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Medical Physics - October 2019

Emily Poon (Assistant Professor)
 Peter Watson (Assistant Professor)
 Krum Asiev (Faculty Lecturer)
 Hamed Bekerat (Faculty Lecturer)
 Tanner Connell (Faculty Lecturer)
 Dominique Guillet (Faculty Lecturer)
 Gyorgi Hegyi (Faculty Lecturer)
 Li Heng Liang (Faculty Lecturer)
 Russell Ruo (Faculty Lecturer)
 Monica Serban (Faculty Lecturer)
 Nada Tomic (Faculty Lecturer)

2019-12-14

Canadian Association of Radiation Oncology (CARO)



Congratulations to **Dr. Fabio Cury** who has been elected as the Quebec Director on the 2019-2021 Board of Directors of CARO. This will become effective following ratification at the Annual General Meeting on October 4, 2019.

2019-08-20

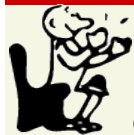
Stand Up to Cancer Canada Metastatic Breast Cancer Dream Team



Professors Nahum Sonenberg and **Michael Pollak** have received \$6 million to lead a pan-Canadian multidisciplinary team of researchers to develop new and improved approaches in the treatment and care of metastatic breast cancer. Further information can be found [here](#).

2019-08-14

Recent Promotion



Congratulations to **Dr. Melissa Henry** and to **Dr. Tamim Niazi** on their promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective June 1, 2019.

2019-08-08

Comings

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James Renaud
 Adjunct Professor
 Medical Physics
 April 2019

2019-08-08

Royal Society of Canada



Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Pollak** who has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada.

2019-07-17

McGill Awards: Distinguished James McGill Professor; James McGill Professor



Congratulations to **Dr. Wilson Miller**, **Dr. Alain Nepveu** and **Dr. Jerry Pelletier** who each received the *Distinguished James McGill Professor* award.

Congratulations to **Dr. Celia Greenwood** on receiving the *James McGill Professor* award.

2019-06-20

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Phil Gold** who was promoted to Grands officiers (Grand Officer) and to **Dr. Philippe Gros** who has been named a Chevalier (Knight), of the Ordre National du Québec.

2019-06-15

Comings

Comings



Julie Goudreault
Faculty Lecturer
Radiation Oncology
April 2019

Catherine Goudie
Associate Member
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology
April 2019

2019-06-12

Opal app wins 2019 Coup de coeur des ministres honour



Congratulations to **Drs. Tarek Hijal**, **John Kildea** and the late **Laurie Hendren** on receiving another award for their Opal Project. They received the 2019 Coup de coeur des ministres of Les Prix d'excellence du réseau de la santé et des services sociaux. For further information see the [article](#) in Med e-News.

2019-06-11

Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence



Congratulations to **Dr. Sender Liberman** on being named to the 2019-2020 Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence.

2019-06-11

Honorary Doctorate



Congratulations to **Dr. Phil Gold** who received an honorary doctorate from the University of British Columbia.

2019-06-11

CQDM Funding for Biopharmaceutical Research Projects



Congratulations to **Dr. Morag Park** and her team, **Dr. Mark Basik** and his team and **Drs. Alain Nepveu** and **Michael Witcher**, on receiving funding from CQDM. For further information see [article](#) in Med e-News.

2019-06-11

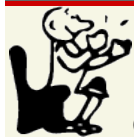
Quebec Cancer Consortium receives \$27.9 million in funding



The Quebec Cancer Consortium for Novel Therapeutics and Biomarkers, led by the Goodman Cancer Research Centre, has received \$10 million in new funding from the *Ministère de l'Économie et de l'innovation du Québec* in addition to the \$17.9 million in contributions from 12 private, public and non-profit partners. The Consortium will be developing novel therapeutics and biomarkers for cancer. For further information see [article](#) in Med e-News.

2019-06-11

Recent Promotion



Congratulations to **Dr. Mark Basik** on his promotion to the rank of Full Professor effective June 1, 2019.

2019-06-04

Obituary

By John Kildea, Tarek Hijal and Jamil Asselah

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news that Laurie Hendren, our dear friend and co-lead on the Opal project, passed away on May 27th following a brief deterioration in her illness. Laurie was a powerful woman who had great intellect, a profound sense of fairness, and remarkable clarity of mind. She was a professor of computer science at McGill, renowned for her excellence in research and teaching. Her research centered around compilers and computer programming languages. She received numerous awards for her academic achievements and was an elected fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Recently, she was named the 2019 recipient of the Dahl-Nygaard prize, one of the most prestigious awards in computer science. Her research was her passion and she loved to teach and share her knowledge with her students.

We were introduced to Laurie in 2014 when she first received radiotherapy for breast cancer at the MUHC under Tarek's care. From the beginning, Laurie wanted to help. Following conversations about the computational needs of radiation oncology, Tarek introduced Laurie to John and the three agreed to work together. The almost five years since have been a fun and rewarding adventure in patient involvement in research and care and in the development of the Opal patient portal. Laurie was uncompromising in her insistence that patients should have access to their medical data. She pointed out the numerous benefits this can bring to both patient and clinician. She was instrumental in the development of all aspects of Opal, including its design, the technical details, and advocacy within the MUHC and across the province. Although still in pilot release, Opal is now being used by almost 200 patients at the Cedars Cancer Centre.

