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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

DOM wishes you all a **Happy New Year!** There is little doubt that 2021 will overall be better than 2020. Yes, we have a big challenge ahead of us this month, but vaccines hold the promise of much better days ahead. I hope you all had a chance to disconnect, even if for a brief time, over the Holidays.

Looking for a **New Year's resolution**? How about timely completion of One45 evaluations? Practice good One45 hygiene - book a time in your ubiquitous smartphone calendar when you first meet a trainee to complete their 14d and 28d evaluations. LEAN approaches suggest minimizing "touches" to maximize task efficiency - you're gonna complete the evaluation anyway, why not do it on time!

DOM Council met Wednesday Jan 6th. Highlights including reviewing the **new "PEM rules"** which provide much needed physician workforce flexibility including for leaves (maternity, parental, sabbatical), pre-retirement plans (63+ half-time 2 year off PEM contract, 65+ 20% time indefinite off PEM contract), moonlighting (CMQ licensed trainees can do up to 1 day per week) and more. Ask your Division Director for more details. Council approved Dr. Kahn's Year 1 Associate Chair **Research plans** (show casing and tracking research success, clinician scientist pipeline programs and more) and Dr. Dayan's Year 1 Associate Chair **Wellness plans** (pilot DOM mentorship program and more).

Announcements of Newly Appointed Faculty



Dr. Thomas Mavrakanas was appointed Assistant Professor to the McGill Department of Medicine in November 2020. Dr. Mavrakanas is in the Division of Nephrology.

Dr. Mavrakanas completed his undergraduate training at Aristotle University in Greece, his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Geneva in Switzerland and in Nephrology at McGill, as well as a Research Fellowship at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Mavrakanas will be developing a research program in the field of cardiovascular disease in patients with chronic kidney disease at the McGill University Health Centre.

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

Congratulations to Dr. Jean-Pierre Routy



Congratulations to Dr. Jean-Pierre Routy (Division of Hematology), on the publication in Nature of the study *Systemic HIV and SIV latency reversal via non-canonical NF- κ B signalling in vivo* <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-1951-3> and for its citation by the journal as one of the **top 10 scientific discoveries of 2020**.

New Tenure Track Position for the Department of Medicine

Thanks go to **Dr. Susan Kahn**, newly appointed Associate Chair, Research who worked on a tenure track position application from the office of the McGill Provost in the context of the competitive program for tenure track positions to address anti-black racism. DOM was successful in obtaining a tenure track license for a future recruit to conduct research in the priority area of **Racial disparities in chronic disease prevention, diagnosis and management**. A formal search will be launched shortly.

Final reminder re High Value Health Care Symposium: Value in the Time of COVID

Please join us on Friday, January 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom

This year's keynote speakers are:

Dr. Vinay Prasad MD MPH, Professor of Medicine at the University of California San Francisco, who will present on *Medical Reversal*

Dr. Lauren MacKenzie, MD MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, whose talk is entitled *2020 Hindsight: What COVID-19 Clinical Trials Can Teach Us about Improving Efficiency and Engagement in Research*

We received a record 31 abstracts, which will be presented as short videos and then voted on by registered symposium participants.

To register for the Symposium and support our trainees [click here](#)

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Best,
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