McGill University’s

3rd Annual Global Surgery Conference

Capacity Building in Resource Limited Settings

Saturday, May 17th 2014
9h30-17h30

Post Conference Wine & Cheese Event
17h30-19h30
Schedule

9:00-9:30 Registration Period

9:30-9:45 Introduction by Dr. Dan Deckelbaum & Dr. Tarek Razek

9:45-10:30 Nadia Perreault
Red Cross Emergency Response Unit OPD/Ward/Pediatric

10:30-11:15 Robin Fairfull-Smith
Hepato-pancreato-biliary surgeon, MD

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:15 Olivier Beaudoin & Jackie Bibeau Poirier
ENT Surgery, Residents

12:15-13:15 Interdisciplinary Panel:
Health Care of Local Marginalized Populations: Aboriginal Health
- Lucy Teresa Shum, RN
- Linda Levesque, RT
- Kent Saylor, Pediatrician, MUHC
- Tarek Razek, Trauma surgeon, MUHC
- MODERATOR: Dan Deckelbaum, Trauma Surgeon, MUHC

13:15-14:15 Lunch & Poster Session

14:15-15:00 John Pringle
Bioethicist, RN & Epidemiologist

15:00-15:45 Madhvi Sheth
Vitreo-retinal surgeon, MD

15:45-16:00 Fadi Hamadani
General Surgery, Resident

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:15 Keynote Speaker: Dr Dickens Saint-Vil
Pediatric general surgeon, MD

17:15-17:30 Closing Speech

17:30-19:30 Post Conference Social Event: Wine & Cheese
About the Conference

Welcome to McGill University’s 3rd Annual Global Surgery Conference!

Through a collaborative effort of medical students, nursing students, nurses, and surgeons from the McGill University Health Centre, this conference aims to provide a forum for discussion regarding the different challenges and approaches within the field of global surgery.

We are truly honoured to host such a diverse and experienced group of speakers and we hope that you will enjoy participating in this enriching forum among many world leaders in the field of global surgery.

Background

Global health has been the subject of much discussion and debate in the medical world, the surgical aspect of public global health is often omitted from conversation even though injury and surgical disease represent a leading cause of global morbidity. Notably, the medical conditions treatable by surgery are also significant contributors to global disease burden and mortality.

By hosting the Global Surgery Conference, we intend to bring attention to the surgical component of global health, and to facilitate discussion between practicing and future health workers regarding the issue.

Objectives

- To expose participants to various experiences and opportunities in global surgery.
- To open dialogue and encourage discussion between student and expert health professionals on the different challenges and approaches of surgical aspects of global health.
- To provide participants with opportunities to network with current pioneers in global surgery in order to become more involved with ongoing projects in the field.

Continuing Education

This event is approved for up to 6.25 credits by the Office for Continuing Health Professional Education (CHPE). The Office for CHPE, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University is fully accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Education (CACME).

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Through an agreement between the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American Medical Association, physicians may convert Royal College MOC credits to AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Information on the process to convert Royal College MOC credit to AMA credit can be found at www.ama-assn.org/go/internationalcme.

Each physician should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
**Planning Committee**

**Dan Deckelbaum, MDCM, MPH, FRCSC**
Dr. Dan Deckelbaum is a general surgeon trained at McGill University. He obtained his subspecialty training in trauma surgery and critical care at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL. During his fellowship training, he also completed a Masters of Public Health at the University of Miami, FL. He has developed an avid interest in global surgical education and development, as well as disaster preparedness and response. Much of this interest is founded upon on-site clinical work in government hospitals in East Africa as well as disaster response missions in Somalia, Kenya, Turks and Caicos, and Haiti.

**Tarek Razek, MDCM, FRCSC, FACS**
Dr. Razek is the Director of the Adult Trauma Program at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC). He trained and worked with the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) as a war surgeon as well as with the Federation of Red Cross/Crescent Societies in the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) Field Hospital. He is also the medical director for the Canadian ERU field hospital, co-director of the Centre for Global Surgery at the MUHC, and the Chair of the Canadian Network for International Surgery (CNIS) board of directors. He actively participates in surgical development programs in Tanzania and Rwanda.

**Irene Chu, BScN, RN**
**Constanța David, BScN U1**
**Stephanie Marcil, BSc, Med 2**
**Cristina Mitric, BSc, Med 2**
**Marissa Morgan-Cavallaro, Med 2**

**Zuzana Prasličková, Med 1**
**Kara Redden, RN, BNI U2**
**Ebram Salama, BHSc, Med 2**
**Roohi Vinaik, Med 1**
**Cristina Weinrauch, RN, BNI U2**
Biographies

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dickens St-Vil, MD, FRCSC

Dr. Dickens Saint-Vil graduated from McGill University’s Faculty of Medicine in 1984. After completing his residency at the MUHC in the field general surgery, he pursued further training at Université de Montréal (UdeM), completing his fellowship in pediatric surgery. He has since been working in this specific field at CHU Sainte-Justine. His teaching career started in 1991 as a teacher in the Department of Surgery at UdeM and has continued ever since. He is also the head of UdeM’s general surgery department since 2009, as well as the head of the pediatric surgery and trauma department at CHU Sainte-Justine. His areas of expertise are congenital malformations, traumatology and hepatic transplants. Dr. St-Vil has completed multiple medical missions in his home country, Haiti, performing more than 300 surgeries. He is also responsible for the CHU Sainte-Justine “Santé intégré dans le département du Sud-Est d’Haïti” project, in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross.

