

## **McGill Internal Medicine Residency Program - Annual Report**

The McGill Internal Medicine Residency Program is the largest specialty training program at McGill. There are over 120 residents in training across our three main adult teaching hospital sites. As with many programs, we are in a process to shift towards a competency-based medical education framework, and our program has already started to make concrete changes towards this goal.

As part of this educational transformation the Royal College certification exam will move to the end of the third year of core training starting in 2019. To help prepare our residents for this earlier milestone, Dr. Ning-Zi Sun and our curriculum sub-committee has pushed forward with a flipped classroom approach to academic half-day. This program integrates a pre-recorded video series with live problem-based learning sessions. So far, this change has garnered strong support from our residents. We will also be revamping our July 'boot camp' series for incoming residents, and will add specific training in topics related to critical care. Also, starting in July, we will roll out a re-designed ambulatory clinic experience. This new rotation will shift away from a weekly clinic to a month dedicated solely to out-patient care. This block will also allow us to pilot a competency-based assessment tool, and help familiarize staff to this new model of training.

This year we had one of our best CaRMS match results. We matched all spots after the first iteration. Our new cohort will consist of 17 candidates trained at McGill, 6 from the other universities in Quebec, as well as candidates from the Universities of McMaster, Ottawa, Queen's, Toronto, Dalhousie and Saskatchewan. Along with 9 residents from the Middle East and other international school, our future trainees represent one of the most diverse groups we have ever welcomed, and will certainly enhance our training program. As important, our outgoing residents all matched in their first iteration. They will be pursuing further training in some of the most competitive programs in the country, matching to McGill (17), University of Montreal (4), Laval, Sherbrooke, Toronto (4), Ottawa (2), Queen's, Alberta, and British Columbia. We are very proud of their achievement and wish them the best in their ongoing training. We are sure they will make McGill proud wherever they are.

With respect to academic activities, our Annual Clinical Vignettes Evening was held on March 29 at the McGill Faculty Club. It was a fantastic display of clinical acumen and scholarship. All hospital sites were well represented with excellent presentations by Drs. Mehdi Afshar, Corey Miller, Ketaki Rawal, Jacinthe Boulet, Marina Maskauchan, and Ahmed Al-Turki. This year the Dr. Harold Frank Award for the best clinical vignettes case this year was awarded to Dr. Corey Miller. We also held our 3rd annual Scholarly Activity Poster Day on May 18 at the JGH. All PGY3 residents in the program prepare an abstract and display their posters to showcase a project they worked on over their training. This year Dr. April Rose won for the best poster presentation, with honourable mention to Dr. Douglas Slobod and Dr. James Zhang. We thank all the faculty for their mentorship and promotion of scholarship to our trainees.

Again this year we sent residents to participate in the program's Global Health Initiative to Haiti. Directed by Dr. Michelle Elizov, and supported by the Departments of Medicine at the MUHC and JGH, this initiative joins with Partners in Health (PIH) and St. Nicolas Hospital to send a cohort of senior residents and faculty to Haiti to teach and learn from the local physicians and trainees. This has been a very popular activity within our program, so this year two groups were

sent in November 2016 and again in March 2017. Any staff interested in joining a future expedition may contact our program office or Dr. Elizov directly.

This year Dr. Zanelli will be completing her last term in the role of MGH site director. Dr. Zanelli has been a leader for residency education at McGill and a staunch advocate for improving training at the MGH and across the McGill network. She has mentored and inspired over a hundred residents to successful career paths. We thank her and wish her nothing but success in her next challenge. We welcome Dr. Leora Birnbaum as the incoming MGH site director, and along with Drs. Ruxandra Bunea (JGH) and Jennifer Landry (RVH) and our program administrators, Maureen Dowd, Sandra Persaud (MGH), Angie Sacratini (JGH) and Carol Seguin (RVH), and all the faculty in the Department of Medicine we look forward to continuing the work to innovate and strengthen the Internal Medicine residency program so that we can maintain it as one of the best residency training programs in the country.

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