**Introduction**

This report will highlight the significant achievements and activities of our Department during the 2015 calendar year. Some portions will reference the academic year (2015-2016) because of its more direct relevance to the McGill teaching calendar. We are pleased to report that despite the transitional events (move to the Glen) and austerity measures imposed by the government, our department continued to achieve excellent research productivity with respect to publications and grants. Clinical activities and teaching were conducted at each of the major McGill hospital sites (RVH-Glen, JGH, and MCH-Glen) in accordance with Royal College requirements.

Please refer to the Departmental website at [www.mcgill.ca/ent](http://www.mcgill.ca/ent) for a listing of staff, administrative structure and committees. The website also contains information on educational activities, research, fundraising and alumni activities. The appendices for this document are also contained within the above website.

1. Research and publications

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


6. Fansou N. « Septorhinoplasty Master Class from Basic to Advanced », at the 38th Kuwait Combined Otolaryngology Conference, Kuwait City, Kuwait, December 2015.


Invited lectureships, visiting professorships, and keynote presentations.

Black, Martin J., Invited Speaker, Canadian Association of Radiologists Montreal, Quebec, Canada May 2015, “What does the Head and Neck Surgeon want to know from the Radiologist”, Dr. Martin J. Black.

Cullen, Kathleen, Invited Speaker: Queens University, Department of Neuroscience, Kingston, ON. University of Colorado, Denver, Denver, CO, AMC Neuroscience Program Seminar Series. Johns Hopkins University, Neurology Grand Rounds Conference Series, Baltimore, MD.


Fanous, Nabil, Invited Speaker: CO2 Laser Resurfacing of the Face & Neck, at the 11th Annual Vegas Cosmetic Surgery & Aesthetic Dermatology Multispecialty Symposium, Las Vegas, USA, June 2015. Forehead Lift as an Adjunct to Facelift, at Congrès ORL 2015, Château Frontenac, Québec City, Quebec, Canada, October 2015. Septorhinoplasty Master Class from Basic to Advanced, at the 38th Kuwait Combined Otolaryngology Conference, Kuwait City, Kuwait, December 2015.

Forest, Véronique-Isabelle: Invited speaker for the Quebec Dentist Society, talk on the role of ENT in the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea.


Nguyen, Lily, Invited Speaker, Toronto International Pediatric Endoscopic Course. Invited Faculty. Annual Course, Toronto, ON.

Payne, Richard: Guest speaker, McMaster University, Resident Research Day.


Research grants held by the Department in the year 2015 amounted to $21,024,920: A full listing can be found at the following URL: http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/research/grants/research-grants-2015.
Research Grants newly awarded in 2015: $10,329,921


5. A Multi-scale, Systems Based Approach to Evaluate Vocal Fold Injury and Repair, PI: Kost, March 2015. 50% share, $15,000.

6. Hybrid Model of Vocal Inflammation and Tissue Mobilization, NIDCD, PI: Kost. 50% share, 2015, $15,000.


9. NSERC-RTI, A SEM-Based Nanomanipulation System for Manipulation and Multiphysical Characterization of Semiconductor, Metallic, and Biological Nanomaterials, Liu, X. PI. Co-Applicants: Tamimi, F; Song, J; Razzari, L; Mongeau, L; Zetian, M; Dongling, M; Barthelat, F; April 2015 – March 2017, $147,534.

10. Calcul Canada - Annual resources allocation, Mongeau, L. (34 core years on briareee, 34 core years on guillimin, 81 core years on mp2, 20 GPU core years on guillimin-gpu). January 2015 – December 2015, $62,975.


15. Rossy Cancer Network Grant (2015), Texture imaging in Head and Neck Cancer. Dr. Jeffrey Chankowsky, PI; Collaborators: Dr. Jaykumar Nair, Dr. Stephen Probst, Dr. Caroline Reinhold, Dr. George Shenouda, Dr. Khalil Sultanem, Dr. Carlos Torres, Dr. Martin Vallières, Dr. Anthony Zeitouni. $250,000.

