

McGill Internal Medicine Residency Program - Annual Report

The McGill Internal Medicine Residency Program remains the largest specialty training program at McGill. There are over 120 residents in training across our three main adult teaching hospital sites.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, McGill Internal Medicine again matched all its CaRMS residency spots in the first iteration. This July we will be welcoming our new cohort that consists of 19 candidates trained at McGill, 5 from the other universities in Quebec (Université de Montréal and Université Laval), 4 candidates from the rest of Canada (McMaster, Queen's, Western, and Ottawa), and 13 international candidates (United States, Colombia, Australia, Lebanon, Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia). We have no doubt that these diverse residents will continue to enrich the training environment at McGill.

We also congratulate the great success of our outgoing PGY3 residents that matched to subspecialty programs across the country. They will be pursuing further training in some of the most competitive programs in the country, matching to McGill, Université de Montréal, Université Sherbrooke, Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary and British Columbia. They will become future subspecialists in GIM, GI, medical oncology, hematology, ID, rheumatology, cardiology, respirology, and geriatrics. We expect they will continue to make McGill proud and we wish them every success in their training and future careers.

This year McGill Internal Medicine held our Annual Clinical Vignettes Evening on April 17 at the McGill Faculty Club. It was a wonderful night of clinical intrigue and edification. Drs. Ariane Barbacki, Alina Beliaevsky, Parvaneh Fallah, Éliane Nguyen, Aurélie Paré, and Marcel Tomaszewski provided wonderful presentations that showcased the clinical and diagnostic dilemmas we struggle with and how they were solved. This year the Dr. Harold Frank Award for the best clinical vignettes case this year was awarded to Dr. Ariane Barbacki. Our 4th annual Scholarly Activity Poster Day will again be held in June where all PGY3 residents in the program prepare an abstract and display their posters to showcase a project they worked on over their training. We thank all the faculty for their mentorship and for promoting research scholarship to our residents.

McGill Internal Medicine again sent residents to Haiti as part of our Global Health Initiative. Our program is proud to collaborate with the MUHC and JGH Departments of Medicine in working with Partners in Health (PIH) and St. Nicolas Hospital in order to send senior residents and faculty to Haiti to teach and learn from the local physicians and trainees. This remains an extremely popular feature of our program. Any staff interested in joining a future excursion should contact our program office.

The coming year will be a busy one for the program. In the Spring of 2019 McGill will undergo accreditation of its postgraduate programs. Then in July 2019 we officially launch the Royal College's Competency by Design curriculum for competency-based medical education. As faculty, you will certainly be part of this transition. All staff will perform workplace-based assessments, and we will be inviting faculty who would like to be more directly involved to join as academic advisors to further coach and track the progress of residents through their various stages of training. We look forward to working with all members of the department during this exciting transition.

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Éliane Nguyen, Daphnée Perron-Couture and Alina Beliaevsky (left to right) represented Quebec at the 2018 ACP Doctor's Dilemma® competition. They participated with 3 other Canadian teams and showcased the amazing talent from McGill!



Parvaneh Fallah, Éliane Nguyen, Alina Beliaevsky, Ariane Barbacki, Aurélie Paré and Marcel Tomaszewski at the 2018 Annual Clinical Vignettes Night held at the McGill Faculty Club.