Opal has received a number of awards, including a Quebec Prix de cancerologie, an honourable mention from the Washington-based Institute for Patient and Family Centered Care and the Merck Patients' First award. Most recently (May 31st) it won the Coup de Cœur des Ministres (Excellence awards from the Ministry of Health of Quebec).

Laurie's wish was that Opal would be available to all patients in Quebec so that all patients who desire it can access their data and play an informed role in their medical care.

On June 1st La Presse featured an [article](#) on Laurie and the Opal project.

2019-06-03

Marika Zelenka Roy Innovation Prize - Clinical Innovation Competition



Congratulations to **Dr. Shirin Enger, Dr. Gustavo Kertzscher and Mr. Liam Carroll (MSc Candidate)** who are the recipients of the **Marika Zelenka Roy Innovation Prize** for their BetaSense project.

2019-06-03

Canadian Academy of Health Sciences



Congratulations to **Dr. Carmen Loiselle** who will be inducted as a *Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences* in mid-September in Ottawa.

2019-05-05

FRQS Salary Award



Congratulations to **Dr. Argerie Tsimicalis** on receiving an FRQS Chercheurs boursiers Junior 1 award.

2019-05-01

Kudos to Christine Maheu



Congratulations to **Dr. Christine Maheu** on being selected to receive UBC School of Nursing's, *School of Nursing Centenary Medal of Distinction*, in celebration of the School's 100 years of university-based nursing education.

2019-04-26

Kudos to Celia Greenwood



Congratulations to **Dr. Celia Greenwood** on receiving the *James McGill Professor* award.

2019-04-25

Montreal Breast Cancer Symposium



The Montreal Breast Cancer Symposium was held on the evening of Tuesday April 23, 2019. Co-Chairs, **Dr. Jamil Asselah** and **Dr. Nathaniel Bouganim**, put together a program focusing on "State of the Art Developments in Breast Cancer Care and Research". Talks included *Innovation in breast cancer radiation oncology* (**Dr. Tarek Hijal**); *Empowering patients through mobile applications* (**Professor Laurie Hendren**); *What's new in advanced ER+/Her2-breast cancer?* (**Dr. Nathaniel Bouganim**); *What's new in triple negative breast cancer?* (**Dr. Sara Soldera**); *What's new in Her2+ breast cancer?* (**Dr. Sunil Verma**); *What's new in breast cancer surgery?* (**Dr. Rami Younan**); *Role of immuno-oncology for breast cancer* (**Dr. Jamil Asselah**) and *Future research and treatments for breast cancer* (**Dr. Kim Ma**).

2019-04-25

Study on cancer treatment spending in India



Dr. Argerie Tsimicalis and colleagues have recently published "A pilot study to determine out-of-pocket expenditures by families of children being treated for cancer at public hospitals in New Delhi, India" (*Psycho-Oncology* 2019; 1-5). This study was reported in the [Times of India](#).

2019-04-25

McGill Board of Governors



Congratulations to **Dr. Lucy Gilbert** on being elected to serve as the representative of the full-time academic staff at large on the Board of Governors for a three-year team starting July 1, 2019.

2019-04-05

Kudos to Joanne Alfieri



Congratulations to **Dr. Joanne Alfieri** who was named the 2019-2020 Richard and Sylvia Cruess Faculty Scholar in Medical Education at McGill.

2019-04-04

Comings



Victoria Mandilaras
Assistant Professor
Medical Oncology
December 2018

2019-03-15

Québec Science Magazine's Discovery of the Year Award



Congratulations to **Drs. Lucy Gilbert, Kris Jardon and Xing Zeng** on being awarded the *2018 Discovery of the Year Public Choice Award* from Québec Science Magazine, for their work on a non-invasive test to screen for endometrial and ovarian cancers. Further information can be found [here](#).

2019-03-01

Génomique Québec Funding



Congratulations to **Dr. Celia Greenwood** and her colleague from Université du Québec à Montréal, **Dr. Karim Oualkacha**, on receiving a Génomique Québec grant for their project on precision medicine in cellular epigenomics.

2019-02-10

Citations prize



Congratulations to **Drs. Martin Vallières** (postdoctoral fellow), **Carolyn Freeman, Sonia Skamene** and **Issam El Naqa** on being awarded the *Rotblat Medal* from the journal, *Physics in Medicine & Biology* (PMB). This prize recognizes the research paper published in PMB that has received the most citations in the preceding five years. Further information can be found [here](#).

2019-01-30

Recent Promotion



Congratulations to **Dr. Elliot Mitmaker** on his promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective January 1, 2019.

2019-01-22

Radiation Oncology



Dr. Tarek Hijal who was serving as Interim Director of Radiation Oncology, has now been appointed as the Director of Radiation Oncology.

2019-01-21

Recent Promotion



Congratulations to **Dr. Marc Fabian** on his promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective January 1, 2019.

