

# ***FOCUS ON GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE***

## ***July 2019***



### **Ongoing Excellence in the Division Congratulations!**



**Dr Amal Bessisow** was awarded FRQS Boursier Chercheur Junior 1.

**Dr Suzanne Morin** was awarded FRQS Chercheur-Clinicien Senior.

**Dr Kaberi Dasgupta** was promoted to Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University.

**Dr Louise Pilote's** James McGill Chair was renewed until 2022 and she was appointed to the McGill Board of Governors.

**Dr Natalie Dayan** was named the First Quebec Chair of Women's Heart Health, established by the Heart and Stroke Foundation and McGill University. Read the Heart and Stroke news release [here](#) and the Montreal Gazette's [here](#).

**Dr Dayan** was also awarded a CIHR grant for her project, *Impact of infertility and its treatment on women's mental health*. Infertility is associated with significant psychological distress. Women receiving infertility treatment, especially IVF, are exposed to dramatic hormonal fluctuations with possible alterations in mood similar to that seen in the peri-partum state. Natalie and her team will assess the burden of mental illness among women who seek reproductive assistance using large datasets.

**Dr Vicky Tagalakis** and her Fellow, Dr Adi J. Klil Drori, won the Eberhard F. Mammen Most Popular Article Award 2019 for their article, [Direct Oral Anticoagulants in end-stage renal disease](#).

**Dr Emily McDonald** is off to Boston for the summer! She was accepted into the Summer Program in Clinical Effectiveness at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. She was awarded funding by the Department of Medicine to undertake the 6-week program.



### **Welcome!**

**Dr Isabelle Malhamé** joined the Division on 1 June 2019, based at the MUHC. Dr. Malhamé completed a 2-year clinical and research fellowship in Obstetric and Consultative Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Rhode Island and a Master's in Epidemiology at McGill University. She will provide a specialized clinical service to women with medical disorders before, during, and after pregnancy. Her research will focus on severe cardiovascular complications occurring during pregnancy and the postpartum period in high and low resource settings. In her free time, she likes to sing and watch live music.



**Dr Julian Huertas-Garcia** joined the Division on 1 July 2019, based at the Lachine Hospital. He earned his medical degree at the University of El Bosque, Bogota, Colombia. He subsequently completed his core Internal Medicine and General Internal Medicine residency training at McGill University, and an Echocardiography Fellowship at the Jewish General Hospital. He will be doing GIM consults in the Lachine ER and ICU, working in the outpatient activities at Lachine and performing echocardiography in the McGill RUIS, as well as participating in teaching activities. In his spare time he likes to spend time with his family and play soccer.

### In the Media

**Dr Natalie Dayan** was asked by La Presse to comment on a study published in the JAHA on 4 June 2019. <https://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/sante/201906/04/01-5228755-sevanouir-pendant-la-grossesse-peut-etre-un-signe-de-problemes-plus-graves-dit-une-etude.php>"

### GIM Residency Training Program Corner

The 2019 Inter-University GIM Residents Research Day in collaboration with the Université de Montréal and McGill University was a great success!



Participants from McGill with Dr Suzanne Morin  
Left to right: Drs Douglas Slobod, Maxime Gosselin, Julian Huertas-Garcia, Dennis Ho-Wo-Cheong and Moez Tajdin.

Not shown: Dr Nora Hutchinson

Amphitheatre, CRCHUM

22 May 2019

#### Presentations by McGill GIM Residents:

N. Hutchison: *How many patients does it take to develop a new cancer drug?*

M. Tajdin: *Feasibility study on the impact of patient reported outcomes in clinical management and patient satisfaction*

M. Gosselin: *Utilisation du système TelAsk dans un counselling anti-tabac pré-opératoire : une revue de dossiers*

J. Huertas-Garcia : *Characteristics of patients who would benefit from intensive care unit admission after non-cardiac surgery*

D. Ho-Wo-Cheong: *The role of procalcitonin in bacterial superinfection complicating viral lower respiratory tract infection*

D. Slobod: *Budget impact analysis of a rapid access Internal Medicine clinic*

#### Welcome new R4s!

David Bélanger (Laval), Alex Gauthier (U de M), Tanya Girard (McGill), Jonathan Houle (McGill), Iulia Iatan (McGill), Jesse Popov (Queen's), Camille Simard (McGill), Penny Panagiota-Toliopoulos (Sherbrooke), and Virginie Vallée-Guignard (U de M)

### CBD Corner

The GIM program officially launched its Competency By Design (CBD) evaluation system on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the new group of PGY-4s. Under this system, this cohort and all future cohorts will be required to demonstrate competence in performing a defined set of tasks known as Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). Competence will be determined based on repeated observations of everyday clinical activities. All faculty members will be expected to participate in these observations and evaluations. **Dr Michelle Elizov and Audrey Weizmann** have been busy preparing faculty for the CBD transition through information sessions and resource documents. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them if you have any questions. Finally, for those of you leading the way with the transition over the next 8 weeks on the various GIM teaching units, your thoughts and feedback are most welcome and will be useful in helping the rest of us with CBD.

### Upcoming Faculty Development Events



Peruse the McGill Faculty Development Office brochure [here](#) and see here [Upcoming Workshops](#) in Fall 2019.

