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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

Outbreaks! While we deal with disruptive, troubling and stress-inducing *COVID outbreaks* in our institutions, there is another type of Outbreak that has captivated DOM's attention. The Chief Medical Residents, led by Dr. Catherine Boutet, have organized an app-based step-count challenge with over 20 teams participating (mix of residents and attendings). The app called "**the Outbreak**" features teams running from and neutralizing Zombies. If you hear loud "Scooby-Doo" type music playing from a DOM physician's phone, they aren't streaming episodes of Scoobs and Shaggy but are checking up on team progress. We are grateful for the welcome distraction! (and I must admit I've upped my runs to better contribute to Team Yanofsky). Congrats to **Team Fadous** who have are on top with a considerable lead after week 1!

Dr. Rose Goldstein will lead a "**Leading in a crisis**" leadership development session for our Division Directors (across all sites) next week Dec 1st at 9:00 (on Zoom). Acute and chronic pandemic leadership skills were not covered in medical school or residency back in the day, so we are grateful for the opportunity to learn and reflect on what we might do better as we continue to face this challenge for the next 3-6 months.

Enjoy the weekend! Take a breather, treat yourself and enjoy some fresh air (...and if you're on Team Yanofsky, get some exercise).

Thank you, Dr. Michael Bonnycastle

Dr. Michael Bonnycastle will be stepping down from his current function as Site Chief of the Department of Specialized Medicine at Saint-Mary's Hospital (SMH) on December 1, 2020.

Dr. Bonnycastle was the inaugural Chief of Specialized Medicine at the CIUSSS Ouest de l'Île de Montréal (CODIM) at the time of the reorganization of the hospital system in 2015. Prior to that, from 2009 to 2016, Dr. Bonnycastle served as SMH Physician-in-

Chief, admirably leading a well-respected and highly efficient community hospital that offers excellent opportunities for McGill trainees.

During the 11 months that I have worked with Dr. Bonnycastle - in his capacity as fellow physician-in-chief and as a core member of the DOM Executive Committee – much has been learned from his measured and thoughtful approach to issues.

Dr. Bonnycastle's future plans include increasing his clinical activities in the field of Geriatric Medicine and, although we will no longer benefit from his wise counsel on administrative matters, we are pleased to know that his patients will reap the rewards of the attention he will devote to them.

Please join me in wishing Dr. Bonnycastle all the best in the next chapter of his professional life.

Announcements of Newly Appointed Faculty



Dr. Jill Pancer was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in October 2020. Dr. Pancer is in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

Dr. Pancer completed her medical degree at Université de Montréal and her residencies in Internal Medicine and Adult Endocrinology and Metabolism at McGill University. Dr. Pancer pursued additional training in Women's Health at the Women's College Hospital, affiliated with the University of Toronto.

Dr. Pancer will have a leading role in teaching students and medical residents and will have a major role in training endocrinology residents at the Jewish General Hospital.

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



Dr. Anna Nikonova was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in October 2020. Dr. Nikonova is in the Division of Hematology at the MUHC.

Dr. Nikonova completed her undergraduate training at McGill and her residency in Internal Medicine training at the University of Toronto. Dr. Nikonova subsequently trained in Hematology and then returned to the University of Toronto for a clinical/research Fellowship in lymphoma and multiple myeloma.

Dr. Nikonova will be developing a primary focus in malignant hematology, including clinical care, research and diagnostic laboratory medicine and will pursue research in myeloma and lymphoma, with a view to developing and implementing CAR-T cell therapy.

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

Best,
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