Introduction

This report will highlight the significant achievements and activities of our Department during the 2014 calendar year. Some portions will reference the academic year (2014-2015) because of its more direct relevance to the McGill teaching schedule. We are pleased to report that our department continues to achieve excellent academic productivity with respect to publications and grants. Clinical activities and teaching were conducted at each of the major McGill hospital sites (RVH, MGH, JGH, and MCH) in accordance with Royal College requirements. The theme of clinical transition continued with respect to the preparations for the MUHC move its new Glen site which will be achieved in the year 2015.

Please refer to the Departmental website at www.mcgill.ca/ent for a listing of staff, administrative structure and committees. The website contains information on educational activities, research, fundraising and alumni activities. The Department underwent a McGill Cyclical Review with site visit in 2014. A brief Review Committee Report is included.

1. Research and publications

Significant conference presentations. Select international and national presentations are hereby listed:

2. Madana Jeevanandam, MD, DNB, MRCS, Abdulaziz Alrasheed, MD, Nathalie Gabra, MD, Frederick Laliberte, MD, Michael Hier, FRCS, Martin Black, FRCS, Alex Mlynarek, FRCS, The Role of Post Treatment Chest Radiography Screening in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma and a Survey on Pulmonary Screening Practices among Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgeons across Canada. 5th World Congress of IFHNOS and Annual Meeting of the American Head and Neck Society, July 26-30, 2014-08-26 Marriott Marquis, New York City, NY
10. Silva SD, Hier M, Soares FA, Graner E, Kowalski LP. ErbB receptors and matrix metalloproteinases are predictors of poor outcomes in pN+ in oral squamous cell carcinoma with extranodal spread. 5th World Congress - IFHNS and AHNS Meeting, July 27-30th 2014, New York City, NY, USA

**Invited lectureships, visiting professorships, and keynote presentations.**


Nguyen L. Invited speaker on the subject of Medical Simulation at the following conferences: European Society for Paediatric Otolaryngology bi-annual meeting. American Society for Pediatric Otolaryngology annual meeting. Congress International Francophone d’ORL et de Chirurgie Cervico-Faciale, (SIFORL) annual meeting. Canadian Society of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery annual meeting


Daniel S. “Clinical decision making in the drooling child”, Invited speaker, 12th International Congress of the European Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Dublin, Ireland, June 1 2014. “Management of drooling and pediatric salivary gland disorders”; invited speaker, Pediatric Otolaryngology Grand Rounds, Boston Children’s Hospital, April 30 2014.

Cullen K. XXVIIIth Barany Society Meeting, Invited Plenary lecture, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2014. Brandeis University, Waltham Massachusetts, Department of Psychology Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 2014


Manoukian J. Visiting Professor Lecture “Laryngotraceoplasty” Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany June 2014

Research grants held by the Department in the year 2014 amounted to $11,804,823: A full listing can be found at the following URL: https://www.mcgill.ca/ent/research/research-grants-2014

**Research Grants newly awarded in 2014 ($4,478,401):**

5. CRC Tier 1 (April 2014 - March 2021), Canada Research Chair in Voice Biomechanics and Mechatrobiology. From 4/2014 to 3/2021: $1,400,000 **Luc Mongeau** (PI)
6. FQRNT - Awarded a research Incubator Seed funding grant from Strategic Cluster CRBLM (10’000$) to **Alexandre Lehmann.** 2014
8. NIH - R01 - Design, construction, and evaluation of implants for vocal fold alteration and reconstruction. **L. Mongeau** (PI), **Nicole Li** (Co-I) (Communication Disorders), P. Wiseman (Physics), and C. Donato (Cell biology). Subcontract to Thompson (BYU). From 9/2014 to 8/2019: $2,281,437.
9. 2014-2020 NSERC Discovery Grant. **Henrietta Galiana** (PI), amount$ 37,000/year. Towards biomimetic control of robotic or paralyzed limbs.
The McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fund (Departmental Fund) provided support to numerous MSc, Resident and Undergraduate medical student projects. It also provided salary support to a number of departmental researchers including Dr Alexandre Lehman, Dr Melissa Henry, Dr Sabrina Wurzba and Dr Miltiadis Paliouris.