2019-01-15

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First Annual Frances Ezzy-Jorgensen Holiday Party



On December 19th the Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology held the 1st Annual Frances Ezzy-Jorgensen Holiday Party in honour of the late Frances (Fran) Ezzy-Jorgensen who was a valued and integral member of the Oncology team and McGill family for 40 years. Fran's husband, Jan Jorgensen, attended the party and was presented with a commemorative plaque by Dr. Gerald Batist who had worked closely with Fran during his time as Chair. A huge thank you to everyone who could be there- we look forward to this event for many years to come!

2018-12-21

NUR2 783 (Winter 2019)



In the winter semester of 2019, Dr. Carmen G. Loiselle will be offering a graduate-level course on psychosocial oncology research, NUR2 783. This seminar focuses on evidence-based research developments in psychosocial oncology. Students will explore state-of-the-art theory, research methods, findings, and intervention programs from a variety of disciplines including nursing, psychology, medicine, health services management and social work that have contributed to the emergent field of psychosocial oncology. The course is currently accepting students. Enrollment is open to doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows as well as master's level students if they are in a research stream. If you are interested in the course contact [Dr. Carmen Loiselle](#).

2018-11-26

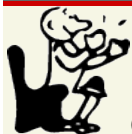
Rossy Cancer Network Retreat



This year's Rossy Cancer Network Retreat (RCN) which took place on November 16, 2018, was a huge success. Attendees learned about the new and ongoing projects aimed at improving the quality of care of cancer patients across the network of McGill-affiliated hospitals. **Dr. Ari Meguerditchian** described the various Cancer Quality and Innovation Program funding competitions offered by RCN, including the Research Fund. Among this year's Research Fund recipients was **Dr. Carmen Loiselle** for her project, *Implementation and testing of a sustainable support program as a complement to an ongoing RCN patient reported outcomes (PROs) initiative*.

2018-11-21

Canadian women leaders in global health



Congratulations to **Dr. Argerie Tsimicalis** for being on the first-ever list of Canadian Women in Global Health. See [link](#).

2018-11-21

Kudos to Argerie Tsimicalis



Congratulations to **Dr. Argerie Tsimicalis** on being awarded the *Rosemary Wedderburn Brown Prize* from the Faculty of Medicine in recognition of her outstanding scholarly potential and demonstrated research excellence. A reception to celebrate this year's recipients of the Rosemary Wedderburn Brown Prize, the Maude Abbott Prize and the Haile T. Debas Prize was held on November 13, 2018 at Holmes Hall.

2018-11-14

Ambassadors of the Palais des congrès de Montréal



Congratulations to **Drs. Jan Seuntjens** and **Shirley Lehnert** on being appointed *Ambassadors of the Palais des congrès de Montréal* in recognition of their work in bringing the 17th International Congress on Radiation Research - ICRR 2023, September 2023 to Montreal. They were one of several newly appointed Ambassadors who were honoured at the Recognition Award Gala on November 8th. [Link](#).

2018-11-11

Improving psychosocial care in low and middle income countries

The 2018 International Psychosocial Oncology Society's (IPOS) Research Training Academy is currently taking place in Hong Kong (October 28-30) and is being co-chaired by **Dr. Melissa Henry**. The goal is to train the future generation of psychosocial oncology researchers in low and middle income countries so that they can improve psychosocial care back home. Further information can be found at this [link](#).

2018-10-29

Obituary

The McGill oncology community is saddened by the passing of Professor Margaret Becklake, who made many contributions to the science of respiratory medicine including lung cancer and mesothelioma. The Department mourns the passing of a giant in medicine and oncology.

2018-10-26

Second Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology Distinguished Lecture and Awards Ceremony



The *Second Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology Distinguished Lecture and Awards Ceremony* took place on October 15, 2018. The Distinguished Lecturer was **Dr. Pierre Band** who presented a lecture entitled: "Therapeutic Revolution: The History of Medical Oncology from Early Days to the Creation of the Subspecialty".

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Lawrence Panasci

Award for Research or Clinical Service

Dr. Carolyn Freeman

Award for Teaching and Mentorship

Dr. Scott Owen

Award for Academic Clinical or Research Support

Ms Lina Maglieri

2018-10-17

Comings



Piotr Pater
Assistant Professor
Medical Physics
September 2018

2018-10-17

Kudos to Nada Jabado



Congratulations to **Dr. Nada Jabado** who was elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

2018-10-10

Goings



Franck Bladou
Professor
Surgical Oncology
September 2018

2018-10-02

News from the Division of Cancer Epidemiology



On Tuesday September 18, 2018 the Division of Cancer Epidemiology officially opened its new Research Nurses' Office adjacent to its headquarters at 5100 de Maisonneuve. This nurses' office will be used for the Division's research studies on Human Papillomavirus (HPV). A plaque on the wall beside the office honours Dr. Pierre-Paul Tellier who has had long-standing collaborations with the Cancer Epidemiology team.