16. CRBLM grant (2015), Determining of previous visual and auditory sensory experience on the emergence and quality of auditory processing within the primary auditory cortex (A1) following cochlear implantation. Drs. Etienne de Villers-Sidani and Patrice Voss, with Dr. Anthony Zeitouni and PhD student, Maryse Thomas. $10,000.

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 Lehmann (Cochlear Implantation), Dr. Melissa Henry (Psychosocial Oncology), Dr. Sabrina Wurzba (Head & Neck Oncology), Dr. Miltiadis Paliouris (Thyroid Cancer) and Dr. Heather Smith (Vestibular Physiology).

Publications

Departmental publications including books, chapters, peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, abstracts and media presentations: In the year 2015, there are 123 citations itemized, including 4 written book chapters, 1 textbook, 16 electronic book chapters, 4 abstracts, 3 conference proceedings, 86 peer-reviewed articles, and 9 non-peer-reviewed articles. A full listing can be found at the following URL: https://www.mcgill.ca/ent/research/publications/2015

2. Teaching and learning (undergraduate and graduate)

Undergraduate (Committee co-chairs: Dr. Jonathan Young and Dr. Marc Tewfik)

- Dr. Lily Nguyen stepped down as undergraduate committee chair.
- The Department was represented by Dr. Keith Richardson at the Canadian Conference on undergraduate medical education in OTL-HNS. The meeting was held in Calgary, AB and the theme was web-based and simulation-based learning for medical students. McGill was praised for its extensive MED1 ENT curriculum involvement.
- Medical school Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery curriculum included:
- 1 week of Fundamentals of Medicine teaching to 2nd year medical students. It included 17 hours of lectures, one small group session and participation in anatomy lab demonstrations;
- Transition to Clinical Practice, where students were assigned to shadow an OTL resident for a 2-week period and participation in surgical skill weeks at the Simulation Centre;
- Clerkship included 2 hours of lectures in Surgery, a 1-hour lecture in Family Medicine, a 1-hour lecture in Pediatrics, shadowing for students in OTL clinics.

- In 2015, the Department received 42 McGill medical students on elective, 8 Canadian university medical students, and 8 international medical students.
- Student learning objectives for future development include:
  - formalization of rotation objectives;
  - facilitation of learning by development of new homework assignments;
  - orientation sessions for students on clinical rotation.

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 21 residents enrolled in the program.
- Three graduating residents were successful in passing their Royal College exams in the year 2015: Dr. Faisal Zawawi, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, and Dr. Rickul Varshney.
- At the Resident Research Day, held on May 21st–22nd, to complete the 2014-2015 academic year, the following prizes were awarded:
  - William H. Novick Canneds Resident Award sponsored by Dr. Joseph Chen: Dr. Amanda Fanous
  - The Grand Rounds Resident Awards:
    - Junior Resident Awards: Dr. Cinzia Marchica, Dr. Joe Saliba, Dr. Michael Roskies
    - Senior Resident Awards: Dr. Abdullah Albader, Dr. Amanda Fanous
  - Best Resident Research Presentations:
    - Medical Student Research: Dr. Marco Mascarella
    - Junior Resident Research: Dr. Michael Roskies, Dr. Joe Saliba
    - Senior Resident Research: Dr. Amanda Fanous
  - Melvin Mendelsohn Temporal Bone Drilling Award: Dr. Joe Saliba
  - Martin J. Black Head and Neck Resident Research Award sponsored by Dr. Danny Enepekides: Dr. Michael Roskies
  - McGill Head and Neck Facial Reconstruction Award: Dr. Michael Roskies

- Dr Richard Payne: Best Teacher Award for 2015, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, McGill

Fellowship Training (Director: Dr. J. Rappaport)

- Fellowships for 2014-2015 academic year
  - Dr. Hamoud Alarouj - Kuwait (Laryngology, supervisor Dr. K. Kost)
  - Dr. Rami 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)