Departmental publications including books, chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, abstracts and media presentations: In the year 2014, there are 134 citations itemized including 5 written book chapters, 8 electronic book chapters, 98 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and 23 journal entries. A full listing can be found at the following URL: https://www.mcgill.ca/ent/publications/2014

2. Teaching and learning (undergraduate and graduate)

Undergraduate (Committee co-chairs: Dr. Lily Nguyen and Dr. Marc Tewfik)

The Department hosted the 4th Canadian Conference on Undergraduate Medical Education in OTL-HNS at the McGill Medical Simulation Center. The theme for this meeting was web based and simulation based for medical students. The conference was attended by Canadian medical Schools and guest speakers included Drs. Joyce Pickering, Beth-Ann Cummings, and Farhan Bhanji. The educational App iLearn ENTsecured a $65,000 grant for continued development.

The new undergraduate medical school curriculum came into effect with Otolaryngology-HNS being involved in teaching Fundamentals of Medicine (17 hours of lectures, small group sessions, Anatomy Lab Demonstrations), transitions to clinical practice (shadowing of OTL residents for 2 week periods, participation in Surgical Skills week at the Simulation Center) and the clerkship (rotations at McGill teaching hospital sites).

Dr. Lily Nguyen has officially stepped down as Committee Co-director and will be replaced by Dr. Johnathan Young.

Residency Training Program (Director: Dr. J. Manoukian)

The Department is currently in “Full approval” for the residency training program from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

There are presently a total of 20 residents enrolled in the program.

Five graduating residents were successful in passing their Royal College exams in the year 2014: Dr. Yaseen Ali, Dr. Yaseed Al-Ghonaim, Dr. Tamara Mijovic, Dr. Alipasha Rassouli, and Dr. Rania Ywakim.

At the Resident Research Day Competition to complete the 2014-2015 academic year, the following prizes were awarded:

- William H. Novick Canmeds Resident Award sponsored by Dr. Joseph Chen: Dr. Amanda Fanous
- The Grand Rounds Resident Awards:
  o Junior Resident Awards: Dr. Cinzia Marchica, Dr. Michael Roskies, Dr. Joe Saliba
  o Senior Resident Awards: Dr. Abdullah Albader, Dr. Amanda Fanous
- Best Resident Research Presentations:
  o Medical Student Research: Dr. Marco Mascarella
  o Junior Resident Research: Dr. Michael Roskies, Dr. Joe Saliba
  o Senior Resident Research: Dr. Amanda Fanous
- Melvin Mendelson Temporal Bone Drilling Award: Dr. Joe Saliba
- A new award was sponsored this year by Dr. Danny Enepekides titled the Martin J. Black Head and Neck Resident Research Award. The winner was Dr. Michael Roskies.
- McGill Head and Neck Facial Reconstruction Award: Dr. Michael Roskies.

Fellowship Training (Director: Dr. J. Rappaport)

Fellowships for 2013-2014

Dr. Andrea Darnbrough – University of Manitoba (Laryngology, supervisor Dr K. Kost)
Dr. Madana Jeevanadam - 2nd year - India (Head and Neck Surgery / Microvascular Reconstruction, supervisor Dr M. Hier)

Fellowships for 2014-2015 academic year

Dr. Hamoud Alarouj - Kuwait (Laryngology, supervisor Dr K. Kost)
Dr. Remi Shoukrun – Israel (Head & Neck Surgery, supervisor Dr M. Hier)
Dr. Rania Ywakim - Calgary (Head & Neck Cutaneous Malignancy & Facial Reconstruction, supervisor Dr K. Kost)
Dr. Namrata Varma – California (Pediatrics, supervisor Dr S. Daniel)
Dr. Susan Edionwe - Texas (Rhinology / Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery, supervisor Dr M. Tewfik)
Dr. Farid Ibrahim – Egypt (McGill Auditory Sciences Research Lab, supervisor Dr S Daniel)

Post-Graduate Education (Director: Dr. B. Segal)

There were 30 MSc (Otolaryngology) students enrolled in the year 2014. The program has doubled in size in the past two years. Self-support funding attracted by students reached over $336,000. The Master’s program attracted 8 international students in 2014, and 12 in 2015 to date, yielding international fees for McGill of about $145,000 and $215, 000 respectively.
Although no theses were granted in 2014, three were granted at the June 2015 convocation, and at least 4 theses will be granted at the fall 2015 convocation.

