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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE

COVID Update: Lots of preliminary plans in place heralding a return to “near normal” in the rooms/halls of our institutions and in the “real world”. Might we be travelling in the fall/winter? Face-to-face meetings coming after summer break? We all look forward to more details!

Is leadership for me? All docs are leaders! We run labs, clinics, services, teaching programs, research groups etc. Some take on larger leadership roles than others. Many are energized by building things that lead to better care/teaching/research. Many think: *who me?* But really should think why not me? There are many leadership opportunities in DOM- don't hesitate to reach out to me or Associate Chairs if you would like to exercise your leadership skills!

OUTBREAK! It's back - creepy music and all. The fitness challenge round 2 has begun. The Cardiologists are leading again (#1-“Demand Ischemia” and #2- the “Pacemakers”) with the “Sundowning R3s” in 3rd place (my “Achilles Heals” team mates are lulling you all into a false sense of security in 16th place).

Go Habs Go!

Time Sensitive: UGME JGH Leadership Position!

Internal Medicine Transition to Clinical Practice (TCP) Site Director, JGH

We are searching for a dynamic physician based at the JGH with a keen interest in medical education and excellent leadership, communication, and organizational skills to serve as JGH site director of the UGME TCP course. Please see the job description ([TCP Site Director Job Description](#) / [Directeur ou directrice du volet Transition vers la](#)

[pratique clinique \(TPC\) – Description de poste](#)) and contact [Dr. Annabel Chen-Tournoux](#) for more information.

If interested, please submit your cover letter and CV to Ms. Diane Lewis, Student Affairs Officer, Administrative Excellence Centre (AEC) 8, at the following address, studentaffairsaec8@mcgill.ca no later than **Monday, June 21st, 2021**.

Announcement of Newly Appointed Faculty



Dr. Copaesca was appointed to the McGill Department of Medicine, as Assistant Professor, in February 2021. Dr. Copaesca is in the Division of Allergy & Immunology.

Dr. Copaesca completed her undergraduate training at the University of Sherbrooke and her residency in Internal Medicine and Clinical Immunology and Allergy at the University of Montreal as well as a clinical and research fellowship in Immunology at the Centre for Antibiotic Allergy and Research in Austin Health in Heidelberg, Australia.

Dr. Copaesca is an important addition to the established MUHC Drug Allergy Program. She has a special focus on point of care solutions to drug hypersensitivity and is pursuing a doctorate in this field. She will link McGill to a global network of researchers that aim to achieve a better understanding of rare and potentially fatal delayed drug reactions.

Welcome Dr. Copaesca!

Final Reminder – today is the deadline to register for FRQS Information Session on Monday, June 14th

Why is the DOM one of the most successful Departments in the province in FRQS competitions? Lots of reasons, but one is well prepared applicants!

Applying to FRQS? A must is attending this session will be led by FRQS Scientific Advisors Dr. Kevin Schwartzman and Dr. Stéphane Laporte, Dr. Suzanne Morin (Chair, FRQS Chercheur-Boursier Clinicien Junior 1 Review Committee for clinical/epidemiologic research), and Dr. Yen-I Chen (recent FRSQ Junior 1 Awardee).

Please confirm your ZOOM attendance at this session by **June 11, 2021**:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJMW5RQ>

Congratulations to Dr. José Morais

We are pleased to inform you that Dr. José Morais, McGill Director of Geriatric Medicine has been named to the Board of FRQS <https://frq.gouv.qc.ca/conseil-administration/jose-a-morais/>

Leaders leading!

Save the Date - McGill Department of Medicine Virtual Research Symposium – November 9, 10 and 11, 2021 from 4:00-5:30 pm via Zoom

More info to follow, but here is a Keynote speaker teaser:

Dr. Rhian Touyz, Professor of Family Medicine and Medicine at McGill University and incoming Executive Director and Chief Scientific Officer of the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (RI-MUHC).

Dr. Stephen Robbins, Professor, Department of Oncology at McGill University and new Director of the Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research (LDI)

Dr. David Kass, Abraham and Virginia Weiss Professor of Cardiology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and recipient of the 2020 Louis and Artur Lucian Award for Research in Circulatory Diseases.

Interim Chair, Inaugural McGill Department of Critical Care

Dr. Peter Goldberg has been named Interim Chair of the [new Department of Critical Care Medicine](#) in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at McGill.

A graduate of McGill's medical school, Dr. Goldberg is currently the Director of Critical Care Medicine at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), a position he has held since 2007. Prior to this, he served in numerous roles at hospitals in the McGill network including as Director of the Intensive Care Unit at the Montreal Chest Institute, Medical Director of the Department of Respiratory Therapy at the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH), and Director of Critical Care Services at the RVH before assuming these responsibilities for the entire MUHC. Dr. Goldberg also holds a Master's degree in Management from McGill and is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, and an Osler Fellow.

Congrats to Dr. Goldberg for agreeing to lead/launch the new department and we wish him every success in this new role.

Wellness Corner (Dr. Natalie Dayan, Associate Chair, Wellness)

Yes, you can learn to cultivate mindfulness *AND* improve stress management! See below and attached a potential wellness-related conference of interest, led by our own Dr. Tom Hutchinson:

4th International Congress on Whole Person Care - October 21-24, 2021

McGill's own biennial **International Congress on Whole Person Care** is featuring well-known international speakers who will address various topics, including compassion and self-compassion in healthcare, mindfulness, and healing.

Here is the link to the program: <https://www.mcgill.ca/wpccongress/programme>

Best,
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