2018-09-21

Obituary



Arthur Rosenberg

The Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology mourns the loss of Dr. Arthur Rosenberg. Specializing in hematology and oncology, Dr. Rosenberg was a member of the Department from 1992 to 2006.

2018-09-06

Congratulations to the recipients of CIHR Project Grants



Vincent Giguère

Transcriptional control of cancer metabolism

Michel Tremblay

Molecular and physiological understanding of the protein tyrosine phosphatome towards clinical applications

Michael Witcher

- 1) Oncogenic activity of poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase
- 2) Epigenetic characterization and therapeutic targeting of cancers harboring dysfunctional CTCF

2018-08-24

Kudos to Pnina Brodt



Congratulations to **Dr. Pnina Brodt** and her team on receiving funding from the Quebec Government's program, *Support to International Research and Innovation Initiatives (PSR-SIIRI)*, to develop a new treatment for glioblastoma as well as to study two new technologies for delivery of an inhibitor across the blood-brain barrier.

2018-08-17

Kudos to Michael Pollak



Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Pollak** who has been [appointed as one of the Editors-in-Chief](#) of *Cancer Prevention Research*, a prestigious journal published by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR).

2018-08-13

Comings

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Laurie Musgrave

Associate Member
Palliative Care
May 2018

Jeffrey Hall

Associate Member
Palliative Care
June 2018

Philippe Michel

Faculty Lecturer
Palliative Care
June 2018

Ryan Fisher

Faculty Lecturer
Palliative Care
June 2018

Reza Forghani

Associate Member
Head and Neck Radiology; Neuro-
oncology
June 2018

2018-07-31

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Tarek Hijal** and to **Dr. Slobodan Devic** on their promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective June 1, 2018.

2018-06-27

Kudos to Phil Gold



Congratulations to **Dr. Phil Gold** who has been awarded an honorary doctorate from Queen's University.

2018-06-01

Recent Tenure/Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Ivan Topisirovic** who was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective June 1, 2018.

2018-05-31

Obituary



Frances Ezzy-Jorgensen

Fran, as we all affectionately called her, was an experienced administrator and, after 40 years of devoted service, she knew McGill University like no other. She was a loyal partner of two departmental chairs in Oncology, serving us for longer than a decade. In doing so, she placed the interests of our academic community above all else. She also served the Research Grants office and as Administrator in Microbiology & Immunology, and Physiology and as a member of McGill Senate and Management Forum before retiring a few years ago. Fran was a fun-loving person and had an active lifestyle. Those of us at the old 546 Pine Avenue West address where Oncology used to be based knew how much of a force of nature she was. We will all miss her.

2018-05-03

FRQS Salary Awards



Congratulations to the following who have received FRQS Salary Awards:

Sarit Assouline - Chercheurs-boursiers cliniciens

Laurent Azoulay - Chercheurs-boursiers

Marc Fabian - Chercheurs-boursiers

Melissa Henry - Chercheurs-boursiers cliniciens

Ives Levesque - Chercheurs-boursiers

2018-05-01

Comings



Benjamin Shieh
Associate Member
Medical Oncology
April 2018

George Zogopoulos
Associate Professor
Surgical Oncology
March 2018

Emilie Soisson
Adjunct Professor
Medical Physics
April 2018

Barbara Rivera
Assistant Professor
Cancer Genetics
February 2018

George Simos
Adjunct Professor
Basic Cancer Research
April 2018

2018-04-30

ASCO Annual Meeting Scientific Program Committee



Congratulations to **Dr. Thierry Alcindor** who has been selected to serve three years on the ASCO Annual Meeting Scientific Program Committee.

2018-04-26

Obituary



Philip H. Gordon, MD

The McGill oncology community mourns the loss of Dr. Philip H. Gordon who died on April 11, 2018 at the age of 75 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Dr. Gordon, a pioneer in colorectal surgery, was a Professor in the Departments of Surgery and Oncology at McGill and a dedicated physician in the Department of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Jewish General Hospital. He co-authored a seminal textbook on colorectal surgery and has published over 150 articles and many book chapters and training films. Most recently, he published an article chronicling his cancer experience (Gordon, Philip H. M.D. Chemotherapy: A Senior Surgeon's Personal Challenge. *Diseases of the Colon & Rectum*: March 2018 - Volume 61 - Issue 3 - p 275–278). During his career, Dr. Gordon had held many positions of leadership including Founding President of the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, and President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal

Surgeons, and was the recipient of many prestigious honours and awards. In October 2017 our Department honoured Dr. Gordon with a Lifetime Achievement Award during our annual Awards Ceremony. Dr. Gordon will be greatly missed by his colleagues.

2018-04-16

Kudos to Eduardo Franco



Congratulations to **Dr. Eduardo Franco** who has been awarded an honorary doctorate from University Fernando Pessoa in Porto, Portugal.

2018-03-26

Comings

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Nader Sadeghi
Professor
Head and Neck Oncology
March 2018

2018-03-05

Human Genetics Student's Society (HGSS) - Conference on Personalized Medicine



HGSS Conference on Personalized Medicine - March 2, 2018 at New Residence Hall. Click [here](#) for details.

