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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE



To fulfill its strategic ambitions, the Department of Emergency Medicine is pleased to announce the strengthening of its Executive Committee, with the appointment of **Marie-Hélène Lasalle-Folot**.

Dr Folot joins the Executive Committee as Chief, Emergency Department, Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux de l'Outaouais (CISSSO) and Chief, Emergency Department, Hull-Gatineau.

Dr. Folot completed her medical degree at Université de Montréal and her residencies in Internal Medicine at Maisonneuve-Rosemont (2000) and Family Medicine at Cité de la Santé (2003).

This appointment marks a new chapter in our department's history as we embark on an ambitious programme in support of the academic mission of McGill's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences to improve the overall delivery of emergency care in the Outaouais region.

Dr Folot will play a key role on the Executive Committee by creating strong linkages in support of trainees and clinical staff vis à vis recruiting and building capacity through continuing medical education and faculty development.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Folot the utmost success in her new role.

Message from Dr Rob Primavesi - Associate Chair, Education

Following a call for applications for a new FRCP-EM Program Director, we received two applicants: Nadine Liesegang and Vincent Poirier.

Therefore, the Chair of the academic Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM), Marc Afilalo, has struck a selection committee according to PGME guidelines.

Interviews will take place on May 5th.

Selection Committee:

- Joel Turner, Associate Chair DEM (Chair of the Selection Committee)
- Marc Afilalo, Chair DEM
- Leon Tourian, Assistant Dean PGME (PGME rep)
- Ning-Zi Sun, Program Director Internal Medicine (PD from another program)
- Audrey Marcotte, Resident Rep
- Andrew Reid, CCFP(EM) Program Director
- Christine Meyers, RVH Site Director (MUHC rep)

Thanks to all the Selection Committee members for taking time for this important task. Thanks to Joel for chairing the committee. And, thanks to the candidates for their interest in leading the FRCP-EM Program. The DEM and the residents will be fortunate to have either Nadine or Vincent in this role, starting September 1st.

Message from Dr Joel Turner - Associate Chair, Clinical Practice

After initial meetings with all 8 subcommittees, a lot of great ideas and goals were discussed, with a clear outline of objectives that each group will be striving for; from streamlining antidote guidelines, to a needs-assessment survey from the resuscitation subcommittee, to standardization of protocols and management guidelines. There is a lot of work to be done, and I want to thank all the members of the 8 subcommittees who are very committed to improving emergency care at McGill.

As an example of some of the plans being worked on, here is a message from the POCUS subcommittee about the goals and objectives for the coming months:

The goals of the POCUS subcommittee will be to create cohesion and collaboration between POCUS programs across all McGill EM sites with regular discussions on POCUS topics, sharing of ideas and help troubleshooting development and integration of POCUS in our EDs. For the upcoming academic year, our group will be working on creating opportunities for attending physicians to get POCUS training for both core & advanced applications, developing and implementing POCUS archiving systems in each of the McGill sites, and inspiring more physicians to learn/use POCUS in their practice and their EDs by having a dedicated POCUS academic half day!

Haromization of Care - Cardiology Consults in the ED

Thank you to Dr. Grad for sharing these key EBM-based summaries about patients presenting to the ED for chest pain and our role in specifically ruling out ACS, and whether there is truly a need for further ED-based cardiology consultation for patients with negative troponin.

The 5 questions he is discussing are:

1. How good are HS-Trop in ruling out MI?

2. Does Provocative testing decrease the risk?
3. What about unstable angina?
4. How does the HEART score help you in the ED?
5. What about downstream testing and therapy?

I encourage all of you to read the 5 brief summaries found in the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zrzq3erl9tluec7/AAAwahYiPJ4K61NY8jUTXFtqa?dl=0>

Furthermore, you can refer to the following podcasts and blogs which also summarize the information.

<https://emergencymedicinecases.com/low-risk-chest-pain-high-sensitivity-troponin/>

<https://emergencymedicinecases.com/cardiac-stress-testing/>

<https://first10em.com/stress-test-evidence-intro/>

Promotions Update – Spring 2021 Cohort

Following the February 2021 meeting of the Departmental Promotions Committee (DPC), recommendations for the promotion of an additional 3 DEM members were submitted to the Faculty Promotions Committee (FPC) for consideration for the Spring 2021 intake.

Next steps:

1. The Faculty Promotions Committee (FPC) evaluates the Dossiers and informs candidates of their recommendation, usually within 4-6 months (late summer/early fall).
2. The FPC forwards their recommendation to the Provost
3. Candidates receive **official approval of their promotion** from the Provost.
4. The Academic Affairs Office (AAO) processes the Appointment Form in Workday after the promotion has been approved by the Provost's Office.
5. The Candidate reviews and acknowledges the promotion in Workday.

McGill University Employment Equity Survey

Last month we reported on our plans to develop a strategy for integrating EDI into our culture. In order to deliver on this promise, we need your help!

Kindly complete McGill's **confidential** 2-minute survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/08Xrf58SC1>, which will allow us to take concrete steps to identify and remove systemic barriers to equity in recruitment, employment, retention and promotion within the Department of Emergency Medicine.

The survey data is collected by McGill's Equity Office and will remain strictly confidential - no individual survey responses will ever be shared. The Chair of the Department will only receive aggregate data for the department as a whole.

Be safe, be well, and be kind,
Marc

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