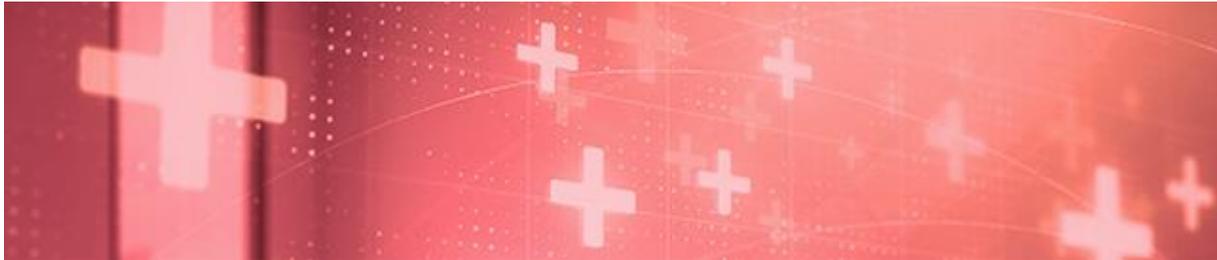




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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

At the core of our values are a desire to ensure we provide the **best care** to our patients, today and tomorrow. A key ingredient to ensuring we achieve this goal is our focus on **DOM research**. This week's newsletter highlight a world leader in cancer genetics obtaining much deserved recognition, our showcase annual event for DOM research, our upcoming annual DOM showcase for Quality/Safety scholarship and the announcement of DOM's Associate Chair in Research who will lead our efforts to ensure we continue to deliver home grown practice changing research to our patients.

I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy our **McGill Department of Medicine Research Symposium** this week. This annual event showcases DOM's leading research across the spectrum of fundamental, translational, clinical, population and policy discovery/implementation. We are grateful that this longstanding tradition, dating back to 80s, was reinvigorated by our previous Chair **Dr. Jim Martin** who also served as Chair of this year scientific planning committee. Thanks to Caroline Alcaraz for all her behind the scenes efforts. Improvements in care cannot come without investment in research- we are grateful to our DOM practice plans and by extension the entire DOM membership for their support of our research.

As the days get longer, the nights colder and we become more COVID "battle" fatigued it can be a challenge to **look on the bright side**, but our Chief Medical Residents highlighted for me during one of our regular meetings that **this was the best week of 2020**: fantastic weather, promising vaccine news and leadership change south of the border!

Dr. William Foulkes – 2020 Wilder Penfield Award



Dr. William Foulkes, who is jointly appointed to the Departments of Medicine, Oncology and Human Genetics was recently bestowed the prestigious 2020 Wilder Penfield prize for biomedicine by the Quebec government.

Over the course of a phenomenally productive 25 year career, Dr. Foulkes has made major discoveries in cancer genetics. His work has been instrumental in opening new therapeutic avenues that have saved lives across Canada, the world and will for generations. Dr. Foulkes not only has an illustrious and internationally-recognized research career, but he is a busy clinician actively involved in the well-being of his patients.

We invite you to join us in congratulating Dr. Foulkes on having received the Wilder Penfield prize for biomedicine and in wishing him continued success.

Announcement: Dr. Susan Kahn, Associate Chair, Research



It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of **Dr. Susan Kahn to the position of Associate Chair, Research**, in the McGill Department of Medicine, effective November 15, 2020. In the role of Associate Chair, Dr. Kahn will focus on capacity building in basic/clinical research, the growth in DOM research publications/impact and in research grant funding and will develop mechanisms to ensure the regular measurement and reporting on DOM research metrics. The Associate Chair will work in close collaboration with internal (McGill and partner institutions) and external (e.g. FRQS, CIHR) research organizations to help us reach

an even higher level of excellence.

Dr. Kahn completed her residency and fellowship training in General Internal Medicine at McGill and a postgraduate research and clinical fellowship in thrombosis at the Jewish General Hospital. Dr. Kahn has a Masters in Epidemiology from McGill and a graduate certificate in Business Administration from the John Molson School of Business. Dr. Kahn was named clinician scientist of the year in 2019 at the Lady Davis Research Institute where she served as Associate Director for Clinical Research from 2005-2015. At the national level, Dr. Kahn is the co-founder and co-director of the Canadian Venous Thromboembolism Research Network (CanVECTOR), the first national VTE research and training network, and is involved in various scientific organizations, including membership on the Institute Advisory Board for the Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Internationally, Dr. Kahn is recognized for myriad scientific contributions to the field of venous thromboembolism.

Part of Dr. Kahn's stated goals as Associate Chair Research are to develop robust research mentorship and to further the planning, development and expansion of DOM's research mission across all sites.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Kahn the utmost success in her new role.

McGill Department of Medicine High Value Healthcare Symposium – Save the Date!

Please join us on **Friday, January 22nd from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm** via Zoom for the McGill Department of Medicine High Value Healthcare Symposium.

This year's keynote speakers will be **Dr. Vinay Prasad**, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine at the University of California San Francisco and **Dr. Lauren MacKenzie**, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

We offer an opportunity for trainees/faculty to showcase their Quality/Safety research and initiatives. **Abstract** proposals should be about 250 words or 1 page maximum and be prepared using this format: TITLE WITH LIST OF AUTHORS, BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES, METHODS, RESULTS and CONCLUSION. Deadline to submit abstracts to caroline.alcaraz@mcgill.ca is December 11, 2020

More details to follow!

CARE Workshops Are Back By Popular Demand → Spring 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all both professionally and personally and may have impacted on our ability to be in the present moment and engage fully in our relationships and interactions. The CARE workshop (Connection, Awareness, Relationship, Engagement), developed and run by Dr. Tom Hutchinson, addresses relationships with patients that are beneficial for both patients and physicians.

Dr Rodger requests each member of the Department of Medicine join him and take this workshop at least once.

We have been teaching the workshop for the past 4 years with excellent feedback from over 200 DOM physicians. *If you are one of the remaining members who has not yet taken it we would invite you to sign up for one of the workshops taking place in Spring 2021. Members that have already taken the workshop are welcome to take it again.* The workshop has recently been approved for section 3 credits which means that you will receive 3 credits per hour in the most difficult MOC Program section to complete (3.75X3 = 11.25 section 3 credits for participation in a 4-hour workshop). The Royal College will be reinstating the requirement for CME credits for 2021. Because of Covid-19 the workshop will now be conducted on Zoom. *Please be aware this is a very intensive workshop requiring you to be present and visible with your video turned on for every minute of the 4-hour session. You cannot be on call or have any other duties during this learning activity.*

The dates and times of the upcoming workshops are:

- **Saturday, February 20, 8.30am to 12.30pm**
- **Sunday, March 21, 8.30am to 12.30pm**
- **Saturday, April 17, 8.30am to 12.30pm.**

To register for the workshops, click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3kqgtD2>

Best,
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