2018-02-20

World Cancer Day 2018 - February 4, 2018



There are so many ways to get involved in World Cancer Day - check out the World Cancer Day [website](#) for ideas on how you can be involved.

2018-02-01

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Julia Burnier
Assistant Professor
Basic Cancer Research
January 2018

Sonia del Rincon
Assistant Professor
Basic Cancer Research
January 2018

2018-01-16

Teaching and Training - New Appointments



The Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology is pleased to announce the following new appointments as of December 2017:

Dr. Joanne Alfieri has been appointed to the newly created Departmental position of Director of Education.

Dr. Elliot Mitmaker has been appointed as the new Program Director for the Surgical Oncology Residency Training Program. We thank **Dr. Jean-François Boileau** for serving as Director of the program from 2014 to 2017.

2018-01-04

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Sonia Skamene
Assistant Professor
Radiation Oncology
January 2018

Elliot Mitmaker
Assistant Professor
Surgical Oncology
December 2017

2018-01-04

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Martin Black
Professor
Head and Neck Oncology
December 2017

Veena Sangwan
Assistant Professor
Basic Cancer Research
December 2017

2018-01-04

ARCHIVED NEWS – 2017

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Té Vuong** on her promotion to the rank of Full Professor effective January 1, 2018.

2017-12-18

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Bernard Lapointe** who has been awarded a *Senate of Canada 150 medal*.

2017-11-27

Kudos to Eduardo Franco



Congratulations to **Dr. Eduardo Franco** who has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the *Distinguished Service to Cancer Research* award given by the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance.

2017-11-05

First Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology Distinguished Lecture and Awards Ceremony



The *First Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology Distinguished Lecture and Awards Ceremony* took place on October 23, 2017. The Distinguished Lecturer was **Dr. Gerald Batist** who presented a lecture entitled: "New Cancer Therapeutics - Moonshot and Beyond".

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Philip Gordon

Award for Research or Clinical Service

Dr. Antoine Loutfi

Award for Teaching and Mentorship

Dr. Joanne Alfieri

Award for Academic Clinical or Research Support

Ms. Penny Chipman

Kuok Fellowships

Ms. Ariane Santerre-Theil (MSc)

(Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology & Rossy Cancer Network's Cancer Quality and Innovation Program)

Ms. Siyana Kurteva (PhD)

2017-11-05

Comings

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Magali Lecavalier-Barsoum, October 2017

Assistant Professor
Radiation Oncology

Gillian Bartlett-Esquillant, September 2017

Associate Member
Family Medicine

2017-10-25

Canadian Medical Hall of Fame



Congratulations to **Dr. Balfour Mount** who will be inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

2017-10-10

Celebrating a Century of Genius



Congratulations to **Dr. Phil Gold** who was chosen as one of 100 world-renowned luminaries to be featured in the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University's Einstein Legacy Project, *Genius: 100 Visions of the Future*. This 3-D printed book is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the publication of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. On September 10th Dr. Gold was one of the distinguished invited guests at a star-studded event to mark this important project.

2017-09-28

Kudos to Michel Tremblay



Congratulations to **Dr. Michel Tremblay** who has been awarded the *McLaughlin Medal* from the Royal Society of Canada (RSC).

2017-09-20

Continuing Professional Education Day



Palliative Care McGill will host a Continuing Professional Education Day on Friday November 24, 2017 at McGill University's New Residence Hall (3625 Avenue du Parc, Montreal, Quebec, H2X 3P8).

[Agenda and Registration Form](#)

2017-09-12

Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada



Congratulations to **Dr. Jerry Pelletier** on being named a *Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada*.

2017-09-08

Treatment of liposarcoma with eribulin



Dr. Thierry Alcindor is a co-author on the paper, *Activity of Eribulin in Patients With Advanced Liposarcoma Demonstrated in a Subgroup Analysis From a Randomized Phase III Study of Eribulin Versus Dacarbazine*, published August 30, 2017 in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, and was interviewed by Lancet Oncology regarding this recently published paper (*Eribulin: an effective therapeutic option in liposarcoma*. Lancet Oncology, published online September 7, 2017 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045\(17\)30675-7](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(17)30675-7))

2017-09-08

Kudos to Eduardo Franco



Congratulations to **Dr. Eduardo Franco** who has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the *Dr. Chew Wei Memorial Prize in Cancer Research* given by the University of British Columbia.

2017-09-04

Development of new technology by the Medical Physics Unit



Congratulations to the Medical Physics Unit on the strategic acquisition by Lifeline Software Inc. of "Radify", a web-based interface to Monte Carlo software for radiation therapy quality assurance, which was developed by **Marc-André Renaud** (PhD student), **Dr. François Deblois** and **Dr. Jan Seuntjens**.

2017-08-22

Comings

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Marija Popovic, August 2017
Assistant Professor
Medical Physics

Maritza Hobson, August 2017
Assistant Professor
Medical Physics

2017-08-22

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Khusraw Sabit
Faculty Lecturer
Radiation Oncology
September 2017

Hani Al-Halabi
Assistant Professor
Radiation Oncology

2017-08-22

CIHR Foundation Grants



Congratulations to **Dr. Stéphane Richard** on receiving a CIHR Foundation Grant for his research: "Molecular and Genetic Analysis of Arginine Methylation and RNA Binding Proteins in Health and Disease".