Olivier Beaudoin & Jackie Bibeau Poirier, MDs

After attending medical school at UdeM, they both began training in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Beaudoin is currently completing PGY-5 and Dr. Bibeau Poirier is a practicing surgeon at St-Jérome and St-Eustache hospitals, as well as in the Great North of Québec. Interested in humanitarian medicine, they participated in missions in Vietnam and Ethiopia as residents and plan on repeating the experience as attending surgeons.

Robin Fairfull-Smith, MD, FRCPc

Dr. Robin Fairfull-Smith is an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Ottawa (uOttawa) and a staff surgeon in General and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery at the Ottawa Hospital. He obtained his medical degree from Scotland’s Glasgow University. He volunteered annually as a surgeon with Canada-Africa Community Health Alliance medical missions. He has been heavily involved in teaching internationally, as an instructor and "exam setter" for the Canadian Association of General Surgeons/University Guyana Surgical Training Program and a senior instructor with the Canadian Network for International Surgery where he has been teaching surgical skills in Tanzania. He has also served as the Program Director of General Surgery at uOttawa.

Fadi Hamandani, BMedSci, MD, MSc, PhD (C)

Dr. Fadi Hamandani is a Resident in General Surgery at McGill University. He completed his Master’s degree in Epidemiology under Dr. Tarek Razek at McGill University, where he characterized Northern Quebec’s remote trauma system. He is now pursuing his PhD with the trauma group at McGill under Dr. Dan Deckelbaum’s supervision. His PhD is focusing on the use of emerging technologies in trauma system development, injury surveillance, and surgical capacity building in low resource settings.

Linda Levesque, RT

Linda Levesque is a Respiratory Therapy Clinical Education Consultant at the Jewish General Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She graduated in 2001 from the RT and Anesthesia program at College Rosement. Linda has 6 years experience in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Sainte-Justine Hospital, and worked 4 years in the Sky Service Aviation. She has also served as an instructor for RT program at Vanier College.
Biographies

Nadia Perreault, BScN, RN

Nadia Perreault graduated with a BScN from McGill University ten years ago. She started working at the Montreal Children’s Hospital (MCH) in 2004, and completed postgraduate training in Tropical Medicine at "l’Institut de Médecine Tropicale d’Anvers" in Belgium. In 2008 she left the MCH to work with Doctors Without Borders (MSF) and the Canadian Red Cross, which brought her to work in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Papua New Guinea, Haiti and South-Sudan in different settings (war zone, epidemics). She currently works in the emergency department of the MCH and is part of the Canadian Red Cross Emergency Response Unit.

John Pringle, RN, PhD(c)

John Pringle is a nurse and epidemiologist, with a BScN from McMaster University and a MSc in Community Health & Epidemiology from Queen’s University. He worked as a northern outpost nurse in remote First Nations communities before joining MSF, where he helped provide humanitarian aid in Eritrean refugee camps from the Eritrean-Ethiopian War. He also investigated outbreaks of meningitis across northern Nigeria with MSF. He returned to northern Nigeria with MSF emergency team responding to mass lead poisoning outbreaks in rural villages. He is currently a PhD candidate at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto. His research focuses on global health and humanitarian ethics.

Kent Saylor, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Kent Saylor is a pediatrician at the MCH and a member of the medical team for the Northern and Native Child Health Program. He obtained his medical degree from Stanford University and completed his Pediatrics residency at the University of Washington and the MCH. He has been working in coastal Cree communities for almost 10 years now. Dr. Saylor also teaches at McGill University, focusing on aboriginal child health and social issues. He is the recipient of the Canadian Paediatric Society’s Member Recognition Award and Peter Bryce Henderson Award.

Madhvi Sheth, LLB, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Madhvi Sheth completed her Masters in Ophthalmology at Medical College, Baroda under Maharaja Sayajirao University (MSU) in 1991 and completed a fellowship in vitreoretinal surgery at Aravind Eye hospital, Madurai in 1992. She also holds a bachelors degree in Law -LLB special from MSU Baroda. She has been in private practice for the past 20 years and has also been involved in setting up medical retina departments for medical colleges at Karamsad and Waghodia, and in charitable hospitals notably Sewage Rural, Jhagadia, and Divya Jyoti trust hospital near Surat, in addition to training veterinary surgeons at a veterinary college.

Lucy Teresa Shum, BScN, RN

Lucy Teresa Shum graduated from McGill’s School of Nursing in 2009 and has been working for the MCH since. In order to pursue her interest in Aboriginal Health, she worked for two years at the Inulitsivik Health Centre in Puvirnituq. She also has international experience with Operation Smile in China and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and has also worked in Kakamega, Kenya. Her nursing experience includes surgical wards and the post-anesthesia unit. Currently, she works at the MCH’s Emergency Department.
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