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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

COVID- We are finally getting a breather on the COVID ward front. All are sites are reporting <20 COVID Ward pts with a sigh of relief.

Kindly consider helping out with the Yr4 OSCE (see below) - COVID has had a huge impact on our medical students. They need our support more than ever.

AEC8 shout-out: DOM's support team rarely gets the spotlight but do so much to keep the DOMship upright. ***It has been a tough year for AEC8-*** new Workday HR system (AKA Phoenix), living with COVID (e.g. working from home), McGill hiring freeze (many having to pull double duty) and a new Chair/6 Associate Chairs to initiate/integrate! Send a virtual high 5 to the AEC8 team for keeping it all running smoothly despite all these challenges.

Using COVID as an opportunity to connect - message from the Associate Chair, Wellness

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all differently, but there are some commonalities in the challenges and pleasant surprises this year has brought.

Over the next month or so, we'd love to collect your thoughts. I'll share mine:

My silver lining: members of the department coming together for a common purpose

What I miss most: hosting dinner parties at my home with friends and family



Please share your **silver linings** and **what you miss most** in this 2-question “DOM Taking the Pulse” survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cZYxzedSaEqvqfz4-J8J6r4v2xq3QHBKrd0o80md7vtURFE3NTFDMFRPOTIFM0hCWIRQWVAzSkZUQy4u>

We will include your messages over the next few communications and take note of themes that emerge. We want to hear from you!

Best, Natalie Dayan

Urgent message sent on behalf of Dr. Mélanie Mondou, Associate Dean UGME -> OSCE Assessors

There is an urgent need for assessors for the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) for Yr4 medical students on **March 29, 30 and 31**

The OSCE is an important means for us to both observe their performance and give them feedback, and this is even more important this year than in the past.

The time commitment is a half-day (and the enthusiastic are welcome to do more!). Previous experience being an OSCE assessor is helpful but not essential. Colleagues who are willing to help out should **contact our OSCE administrator Ann Nguyen - ugme-exams.med@mcgill.ca** - and Ann will provide more details.

Thanks for your support to the MDCM Program!

Announcement of Newly Appointed Faculty: Dr. Claire Godard-Sebillotte



Dr. Claire Godard-Sebillotte was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in January 2021. Dr. Godard-Sebillotte is in the Division of Geriatrics.

Dr. Godard-Sebillotte completed her undergraduate training at Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 (France) and her residency in internal medicine and geriatrics at Université Antilles Guyane (France). She completed an MSc in Epidemiology at Université Victor Ségalen Bordeaux 2 (France), and a PhD in Family Medicine & Primary Care at McGill University.

Dr. Godard-Sebillotte will be developing her research program at the MUHC Research Institute focusing on health service research to improve care trajectories of vulnerable older adults. Along with her clinical duties, she will supervise medical students, residents, graduate and post-doctoral students.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Godard-Sebillotte to our staff!

Congratulations to Dr. Yen-I Chen and to Dr. Alan Barkun

Dr Yen-I Chen is the recipient of a CIHR grant assessing a novel and disruptive endoscopic technique to improve the management of patients with malignant lower bile duct obstruction.

Dr Alan Barkun is the recipient of both a CIHR grant as well as a Canadian Partnership Against Cancer award that address prediction of endoscopic findings and the management of colonoscopy wait times using conventional epidemiological and machine learning approaches.

Together, all three grants total 1.9M\$ in peer-reviewed funding. Congratulations to both!

Congratulations to Dr. Matthew Cheng

Dr. Matthew Cheng is the recipient of the **2020 Canada Young Investigator Award**, conferred by the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada in recognition of his contributions to research in the fields of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology.

Best,
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