medical degree at University of Montreal, where he subsequently completed post-graduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at McGill. Dr. Chetrit pursued additional training in advanced cardiac imaging, cardiac amyloidosis and pericardial diseases at the Cleveland Clinic in

Ohio.

Dr. Chetrit will be developing his research program in the field of cardiac MRI and cardiac amyloidosis in addition to spearheading the McGill Amyloid project at the McGill University Health Centre.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Chetrit to our staff.



Dr. Maude Peretz-Larochelle was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in July 2020. Dr. Peretz-Larochelle is in the Division of Cardiology.

Dr. Peretz-Larochelle completed her undergraduate training at McGill University in 2011, as well as residencies in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at McGill University. Dr. Peretz-Larochelle pursued additional training obtaining Royal College certification in Critical Care at the University of Toronto, followed by an additional Fellowship in Device Implantation at the Ottawa Heart Institute.

Dr. Peretz-Larochelle will also have a leading role in teaching of students and medical residents and will have a major role in training cardiology residents at the Jewish General Hospital.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Peretz-Larochelle to our staff.

Best,
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