Congratulations to **Dr. Scott Weichenthal** on receiving a CIHR Foundation Grant for his research: "Identifying and Evaluating New Environmental Risk Factors for Cancer, Cardiovascular and Neurological Diseases through Innovative Approaches to Population-Based Exposure Assessment".

2017-08-07

Tenure Granted



Congratulations to **Dr. Christine Maheu** on being granted tenure.

2017-06-02

Best of ASCO - 2017 Annual Meeting



The Best of ASCO 2017 - Annual Meeting will take place June 20, 2017 at Le Centre Sheraton Hotel in Montreal. Click [here](#) for the agenda.

[Registration](#)

2017-05-31

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Bassam Abdulkarim** on his promotion to the rank of Full Professor effective June 1st.

2017-05-30

Faculty Honour List for Education Excellence



Congratulations to **William Parker** (Medical Physics) on being named to the Faculty Honour List for Education Excellence.

2017-05-24

Canada Research Chair



Congratulations to **Dr. Sylvie Lambert** from the Ingram School of Nursing on being awarded a Canada Research Chair, CIHR, Tier 2, for her research on sustainable self-management support for patients with cancer and their family caregivers.

2017-05-24

Canada Research Chair



Congratulations to **Dr. Alexandre Orthwein** on being awarded a Canada Research Chair, CIHR, Tier 2, for his research on genome stability and haematological malignancies.

2017-05-12

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Celia Greenwood** and **Dr. Carmen Loiselle** on their recent promotion to the rank of Full Professor.

2017-05-04

Molecular and Clinical Radiobiology Workshop



The third edition of the Molecular and Clinical Radiobiology Workshop will take place May 15-16, 2017. Click [here](#) for the agenda.

[Registration](#) deadline is May 1, 2017.

2017-04-25

CAME Certificate of Merit Award



Congratulations to **Dr. Sarkis Meterissian** on receiving a *Certificate of Merit Award* from the Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME), for his commitment to medical education.

2017-04-21

Kudos to Zeev Rosberger



Congratulations to **Dr. Zeev Rosberger** who was recently elected as a *CPA Fellow* by the Canadian Psychological Association.

2017-04-03

Congratulations to Patricia Tonin



Congratulations to **Dr. Patricia Tonin** on receiving the 2017 *Karen Campbell Award for Research Excellence* from Ovarian Cancer Canada.

2017-03-31

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Bernard Lapointe** who has been honoured with a *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians.

2017-03-22

James McGill Professor and William Dawson Scholar Appointments



Congratulations to **Dr. Phillipe Gros** on being renewed as a James McGill Professor, and to **Dr. Laurent Azoulay** on his William Dawson Scholar appointment.

2017-03-22

Comings

Comings



Annie Carbonneau, December 2016

Faculty Lecturer
Radiation Oncology

Shireen Sirhan, January 2017

Assistant Professor
Hematology Oncology

Norma Ybarra, February 2017

Assistant Professor
Medical Physics

2017-03-17

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Witcher** who was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective January 1, 2017.

2017-03-09

Kudos to Morag Park



Congratulations to **Dr. Morag Park** on receiving the *Robert L. Noble Prize* from the Canadian Cancer Society.

2017-03-07

Canada Foundation for Innovation - John R. Evans Leaders Fund



Congratulations to **Dr. Arezu Jahani-Asl** on receiving the John R. Evans Leaders Fund award from the Canada Foundation for Innovation for her research project: Glioblastoma pathogenesis: molecular targets and therapies.

2017-03-01

New Academic Home for the Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology



The Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology including Administration, the Clinical Research Program, the Visiting Speakers Program in Oncology, Postgraduate Medical Education and Cancer Epidemiology, has moved to 5100 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Suite 720.

2017-02-10

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Kudos to Christine Maheu



Congratulations to **Dr. Christine Maheu** on being awarded an FRQS chercheur boursier Junior 2.

2016-12-22

X-linked Tumour Suppressor Gene



Dr. Alan Spatz has published a [paper](#) on a new X-linked tumour suppressor gene, in the December 14th issue of Science Translational Medicine. **Dr. Celia Greenwood** is a co-author on the paper.

2016-12-15

"Personalize My Treatment"



"Personalize My Treatment", a program developed by Exactis Innovation (co-founded by **Dr. Gerald Batist**), is featured in a [press release](#) (French).

2016-12-15

Diagnosing Cachexia



Dr. Antonio Vigano and his team are featured in the [November 4th issue of Med e-News](#).

2016-11-05

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Jamil Asselah** who was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

2016-11-03

New: Cancer and Work website



Dr. Christine Maheu is one of the Principle Co-investigator leads of the new [Cancer and Work website](#) which was launched on October 19, 2016.

2016-10-28

New Members of McGill's Quarter Century Club



Congratulations to **Drs. Moulay Alaoui-Jamali** and **Jerry Pelletier** on their 25 years of service at McGill.