- Fellowships for the 2015-2016 academic year
  - Dr. Rami Shoukrun – Israel (Head & Neck – Microvascular, Supervisor Dr. M. Hier) – 2nd year
  - Dr. Faisal Zawawi – Saudi Arabia (Pediatrics, Supervisor Dr. J. Manoukian)
  - Dr. Humaid Al-Humaid – Saudi Arabia (Rhinology/Skull base, Supervisor Dr. M. Tewfik)
  - Dr. Yehudah Schwartz – Israel (McGill Auditory Sciences Research Lab, Dr. S. Daniel)

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

There were 28 MSc (Otolaryngology) students enrolled in the year 2015, with 11 double program and 17 regular master’s students. Self-support funding attracted by students reached over $222,000. The Master’s program attracted 11 international students in 2015, and 9 in 2016 to date, yielding international fees for McGill of about $200,000 and $165, 000 respectively.

MSc (Otolaryngology) Theses granted, Spring 2015 convocation: Dr Yazed Alghonaim, Dr Moad Rammal, Dr Parisa Rashnoo.

MSc (Otolaryngology) Theses granted, Fall 2015 convocation: Dr Aren Bezdjian, Dr Joseph Rothstein, Dr Isobel Cardona, Dr Gregoire Morand.

MSc (Otolaryngology) Thesis submitted in 2015, Spring 2016 convocation: Dr Saud Al-Romaih.
MSc Student Research Awards

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Teaching initiatives and innovations

The Department hosted the following National/International CME courses in 2015:

2. McGill Facial Plastic Surgery Cadaver Dissection Course (Course Director Dr. Mark Samaha).
4. 9th Annual International Pediatric Otolaryngology Update (Program Chair Dr. Sam Daniel), May 4, 2015.
6. Endoscopic middle ear surgery course (Course Director Dr. A. Zeitouni).

Residency training courses and mini seminars offered in 2015:

1. Facial plastic course on cadavers supervised by Dr. Mark Samaha held yearly at the SIM Centre.
2. Facial plastic course supervised by Dr. Nabil Fanous on pig and other animal models, a two days course held yearly at the SIM Centre.
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 Centre 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 Centre 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 Centre for Senior residents (R4-5) held every other year.
8. Interspecialty Crisis Resource Management Course (advanced airway) organized by Dr. Lily Nguyen for Senior residents (R4-5) held yearly at the SIM Centre. This course is for otolaryngology, anesthesia and emergency residents.
9. Temporal bone dissection course organized by Dr. Sam Daniel for R2-4’s held yearly.
10. Resident Research Day organized by Dr. John Manoukian for 1.5 days at the end of the academic year
11. Ethics/Communication Skills teaching using professional trained patient actors supervised and coordinated by Dr. Jamie Rappaport and Dr. Lily Nguyen held every year at the Sim Centre.
12. Maxillofacial plating supervised by Dr. Alex Mlynarek for senior residents (R3-5) held every other year. This course is organized with residents of the University of Montreal.
13. Head and neck anatomy teaching to McGill’s medical students in the McGill Anatomy Lab supervised by Dr. Lily Nguyen/Mark Tewfik for R3-4. This will continue at an annual basis.
Departmental named lectureships and visiting professorships during 2015:

1) Grand Rounds presentation by Dr. Gerhard F. Huber, Professor of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland.
2) Endoscopic middle ear course at the SIM Centre by Dr. David Pothier, Professor of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, University of Toronto.
3) Jewish General Hospital special rounds by Dr. Mark Izzard, Head & Neck Surgeon from New Zealand.
4) The 17th Annual Raymer Family Lecture was presented by Dr. Ithak Brook, Professor of Pediatrics at Georgetown University, Washington DC.
5) The 12th Annual Melvin D. Schloss Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship / 9th Annual International Pediatric Otolaryngology Update was presented by Dr. John Manoukian, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, McGill University, Montreal, QC.
6) The 23rd Annual Resident Research Day / James D. Baxter Lectureship was presented by Dr. Danny Enepekides, Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
7) Grand rounds presentation by Dr. Nader Sadeghi, Professor of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, University of Washington, Washington DC on October 15th 2015.
8) Dr. Jeffrey Harris, Professor of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
9) Dr. Erin Wright, Professor of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, University of Alberta, Director of Alberta Sinus Center.
10) The 17th Annual William J. McNally Memorial Lecture was presented by Dr. Issam Saliba, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, University of Montreal, Montreal, QC.
11) The 73rd annual Herbert S. Burkett Memorial Lecture was presented by Dr. S. Mark Taylor, Professor of Otolaryngology, Department of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS.

