

FOCUS ON GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

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Welcome Summer!

Adieu to Antoinette

Antoinette is retiring today. We sincerely thank her for 30 years of dedicated service and support that contributed to the development and success of the Division. Her reassuring presence, readiness to help, resourcefulness, and welcoming smile have been the backbone of the Division. She will be deeply missed!



At an intimate gathering on June 23rd at the MUHC, **Dr Vicky Tagalakis** was joined by **Drs Suzanne Morin, Joyce Pickeirng, Linda Snell, Ken Flegel and Khue Ly** to present to Antoinette a plaque in recognition of her service and contributions to the Division. The Kudoboard was also delivered!

Ongoing Excellence in the Division Congratulations!



BREAKING NEWS: Monday 27 June

Dr Suzanne Morin was selected as a Fellow of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) in recognition of her having made outstanding contributions to the field of bone and mineral science! See more about the ASBMR [here!](#)

AWARDS



Drs Linda Snell and David Dawson were awarded the ASMIQ Prix d'excellence 2022. Dr Tagalakis presented their awards on May 21st at the ASMIQ 23e congrès annuel held on ZOOM. Several members of the Division as well as past students and residents were in attendance and typed away in the "ZOOM chat box" congratulatory messages and well wishes!

Dr Stella Daskalopoulou was awarded the McGill MedStar Award 2022 for her publication, "*Importance of sex and gender in ischemic stroke and carotid atherosclerotic disease.*" More details can be found [here](#).

Drs Natalie Dayan and Emily McDonald were awarded their Junior 2 FRQS salary awards!

APPOINTMENTS

Dr Emily McDonald was named the new Scientific Director of the Canadian Deprescribing Network! See the full announcement of Emily's appointment and her bio [here](#).

GIM Summer Kick Off Social Celebration -- Getting Back to "Normal"!



Dr Suzanne Morin and **Dr David Hornstein** welcomed everyone to their home for the first **IN PERSON** GIM get together since the beginning of COVID! **Dr Tom Maniatis** was presented with a plaque in recognition of his contributions to the Division during his term as MUHC Division Director! Thank you Tom!

Dr Ewa Sidorowicz spoke of her stepping down as DPS after 13 years of service. We wish her a well-earned rest!



Joyful News!



Congratulations to Dr Natasha Nathoo and her husband, Imran Doha, on the birth of their daughter, Leyla, on April 9, 2022!



Congratulations to Dr Isabelle Malhamé and her husband, Adrien Bosc, on the birth of their daughter, Daphné, on June 2, 2022!



Research News

Dr Stella Daskalopoulou received recognition of her innovative project on the development of AI tools for the identification of atherosclerotic plaque instability and stroke risk: Programme intersectoriel AUDANCE FRQS: *Trouver ATLANTIS: identification de l'instabilité de la plaque Athérosclérotique à l'aide de techniques d'apprentissage en profondeur.*

- AWARD: Dr Daskalopoulou's student, Karina Gasbarrino, received the prestigious national Mitacs Social Entrepreneur Award that recognizes the impact of the innovation to the society.
- AWARD: The grant prize of the phase B competition by the Biron Health Group that highlights leading innovations in predictive and preventative medicine, and it was among the top 20 winners for the Deep Space Healthcare Challenge awarded by the Canadian Space Agency.
- INTERVIEW: See the CTV interview of Dr Daskalopoulou on June 12 [here](#).

Congratulations to **Dr Teresa Cafaro** for her NEJM publication. She and her co-authors conducted an RCT to determine if tranexamic acid may safely decrease perioperative bleeding in patients undergoing noncardiac surgery. They found that the incidence of the composite bleeding outcome was significantly lower with tranexamic acid than with placebo. See the article [here](#).

Dr Camile Simard received the Bourse René-Roux in support of her formation complémentaire in thrombosis at the University of Ottawa. Upon completion of her formation complémentaire she will be joining us in GIM with a clinical and research focus in medical obstetrics and thrombosis!

Clinical Scholars Program: 3rd Edition Abstract Proceedings

From Drs Vicky Tagalakis and Isabelle Malhamé, Co-Directors of the GIM Residency Training Clinical Scholars Program!

They are delighted to bring you the proceedings of the 10th Annual GIM Clinical Scholarly Project Day that took place on June 7th. Please take a moment to read the impressive work that the graduating trainees completed during their residency. They also extend a big thank you to the faculty for their guidance and supervision of the residents. [Abstract Proceedings GIM Clinical Scholars 2022](#)

GIM Residency Training Program Corner

16 new residents to start in July 2022!

Welcome new GIM residents!

Ève Belzile-Dugas, Jeanne Bienvenue, Benoit Billette, Vladimir Cherniak, Laurence Davies, Jamie Koenekoop, Samer Makhaly, Luca Melnychuk, Jassy Meng, Daniel Negreanu, Robert Samberg, Marie-Camille Soucy-Giguère, Loucif Tala-Ighil, Alex Tang, Rossi Zhao, Yimeng Wang

As we get ready for a new academic year, Dr Patrick Willemot reminds us

- To complete EPAs proactively with GIM residents: “Which EPAs do you want to focus on today and this week?”
- For new GIM residents (in Transition to Discipline and Foundations of Discipline), expect 1-2 EPAs per GIM resident per day. In as much as possible, try to complete them right after the observation!
- When on CTU and GIMCS: on Fridays, focus on GIM Narrative EPA, Service management EPAs (3.12 for CTU team, 3.13 for GIMCS) and Assessments of the junior learners of the team (3.15b)



CONGRATULATIONS to Dr Patrick Iannattone and his wife on the birth of their son, Nathan, on June 8, 2022.

Congratulations and Farewell to Graduating R5s!

A lovely farewell evening was held at the home of Dr Tagalakis on Thursday 16 June.



Those in attendance, in alphabetical order:

Matthew Ades, Saman Ahmad, M. Haris Akhtar, Samuel Doiron, Marc-Alexandre Gingras, Lindsey Gerstein, Tanya Girard, Xiaoshuang Kou, Marc-Antoine Lepage, Ted McConnell, Sarah Ousalem, Philip Simoes, Justin Tabah, Vicky Tagalakis, Harmony Tsui, Patrick Willemot, Daniel Wiseman, Jennifer Wright



ASMIQ – from Dr Patrick Willemot

Registration is open for the ASMIQ Autumn conference on October 8-9 at the Manoir Richelieu. The theme will be Endocrinology. Please go to the ASMIQ website [here](#) and/or contact Lucie Terriault at ass018terl@FMSQ.ORG

CME and Faculty Development 2022



McGill Faculty Workshops

Your Teaching Journey @ McGill - Module 7: Interactive Teaching

See information and registration [here](#).

CSIM Annual Meeting 2022

October 12-15, Victoria, BC

See information and registration [here](#).

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