2016-10-07

New: Rosy Cancer Network Cancer Clinical Trials Website



The Rosy Cancer Network has just launched its [cancer clinical trials website](#) for McGill-affiliated hospitals.

2016-09-09

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. William Foulkes** on being elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

2016-09-09

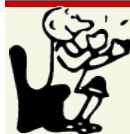
Kudos to Sarit Assouline



Congratulations to **Dr. Sarit Assouline** on her recent publication, *Phase 2 study of panobinostat with or without rituximab in relapsed diffuse large B-cell lymphoma* in the July 14, 2016 issue of the journal *Blood*. Co-authors on the publication include Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology members, **Drs. Celia Greenwood, Nathalie Johnson, and Koren Mann**. This publication was the subject of an "Inside Blood Commentary" in the same issue.

2016-08-04

Kudos to Dr. David Mitchell



As reported in the August 3rd edition of *The Suburban*, **Dr. David Mitchell** from the Hematology and Oncology Division of the Montreal Children's Hospital, completed the Tour CIBC Charles-Bruneau cycling fundraiser to raise money for pediatric oncology in Quebec.

2016-08-04

Goings



Goings
Arthur Rosenberg
 Associate Professor
 Hematology Oncology
 July 2016

2016-08-04

Comings

Comings



Melissa Azoulay, June 2016
Assistant Professor
Radiation Oncology

2016-08-04

Order of Canada Recipients



Congratulations to **Drs. Eduardo Franco, Philippe Gros and Gerald Batist** for their Order of Canada appointments:

Eduardo L. Franco, O.C.

"For his groundbreaking contributions to the prevention of cervical cancer in Canada and around the world."

Philippe Gros, O.C.

"For his pioneering use of molecular genetics to identify risk factors in a range of conditions, including infectious diseases and cancer, and for his leadership in the health sciences."

Gerald Batist, C.M.

"For his advances in applying personalized medicine to cancer treatment, and for his leadership in creating research networks in his field."

2016-06-30

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Gerald Batist** who has been named a Chevalier (Knight) of the Ordre National du Québec.

2016-06-30

Kudos



Congratulations to the Medical Physics Unit (MPU) for being the first place winner in the category of Health Sciences in this year's *McGill Dobson Cup*. The Dobson Cup is a competition for starting entrepreneurs. The MPU's startup centers around a novel radiation detector. For further information click [here](#).

2016-06-09

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Philip Branton** for receiving the *McGill University Medal for Exceptional Academic Achievement*.

2016-06-09

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Christine Maheu** who was recently awarded the *2016 Prize of Excellence* from the Association Québécoise des infirmières en oncologie.

2016-06-04

International Drug Discovery and Development Forum 2016



The International Drug Discovery and Development Forum 2016 will take place June 6-10, 2016 at the Centre for Translational Biology of the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (Glen Site). For more information [click here](#).

2016-05-26

Best of ASCO 2016



The Best of ASCO 2016 will take place on June 14, 2016 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. For more information [click here](#).

2016-05-26

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Jean-Pierre Farmer** for receiving the *Award of Excellence* from the Collège des médecins du Québec for his outstanding contributions to neurosurgery. Dr. Farmer specializes in the treatment of childhood brain tumours.

2016-05-24

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Stephen Liben** from Palliative Care McGill who is one of the 2016-2017 Faculty of Medicine honourees for the *Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence*.

2016-05-19

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Luke McCaffrey** and to **Dr. Josie Ursini-Siegel** who were each granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective June 1, 2016.

2016-05-19

1st International Summit on Biomarkers and Therapeutic Advances in Radiation Oncology



The 1st International Summit on Biomarkers and Therapeutic Advances in Radiation Oncology will take place June 20-22, 2016 at the Centre for Translational Biology of the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (Glen Site). For further details click [here](#).

2016-05-13

Control of Glioblastoma Tumorigenesis



Congratulations to **Dr. Arezu Jahani-Asl** whose recent publication in Nature Neuroscience, *Control of Glioblastoma Tumorigenesis by Feed Forward Cytokine Signaling*, has been getting a lot of media coverage. It has been featured in articles in a number of newspapers including the UK's Mirror, the [Montreal Gazette](#) as well as [Medical Press](#).

2016-05-06

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Bernard Lapointe** who has been honoured with the *2016 Award of Recognition* by L'association québécoise de soins palliatifs (AQSP) for his outstanding contribution and commitment to palliative care.

2016-05-05

Partnership for Personalized Medicine



Exactis Innovation, co-founded by **Dr. Gerald Batist** who is its Scientific Director, received \$4 million in partnership funding (\$2 million from Merck, \$1 million from the Cancer Research Society and \$1 million from the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation) for its "Personalize My Treatment" initiative. Read more in the [article](#) in Med e-News.

2016-04-28

Rossy Cancer Network



Congratulations to **Lawrence (Larry) G. Rossy, C.M., O.Q.** on receiving an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from McGill University. A generous gift from the Rossy Family Foundation in 2013 paved the way for the launch of the [Rossy Cancer Network](#) initiative.

