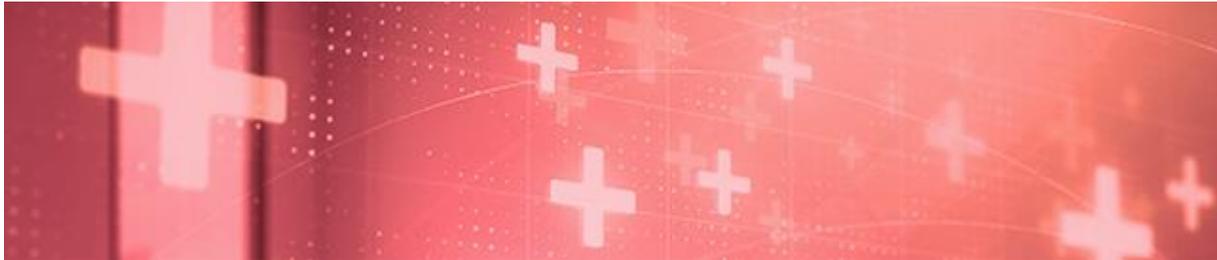




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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

**COVID Wave 2.5** - The timing couldn't be worse... there is no way to sugar coat the fear, frustration, fatigue and disappointment we all feel of the impending, we hope exaggerated, next peak.

The MSSS is asking that **2000 COVID beds** are ready by the end of next week (1000 in Montreal). Today's, INESSS projections suggest a need for **400-500 beds in Montreal/ ~120** across McGill system in the next month and not the 1000 Montreal/ ~240 McGill MSSS requested capacity (i.e. near spring peak). At a minimum, we all hope that the public's attention is more squarely focused on preventing COVID so we don't overrun our hospitals.

The light is flickering brighter at the end of the tunnel, vaccinations will get underway this weekend...

**Non-COVID:** All I really wanted for Christmas 2020 was a great group of Associate Chairs and, I am very pleased to report that Santa has delivered in spades! Today, we announce the appointment of the final two Associate Chairs (see below). I'm looking forward to 2021, you will see great McGill wide programming that brings DOM to the next level!

I extend my sincerest appreciation to our leaders and colleagues who participated in the selection process – in particular Drs. Schiffrin and Bonnycastle - who devoted many hours and provided insight and guidance throughout.

**Announcement: Dr. Annabel Chen-Tournoux, Associate Chair, Education**



It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of **Dr. Annabel Chen-Tournoux to the position of Associate Chair, Education** in the McGill Department of Medicine, effective January 1, 2021. In the role of Associate Chair, Dr. Chen-Tournoux will focus on high level co-ordination of UGME and PGME teaching delivered by DOM Faculty. In addition, Dr. Chen-Tournoux will be responsible for developing and delivering innovative programs to ensure DOM trainee well-being and career development, as well as overseeing the growth of scholarship in Medical Education and regular measurement and reporting on DOM education metrics.

Dr. Chen-Tournoux obtained her medical degree at Harvard Medical School, where she subsequently completed fellowships in cardiology and in advanced echocardiography. Dr. Chen-Tournoux is an accomplished clinician-educator and has served in a leadership role from 2015 to the present as co-director of the McGill Cardiology Training Program. In 2020, Dr. Chen-Tournoux received the McGill Cardiology Training Program David Stubington Teacher of the Year Award.

Dr. Chen-Tournoux is highly committed to the role of Associate Chair Education which she sees as being the champion for upholding shared values, communicating clear expectations, and developing incentives and measures of accountability, oversight and coordination for the purpose of fulfilling the educational mission of the DOM.

Please join me in wishing Dr. Chen-Tournoux the utmost success in her new role.

### **Announcement: Dr. Alain Bitton, Associate Chair, Advancement**



It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of **Dr. Alain Bitton to the position of Associate Chair, Advancement**, in the McGill Department of Medicine, effective January 1, 2021. In the role of Associate Chair, Dr. Bitton will work to maximize philanthropic support for the academic mission of the McGill DOM. This will involve close collaboration with McGill University and our partner institutions' charitable foundations, external charitable organizations and individual donors. The Associate Chair will assist in enhancing healthcare delivery, and in enabling our trainees to deliver high quality care and perform ground-breaking research, benefiting our patients and laying foundation for future generations.

Dr. Bitton completed his residency and fellowship training in General Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, respectively, at McGill and a postgraduate clinical research fellowship in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) at the Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard University. He was the director of the McGill Residency Program in Gastroenterology and Hepatology from 1997-2007 and since 2009 he has held the position of McGill Director of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He has served in senior advisory and leadership roles on numerous scientific steering committees in Quebec and across Canada. Dr. Bitton has worked closely with McGill-affiliated hospital foundations to support quality of care initiatives in GI cancer care, IBD and liver disease and

championed the creation and growth of the MUHC IBD Center, an internationally recognized model for the delivery of IBD care.

Dr. Bitton is committed to working collaboratively with all foundations towards a common purpose, notably of securing a world class standing for the Department of Medicine in healthcare delivery, medical education and research.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Bitton the utmost success in his new role.

### UNIWEB Workshop via Zoom – (3-5 pm) Tuesday, December 15th

Dr. Sylvain Baillet, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences is offering a workshop that will be useful to all research staff and trainees next Tuesday.

The free, practical workshop will be a live demo of [UNIWeb](#) a tool that facilitates keeping your Canadian Common CV current and integrating it with ORCID, etc.

The first hour of the workshop will be for individuals, while the second hour will emphasize specific features for managers of research labs and core facilities.

Use your McGill account credentials to log into workshop:

<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/88551527810>

### CARE Workshop – you need it now, more than ever!

A month ago, we announced that the **CARE** (Connection, Awareness, Relationship and Engagement) **Workshop** will be offered in February and March 2021 (by Zoom).

The feedback from previous participants is definitive - the CARE workshop teaches tools for the development of greater resilience and enhancement of the relationships with our patients and our graduate students.

The time commitment is four hours. I have signed up for the February session and strongly encourage anyone who has not yet taken the workshop to do so before the holiday break.

**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/3kqttD2>

**Deadline to submit abstracts for High Value Healthcare Symposium extended to December 24, 2020**

The McGill Department of Medicine High Value Healthcare offers an opportunity for trainees/faculty to showcase their Quality/Safety and High Value Care research and initiatives.

Abstracts - ~ 250 words or 1 page maximum; formatted: TITLE WITH LIST OF AUTHORS / BACKGROUND / OBJECTIVES / METHODS / RESULTS and CONCLUSION.

Please submit abstracts to [caroline.alcaraz@mcgill.ca](mailto:caroline.alcaraz@mcgill.ca) by December 24, 2020

The Symposium will be held on January 22, 2021 from 9:00am to 12:30 pm via Zoom

Registration is now open: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9HR7LS>

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Best,  
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