### MSC Research Awards

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**Total** $336,420

### Teaching initiatives and innovations

The Department hosted six National/International CME courses in 2014

1. 19th Annual McGill University Update in Otolaryngology- Head & Neck Surgery (Course directors: Drs. K. Kost, J. Rappaport, M. Hier)
2. 4th Annual Canadian Conference on Undergraduate Medical Education in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
3. McGill University Laryngology Course (Course Director Dr. Karen Kost)
4. McGill Facial Plastic Surgery Cadaver Dissection Course (Course Director Dr. Mark Samaha)
5. Advanced Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Course (Course Director Dr. Marc Tewfik)
6. 8th Annual International Pediatric Otolaryngology Update (Program Chair Dr. Sam Daniel)

### Residency training courses and mini seminars offered in 2014

1. Facial plastic course on cadavers supervised by Dr. Mark Samaha held yearly at the SIM center.
2. Facial plastic course supervised by Dr. Nabil Fanous on pig and other animal models, a two days course held yearly at the SIM center.
3. Laryngology course supervised by Dr. Karen Kost held every other year. Attendance of residents is encouraged and is mandatory at least once in their 5 year residency program.
4. International Pediatric Otolaryngology Update Course and Pediatric MD Schloss Lectureship organized by Dr. Sam Daniel is held every year.
5. Endoscopic sinus surgery course (FESS) at the SIM center on cadavers – organized by Dr. Mark Tewfik and Dr. Marc Samaha held yearly.
6. Basic multidisciplinary airway course organized by Dr. Lily Nguyen for Junior residents (R1-2) at the SIM center held every year. This course is for all McGill University PGY1 (80 residents from core surgery, internal medicine, otolaryngology, OB-GYN, anesthesia and electives for family medicine and other specialty residents).
7. Advanced airway management course organized by Dr. Lily Nguyen at the SIM center for Senior residents (R4-5) held every other year.
3. Involvement in the community (Significant activities and positions held by departmental staff)

Departmental named lectureships and visiting professorships during 2014:

1) 16th Annual Raymer Family Lectureship. Dr. Lee M. Akst, Director John Hopkins Voice Center, Baltimore MD.
2) 11th Annual Melvin D. Schloss Lectureship. Dr. Adam M. Klein, Emory Medical University, Atlanta Georgia.
3) 22nd Annual Resident Research Day/James D. Baxter Lectureship. Dr. Donald Leopold, University of Vermont, Burlington Vermont.
4) 18th Annual McNally Lectureship. Dr. Etienne de Villers-Sidani, Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University.
5) 72nd Annual HS Birkett Memorial Lectureship. Dr. Frank Lin, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD.

Other Teaching Initiatives:
1) Creation and validation of a virtual reality simulator of Endoscopic Sinus Surgery for Residency training (Drs. S. Frenkiel, M. Tewfik, R. Varshney)
2) Establishment of a Cadaver Endoscopic Sinus surgery work station in the Strathcona Anatomy lab (Dr. M. Tewfik)
3) Development of an iPad App for Medical students entitled “iLearn ENT” (Drs. L. Nguyen, M. Tewfik)
4) Creation of an iPad App for General Practitioners entitled “Sinusitis Tool box” (Dr. M. Tewfik)
5) Development of a hands-on teaching tool for microsurgery of the larynx (Dr. K. Kost)