3. Involvement in the Community

Dr. M. Black: Monthly ENT clinics for patients at the Jewish Eldercare Centre and Maimonides Geriatric Centre
Dr. F. Chagnon: President elect, Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada.
Dr. K. Cullen: Cutting Edge Lecture Series 2014-15, McGill University. “The neuroscience of balance - From athletes and astronauts to the elderly”. This seminar series is open to the public and was created to foster communication between scientists in different disciplines as well as between scientists and the public. – Biomedical Consultation Group, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Institute of Gender and Health. – Press Interviews: Psychology today: How Does Your Cerebellum Counteract “Paralysis by Analysis”? Psychology Today, The Athlete’s Way. Scientific American: How Does a Gymnast, or Even a Fitness Walker, Keep from Falling?
Dr. S. Daniel: Fundraising, MCH Foundation. Funding Bone anchored hearing aid implant.
Dr. V. Forest: Thyroid public forum. Forum to answer questions on thyroid cancer from patients and their family. Jewish General Hospital. – Invited by various clinics in Montreal and surroundings to give presentations on thyroid disorders and snoring/obstructive sleep apnea (given to general practitioners). – Practice guidelines development and revision: Consulted by the Association ORL du Québec to assist in the elaboration of “Je guide d’exercice: apnée obstructive du sommeil et autres troubles respiratoires du sommeil” requested by the Collège des médecins du Québec.
Dr. A. Katsarkas: Presents Each Saturday on Greek radio: 1) on medical issues 2) on scientific, historical, political issues.
Dr. K. Kost: March 2015: Participated in a humanitarian medical mission in Nepal, through a Nongovernment Organization (NGO), Himalayan Health Project. This mission involved a strenuous, high altitude 12-day trek in the Himalayas into remote villages with no water, electricity or road access. I had the privilege of seeing and participating in the care of over 300 patients, most of whom had never previously seen a physician.
Dr. N. Li: Chair of Organizing Committee, the 13th International Conference on Advances in Quantitative Laryngology, Voice and Speech Research (to be held in 2019 in Montreal), National Coordination of World Voice Day (Canada), Free voice screenings, workshops and seminars were organized for the public.
Dr. A. Mlynarek: Invited medical expert for “Semaine pour un Quebec sans tabac 2016” media campaign.
Dr. L. Mongeau: Lecture, World Voice Day.
Dr. L. Nguyen: Media Appearances: Nearly one in four Canadian medical grads may be fudging claims of being published on their resumes: study, National Post – first page article (article picked up by various other media outlets)
National Study of Publication Misrepresentation in Applicants to Residency, Podcast for Medical Education journal
Dr. W. Novick: Board of trustees, Montreal Jewish Community Centre. Lecture at Cummings Senior Center on Healthy and Active Aging.
Dr. J. Rappaport: Silver Ambassador The Ride to Conquer Cancer (benefiting the Jewish General Hospital): Rider & Captain of Spin Doctors team (2009-2015).
Dr. K. Richardson: Monthly clinic in Longueuil Quebec.
Dr. M. Schloss: Mini Med School Program, Cummings Centre.
Dr. M. Tewfik: Head & Neck Fundraising committee. – Member of Leucan.
Dr. S. Wurzba: World No Tobacco Day. Montreal, QC, Canada. May 31 2015; Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, Canada. – Scientific Committee of the International Academy of Oral Oncology. 5th World IAOO congress, July 2015, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
Head & Neck Cancer Fund Event, May 7, 2015: Committee Chair Dr. R. Payne, Event Chair Dr. J. Young, Advisor Dr. S. Frenkiel.
4. Milestones: New additions to Departmental Staff

Recruitment of Dr. Tamara Mijovic, Assistant Professor, CAS full time - Neuro-otology.

