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FOCUS ON GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Congratulations

Drs Kaberi Dasgupta, Louise Pilote and Suzanne Morin were awarded as part of a nine-province consortium \$11.3 million dollars over three years for **CANTRAIN – a unique training initiative to improve clinical trials**. The aim is to build Canadian expertise in the conduct of clinical trials by adopting an equitable, diversified, and inclusive approach to training the professionals who conduct clinical trials.

Recently the **Accelerating Clinical Trials (ACT) Consortium** was awarded \$39 million over three years by the federal government to accelerate the conduct of Canadian-led clinical trials so that information generated can quickly be applied to improve health outcomes of all Canadians. Congratulations to **Dr Louise Pilote** who co-chairs the RI-MUC participation on the ACT operating committee and **Dr Emily McDonald** who is the early career clinical trialist on the operation committee. ACT brings together hundreds of researchers from 28 networks, 11 trial units from Nova Scotia to British Columbia and Nunavut, as well as patient-partners, 20 hospitals, and industry partners.

CME AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

McGill GIM Academic Rounds

Please join us on Thursday May 18th from 4:30-6:00 pm on zoom for a unique symposium on Hypertension. **Drs Ernesto Schiffrin, Stella Daskalopoulou and Steven Grover** will present on unique aspects of hypertension – the leading preventable risk factor for cardiovascular disease- and commonly encountered in our daily practices. Please add the following [zoom link](#) to your agendas.

Conflict Management: Hard knocks or Opportunity Knocks?

McGill's Office of Faculty Development will be offering a workshop entitled: "**Conflict Management: Hard Knocks or Opportunity Knocks?**".

This workshop is one of the activities required of our new Division members as part of MCP but is open to all members of the Faculty. It is an excellent workshop that explores various themes including conflict styles, power dynamics and negotiation skills. Our very own **Dr. Jeffrey Wiseman** is the lead faculty developer for this workshop and main presenter. For further information and registration please [click here](#).

Conferences



Drs Susan Kahn and Marc Rodger are co-chairs of the upcoming international congress **ISTH 2023**, to be held at Montreal's Palais des congrès June 24-28. The congress is anticipated to attract thousands of international delegates and will showcase the top science and discoveries related to thrombosis and hemostasis.

[You can find more info about the congress here](#). Enjoy discounted attendance rates if you register before April 20th!

Drs Amal Bessisow (president, CPD ASMIQ committee) **Stephanie Cérat**, and **Marc-Antoine Lepage** (GIM R5) are members of the ASMIQ congress organizing committee. This year's congress will be held at the Hilton Lac Leamy on May 27-29 and is entitled: *La gériatrie, au-delà du gris*. [Click here for more details](#).

Interested in developing your leadership skills?



The Canadian Society of Physician Leaders will be hosting their annual conference May 26-27 in Vancouver.

The theme this year is “**Healing our Health System**”. [The following link provides registration and program details](#). The next McGill Leadership Development course will be offered in 2024.

GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Dr. Matthew Ades** (R5) who was selected as a recipient of the **McGill FMHS Learner Award for Teaching Innovation** for his work in the development of an interprofessional crisis resource management simulation course. The course is the first of its kind at McGill that is designed by an interprofessional team of educators with the explicit intent of fostering and encouraging a culture that supports interprofessional collaboration. Matthew was supervised by **Dr. Ning Zi-Sun**. [Click here to learn more about the project](#).

Important Dates



14th Annual Clinical Scholars Program: Come support our R5s and hear all about their scholarly projects on **Tuesday June 15th** from 1:00–4:00 pm. Keep a look out in your inboxes for the zoom link invite.

McGill GIM Division End of the Year and GIM R5 Farewell Event. Patrick will be hosting what promises to be a wonderful evening of celebrating our trainees, faculty and the end of the 2022–2023 academic year. Please save the date of **Thursday June 17th**.



Dr. Willemot is keeping you informed

- Ongoing FMSQ discussions about Valeur Relative de l'Acte: working towards equal pay for equal work, and narrowing the income gap between the most paid and least paid specialties.
- Elections for both Montréal ASMIQ Conseil d'administration positions: you're encouraged to apply if you're interested (contact Patrick Willemot if you want to know more!)
- CMQ approval of provincial-level guidelines for gastrointestinal endoscopy training for GIM residents. A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT!
- Application review and support of groups applying for Forfait de Garde en Disponibilité (as did the JGH Thrombosis service)
- Support of GIM services with the Objectif Soigner letters, advocating for institutional responsibilities to be included in renewal of hospital privileges letters

DID YOU KNOW?

Team GIM took on the McGill Healthier Together Challenge



Using the **nVIGORus app**, with the power of **Dr. Steven Grover** and the CHIP team behind us, **TEAM GIM** is participating in the University's Healthier Together Challenge. The 8-week challenge promotes physical activity and provides tips and tools for resiliency – while working together in competition with other McGill teams.

At a little past the half-way mark, we're in 7th place (of 69 teams). Our team of 22 Division members, residents, family and friends have racked up bonus points for encouraging each other and have already logged more than 1 million steps!



New Faculty

The Division has been very active in recruitment over the past 5 years. Last year we welcomed new members to the Division, including Drs Jennifer Wright (MUHC), Penny Toliopoulos (MUHC), Jesse Popov (MUHC), Davide Belanger (MUHC), and Camille Simard (JGH). In July 2023, we will be welcoming Drs Patrick Iannottone (SMH), Sarah Ousalem (SMH) and Saman Ahmad (MUHC). Please join us on **June 17th** at the **McGill GIM Division End of the Year and GIM R5 Farewell Event** for an official welcome.