3. Involvement in the community (Significant activities and positions held by departmental staff)

Dr. M. Black: Monthly ENT clinics for patients at the Jewish Eldercare Centre and Maimonides Geriatric Centre
Dr. K. Cullen: Nova (PBS television series) Hosted visit to lab in the McIntyre Building for filming on McGill campus, invited Colin Chalk and a patient to extend reach of segment. Vice President: Montreal Society for Neuroscience. Advisory Board, German Center for Vertigo and Balance Disorders (DSGZ). Board of Directors, Society for the Neural Control of Movement
Dr. S. Daniel: ‘Mini O’, a special afternoon of sports, crafts for the whole family, inspired by the Olympics fundraising for hearing loss. President of the Société Internationale Francophone d’ORL (SIFORL)
Dr. V. Forest: Invited by various clinics in Montreal and surrounding area to give presentations on thyroid disorders and snoring/obstructive sleep apnea (given to general practitioners). Practice guidelines development: Consulted by the Association ORL du Québec for the elaboration of “le guide d’exercice: apnée obstructive du sommeil et autres troubles respiratoires du sommeil” requested by the Collège des médecins du Québec
Dr. H. Galiana: co-organized the BE* Research Day (Fall of 2014), with A. Ehrlicher of Bioengineering. This was initiated by Prof Keatney, and brought together presentations from all staff in Biomedical Eng. (Fac. Medicine) and Bioengineering (Fac. Engineering) for the first time. The occasion emphasized how much of our research overlaps and should take advantage of collaborative projects.
Dr. A. Katsarkas: Each Saturday on Greek radio with two presentations: 1) on medical issues 2) on scientific, historical, political issues.
Dr. Karen M. Kost: Participating in a humanitarian medical mission in Nepal, through an NGO, Himalayan Health Care. This mission involved a strenuous, high altitude 12 day trek in the Himalayas into remote villages with no water, electricity or road access. Dr. Kost had the privilege of seeing and participating in the care of over 300 patients, most of whom had never previously seen a physician. President and mentor of the ‘Women in Otolaryngology’ Committee for the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Mentoring young women toward leadership positions on a personal level. Also a mentor for the American Laryngological Association and American Broncho-Esophageal Association. Executive Member, American Society of Geriatric Otolaryngology, 2006-present. Member of McGill Global Health
Dr. N. Li: Invited as the National Coordination of Canada. Responsible to organize World Voice Day for 2015
Dr. J. Manoukian: Vice President of Mashdots Education Fund committee of the Association of Armenians from Egypt. Sponsoring student education for university degree in Armenia, for eligible students with high scholar talent and with low economic family situation. Vice-President of the steering committee, World reunion of Armenian schools of Egypt, Baltic Sea Cruise, 2013 – 2014. Organizing the re-union of 100 Armenian person from around the world, who had some part of their past education in Egypt. Chair, Canadian ENT Program Directors Committee of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery. Membre du Comité de développement professionnel de L’Association ORL du Québec, représentant Universitaire, 2010- présent. Member of combined McGill and King Saud University Committee mission to integrate King Saud University to be accredited by the Royal College of Physician and Surgeon of Canada (RCPSC), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, November 2014
Dr. A. Mlynarek: Founder and President of Comite D'Oncologie Cervico-Faciale du Quebec (2014-present). Executive Committee of L’Association d’Oto-rhino-laryngologie et de Chirurgie Cervico-faciale du Quebec
Dr. J. Rappaport: Supervisor of high school students in the Hospital Opportunity Program (HOPs) at the Jewish General Hospital Silver Ambassador for The Ride to Conquer Cancer (benefiting the Jewish General Hospital). Rider & Co-Captain of team
Dr. B. Segal Radio Advisory Board of Canada. Member, Electromagnetic compatibility committee
Dr L. Nguyen: Co-Director and organizer of the Canadian Conference on Undergraduate Medical Education in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, November 2014.
Dr R. Payne: Director of the Endocrine Surgery Group for the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
Dr M. Samaha: Associate Editor, Journal of Laryngology and Otology, UK
Dr. L. Mongeau: Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Voice Biomechanics and Mehanobiology.
Dr M. Hier: Organized Oral Cancer Screening Day for the Sikh Community in Dollard des Ormeaux
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Examiners in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Drs. M. Tewfik, J. Rappaport, V. Forest, A. Mlynarek

4. Milestones: New additions to Departmental Staff

New hires in the Department
Dr. Luc Monette, Faculty Lecturer, CAS part time (Gatineau Campus)
Dr. Keith Richardson, Assistant Professor, CAS, Full Time
Dr. Sabrina Daniela Wurzba, Assistant Professor, Research, Full Time
Dr. Nicole Yee Key Li, Associate Member
Dr. Melanie Duval, Assistant Professor, CAS, Full Time

Promotions
Dr. Lily Nguyen promoted to Associate Professor, CAS, Clinical, Full Time
Dr. Sam Daniel promoted to Full Professor, Tenured.

5. Honors, awards, and recognitions

Dr. S. Daniel: Nominated President of the Société Internationale Francophone d’ORL. Supervisor for PhD student, Dr Victoria Akinpelu, First Prize, 5th Annual H Bruce Williams Pediatric Surgery Research day for otoxicity research. “Celebrating Our Own” Award, Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. Election as a Best Doctors physician (“Best Doctors physicians are distinguished for the following: attaining the highest tier of clinical skill, achieving true expertise through years of experience, earning the highest esteem in the local, national or international communities”)
  • First place for Resident Competition Award, Société Internationale Francophone d’ORL et de Chirurgie Cervico-Faciale (SIFORL) meeting in Québec City, Québec
  • Second place for Best Non-Clinical Research Award, Canadian Society of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery annual meeting
  • Cover page feature article, Journal of Rhinology and Allergy Vol. 28, 2014.