5. Honours, awards, and recognitions

Dr. M Black: Lifetime Achievement Award, Canadian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery 69th Annual Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 6-9, 2015. Lifetime Achievement Award, Department of Oncology, McGill University, Montreal, QC, November 30, 2015.

Dr. F. Chagnon: President elect, Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada.


Dr. H. Galiana: Award of a full US patent (Galiana & Ghoreyshi) representing our first fully automatic approach to the classification and identification of vestibular function from nystagmus records.

Dr. M. Henry: Fonds de recherche Quebec-Sante, Clinician-Scientist Salary Award (ranked 1st), Personal Support Award. $182,000 (2014 – 2018). McGill University Faculty of Medicine’s 2015 Fall Bursary Program – Student Research Award ($2,000): Yu Xin (Kelly) Chang, Fall 2015. Project Evaluating an Interdisciplinary Team-Based Approach for Patients With a Suspected or Confirmed Thyroid Cancer (ITCA-ThyCa): Further Analysis of Patient Interviews. Co-supervisor with Dr. Michael Hier. McGill University Faculty of Medicine’s 2015 Summer Bursary Program – CIHR Health Professional Student Research Award ($2,834). Yu Xin (Kelly) Chang, Summer 2015. Project: Evaluating an Interdisciplinary Team-Based Approach for Patients With a Suspected or Confirmed Thyroid Cancer (ITCA-ThyCa): Patient Interviews. Co-supervisor with Dr. Michael Hier.

Dr. L. Mongeau: Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Voice Biomechanics and Mechanobiology.

Dr. L. Nguyen: Recipient of the Faculty of Medicine Honor List for Educational Excellence, McGill University. Award given in recognition for exceptional contributions to education in the Faculty of Medicine, McGill University. Awards given to research project «Safety of Trans tympanic Application of Probiotics: An Animal model» for supervised trainee Dr. C. Nhan. Second place for Best Basic Science Poster, American Society of Pediatric OTL meeting, Boston, USA. Third place for Resident Competition Award, 6th Annual Bruce Williams Pediatric Surgical Research Day, McGill University.


6. Current Departmental Initiatives and Innovations (Clinical and Academic)

Introduction of endoscopic middle ear surgery (RVH and MCH sites), Dr. M. Duval and Dr. T. Mijovic.

Webcast of Tumour Boards (JGH, MUHC) and Department Grand Rounds.

Introduction of outpatient KTP laryngeal laser surgery (MUHC and JGH sites), one of only 2 provinces to have such a device, Dr. K. Kost and Dr. J. Young.

Dr. K. Richardson joined the team of Dr. M. Hier and Dr. A. Mlynarek, founding members of the McGill Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) Program. First Robotic program to treat head and neck cancer patients in Quebec.


Establishment of a Cadaver Endoscopic Sinus surgery work station in the Strathcona Anatomy lab: Dr. M. Tewfik.

Development of an iPad App for Medical students entitled “iLearn ENT”: Drs. L. Nguyen, M. Tewfik.

Development of an iPad App for General Practitioners entitled “Sinusitis Tool box”: Dr. M. Tewfik.

Development of a hands-on teaching tool for microsurgery of the larynx: Dr. K. Kost.

Relocation of the Mendelsohn Temporal Bone Drilling Laboratory from the MCH to the Strathcona Medical Building: Dr. S. Daniel.
7. Departmental Gala Event (McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fund)

The 21st annual McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fund event was held on May 7th, 2015 at Le Windsor. The Gala evening honored Mr Ivan Velan and the theme of the event was “Celebrating the Voice”. It featured the singing talents of members of the Montreal community, including international signing sensation Nikki Yanofsky. Celebrity judges included Debra Margles, President of Michael Kors, Andy Nulman, Just For Laughs Co-Founder, Sandra Rinaldi, Chief of Publicity for Evenko, and professional singer, Jonas. The musical Director was Paul Chacra and the evening was emceed by Freeway Frank and Natasha from Virgin Radio. Most importantly, this evening Gala netted over $400,000 to benefit Head and Neck Cancer Research at McGill University and its affiliated Hospitals.

Respectfully submitted,

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