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Exciting Announcement: Introducing OIPE Student Schwartz Rounds for FMHS Students!

We are thrilled to share the news of a groundbreaking initiative, sponsored by the Office of Interprofessional Education (OIPE, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences) set to debut this fall: the piloting of **Schwartz Rounds** with our FMHS students. As we continue to cultivate an environment of compassionate care and professional growth, we are excited to extend the reach of these rounds beyond clinical settings at the Montreal Children's Hospital and the Department of Medicine, bringing this transformative program directly to our FMHS students.

Originating from the [Schwartz Center for Compassionate Care](#) in Boston, USA, Schwartz Rounds has gained international recognition for its emphasis on the human dimensions of healthcare. By providing a dedicated space for healthcare professionals to openly discuss the emotional impact of their work, these rounds serve as a beacon of support and understanding in our fast-paced healthcare world. Inspired by the [UK Point of Care Foundation](#)'s work with Schwartz Rounds for students, we're proud to pioneer the first University-based program in Canada, bringing this transformative experience directly to our students.

Meet the Facilitation Team:

Through the Office of Interprofessional Education, OIPE Student Schwartz Rounds will be offered to students implicated in current OIPE initiatives. Matthew Park and Amanda Cervantes, both educators with extensive experience in clinical environments, will lead the development. Drawing from their invaluable experience in facilitating Schwartz Rounds at the Montreal Children's Hospital, Matthew and Amanda bring a wealth of knowledge and dedication to ensuring our students receive the utmost support and guidance throughout this pilot year.

The Program Highlights:

The 2024-2025 academic year will mark the pilot phase of the program, focusing on student-driven and student-focused discussions. We will bring together students from different programs to explore and share their experiences as learners within our healthcare system.

Throughout the pilot year, three Student Schwartz Rounds will be held, with facilitators working directly with students across various schools to plan topics and ensure broad participation. The first rounds are scheduled for early October 2024, with information sessions and organizational efforts commencing this summer.

The OIPE Student Schwartz Rounds will be voluntary, serving as a complementary component to our Interprofessional Education Program.

Anticipated Benefits for Learners:

- Building community and breaking isolation
- Normalizing feelings and fostering interprofessional understanding
- Promoting compassionate care for all stakeholders
- Enhancing team function and promoting professional resilience
- Integrated Patient and Family-Centered Care
- Bridging personal and professional identities

As clinicians, we recognize the profound benefits of forums like Schwartz Rounds for our colleagues and ourselves. By introducing this program, we aim to empower our future clinicians with the skills and support needed to navigate the complexities of healthcare while maintaining their well-being and passion for compassionate care.

Thank you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm as we embark on this transformative journey together.

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**Stay tuned for more updates and information on how to get involved
in OIPE Student Schwartz Center Rounds!**

OIPE Student Schwartz Rounds Team:

OIPE Student Schwartz Rounds Coordinators:

Matthew Park, BSW, PSW

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Matthew Park started his career working within adult mental health and crisis intervention in the community. He joined the Montreal Children's Hospital in 2007 and was the Pediatric Social Worker for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit until 2023, when he was named to a new role of MCH Bereavement Follow-Up Coordinator. Since December 2023, Matthew is also a Field Supervisor for the Simulation Program at McGill University, within the School of Social Work. He is a founding member and facilitator of the MCH Schwartz Rounds from its inception and since 2020, the chair of these rounds.



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Amanda Cervantes is a Faculty Lecturer and Assistant Program Director of the BScN at the Ingram School of Nursing, McGill University. Her teaching focuses on Children's Nursing, Critical Care, and Anti-Racism in Undergraduate and Graduate level nursing education. She started her career as a nurse in the PICU at the MCH where she first became involved in the Schwartz Rounds program. She has been a facilitator for rounds at the MCH since 2017.



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Conall Francoeur is a pediatric (neuro)intensivist at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He completed his pediatric residency and his pediatric critical care and advanced pediatric critical care fellowships at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He completed an advanced pediatric neurocritical care fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Conall then worked as a pediatric intensivist at the CHUL for 5 years before returning to McGill in 2023 to lead the Pediatric Neurocritical Care Program. He co-founded the Schwartz Rounds at the Montreal Children's Hospital and has continued to serve on the Schwartz Round's executive committee even while away from McGill.