Dr. K. M. Kost: Distinguished Service award (DSA) awarded by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Sept 21st 2014, in Orlando, Florida. The DSA is a recognition of volunteer service beyond the level of an Honor Award, given to members who attain 50 honor points (maximum of 2 points per year of service).
Dr. L. Mongeau: Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Voice Biomechanics and Mehanobiology.
Dr. L. HP Nguyen: Recipient of Canadian Association of Medical Education (CAME) Certificate of Merit. Presented at the Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) in Ottawa, Canada. Award given to promote medical education in Canadian medical schools and to recognize and reward faculty’s commitment to medical education.
Dr. W. Novick: Lifetime Achievement Award, Jewish Community Centre
Dr. R Shapiro: Top rank in pulse 360 assessment
Dr. M Tewfik: Millennium Research Award from the MUHC Research Institute, $25,000 (third consecutive year)
Dr Y. Lacroix: Best Teacher Award for 2014, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, McGill

6. Current Departmental Initiatives (Clinical and Academic)

Dr. M. Hier and Dr. A Mlynarek: Established the first TORS (Transoral Robotic Surgery) program in Quebec (JGH), performed the first TORS (Transoral Robotic Surgery) oncology case in Quebec. Dr. Keith Richardson has since joined the team.
Dr. A Mlynarek: Started using “Pro-Plan” 3D patient custom reconstruction of the mandible and maxilla
Dr. H Galiana: Developing translation tools for vestibular and oculomotor clinics. Plans to approach an eye tracker manufacturer for integration of our tracking and ID software
Dr S Frenkiel: Cochlear Implant Proposal to the Quebec Ministry of Health as an Inter-RUIS effort with the University of Montreal. Development of a McGill Thyroid Cancer Program and Clinical Center of Excellence.
Dr. M. Duval: Introduction of endoscopic ear surgery at the Montreal Children’s Hospital
Dr. A. Lehman, Dr. A. Zeitouni: Facilitated and coordinated the creation of a Cochlear Implant Research Network. Creation and development of a Cochlear implant research center
Dr. K. Kost: Raising private funds for the purchase of a KTP laser, which will increase the number of out-patient, office based laryngeal procedures, and expose residents and fellows to this new technology
Dr. J. Young: KTP laser surgery – Increasing indications over 2014 include vocal fold polyps and Renke’s edema
Dr. S. Daniel: Creation of specialized teaching units consisting of multi-disciplinary sub specialty clinics in otology, dysphagia, and complex airway pathology.
Dr. K. Cullen: Research to develop a vestibular prothetic, with Dr. Lewis at Harvard Medical School and Della Santian at Johns Hopkins. Awarded grants (CFI grant as well as Merck / McGill Translational Grant) to develop a novel approach for optogenetics in NHPs. Develop clinically-oriented multicenter grant with Harvard Medical School and Johns Hopkins based on smart MEMS technology
Dr. M. Black: Established a Tracheotomy Team at the Jewish General Hospital which includes Nursing, OTL and Speech Therapy
Dr. L. Nguyen: Creation, coordination and implementation of a high-fidelity in-situ simulation of peri-operative crisis situations at the Montreal Children’s Hospital.
Dr. K. Richardson: Re-established the MUHC Multidisciplinary head and neck clinic
Dr. M. Samaha: Coordination and development of the Facial Plastic Surgery rotation, as well as the community rotation, particularly as pertains to the upcoming move to the new facility at the Glen
Drs A. Zeitouni, M. Hier: Created important links for Head and Neck oncology research within the Rossy Cancer Network.

7. Departmental Gala Event (McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fund)
The 20th annual fund raising event was held on May 25th 2014 at Le Windsor. It was chaired by Dr Saul Frenkiel and honored Sports Illustrated /CJAD sports commentator Michael Farber. The MC for the festivities was TSN sports personality Dave Hodge. The Stanley Cup was present on site as were many celebrities including Hockey Hall of Famers, Guy Lafleur, Larry Robinson, Yvon Cournoyer, and Rejean Houle. Guest speakers included Red Fisher (celebrated sports journalist), Andrew Carter (CJAD morning man) and Dean David Eidelman. The event raised $600,000 to benefit Head and Neck Cancer Research at McGill University and its affiliated Hospitals.

8. Academic Unit Review
The McGill Cyclical Review took place on February 10-11, 2014 chaired by Prof. Jagdish Handa, Department of Economics. The committee consisted of both internal and external University members. The committee’s final report indicated:
o Undergraduate and graduate teaching programs rated as “excellent”
o It acknowledged the MSc program in Otolaryngology as “unique in North America”
o It made reference to the Department’s significant research productivity
o It indicated the significance of the fundraising efforts to support research & education
o Most significantly, the committee recognized McGill OTL-HNS “as one of Canada’s premier Departments in the field

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Saul Frenkiel
Professor and Chair
Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
August 4, 2015