2016-04-28

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Serge Carrier** who, on April 28, 2016, will be awarded the *2016 Outstanding Contribution Award* from the Prostate Cancer Canada Network - Montreal West Island support group.

2016-04-18

Better way to screen for cervical cancer



Published on April 13, 2016 as an [Opinion](#) in *Healthy Debate*, **Dr. Eduardo Franco** makes the case for using the innovative HPV test as a better way to screen for cervical cancer.

2016-04-18

Kudos to Laurent Azoulay



Congratulations to **Dr. Laurent Azoulay** whose research on diabetes drugs has been published recently in The New England Journal of Medicine and BMJ. The New England Journal of Medicine paper reports on a study looking at incretin-based drugs and heart failure while one study published in BMJ looks at incretin-based drugs and pancreatic cancer. A second paper in BMJ reports on a study looking at pioglitazone and bladder cancer risk (see [press release](#) issued by BMJ). Kristian B. Filion, **Laurent Azoulay**, Robert W. Platt, Matthew Dahl, Colin R. Dormuth, Kristin K. Clemens, Nianping Hu, J. Michael Paterson, Laura Targownik, Tanvir C. Turin, Jacob A. Udell, M.D., M.P.H., and Pierre Ernst, M.D., for the CNODES Investigators* A Multicenter *Observational Study of Incretin-based Drugs and Heart Failure* N Engl J Med 374; 12 March 24, 2016 **Laurent Azoulay**, Kristian B Filion, Robert W Platt, Matthew Dahl, Colin R Dormuth, Kristin K Clemens, Madeleine Durand, David N Juurlink, Laura E Targownik, Tanvir C Turin, J Michael Paterson, Pierre Ernst for the Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies (CNODES) Investigators. *Incretin based drugs and the risk of pancreatic cancer: international multicentre cohort study*. BMJ 2016;352:i581 Marco Tuccori, Kristian B Filion, Hui Yin, Oriana H Yu, Robert W Platt, **Laurent Azoulay**. *Pioglitazone use and risk of bladder cancer: population based cohort study*. BMJ 2016;352:i1541

2016-04-03

Canada Foundation for Innovation Grant



Congratulations to **Dr. Shirin Enger** for receiving a John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

2016-03-18

"Dream Team" studies brain cancer



Dr. Nada Jabado is co-principal investigator of the *Cancer Stem Cell Dream Team* which was recently awarded \$11.7 million to study brain cancers in children and adults. The team is led by researchers at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

2016-02-19

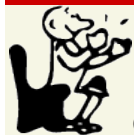
Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Kevin Petrecca** and his colleague, **Dr. Frédéric Leblond** (Polytechnique Montréal), on being named La Presse's *Personality of the Year 2015* for the science category. The duo's development of a brain cancer detection method was featured in the February 15, 2015 edition of La Presse's *Personality of the Week*. [Read the story](#) (French only).

2016-02-19

Recent Promotions



Congratulations to **Dr. Laurent Azoulay** on his promotion to Associate Professor and to **Dr. Koren Mann** on her promotion to Associate Professor.

2016-02-09

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Margolese



Congratulations to **Dr. Richard Margolese** whose research on the use of anastrozole in postmenopausal patients with DCIS has been reported in ASCO's [Clinical Cancer Advances 2016](#).

2016-02-05

Comings



Comings

Alex Orthwein, January 2016
Assistant Professor
Basic Cancer Research

Scott Weichenthal, May 2016
Assistant Professor
Cancer Epidemiology

2016-02-05

Humanization of Care for Thyroid Cancer Patients



Drs. Melissa Henry and **Michael Hier** have been featured in an [article](#) in the January 2016 issue of the ASPIRE newsletter from the Department of Surgery at the Jewish General Hospital.

2016-02-03

Goings



Goings

Marvin Wexler
Professor
Surgical Oncology

Jeremy Sturgeon, January 2016
Associate Professor
Medical Oncology

2016-02-03

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Comings

Comings



Richard Payne, November 2015
Associate Member
Head and Neck Cancer

James Ashley Davidson, June 2015
Assistant Professor
Medical Oncology

Alex Mlynarek, November 2015
Associate Member
Head and Neck Cancer

Joseph Tota, December 2015
Adjunct Professor
Cancer Epidemiology

2015-12-20

"Passing the Hat"



The Department of Oncology received a number of beautiful hand-crocheted and hand-knitted hats from the "Passing the Hat" group in Texas, with the request that they be given to cancer patients. These hats have now been distributed to the oncology departments of the McGill University Health Centre (Cedars Cancer Centre), the Jewish General Hospital (Segal Cancer Centre) and St. Mary's Hospital Center.

2015-12-08

First Oncology Postgraduate Medical Education Symposium a Big Success



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DEPARTMENT OF ONCOLOGY
25th Anniversary

The [First Oncology Postgraduate Medical Education Symposium](#) held on December 4, 2015 was a big success. Ninety people, including residents from several disciplines, faculty and other guests, attended this full day symposium which was held at the Cedars Cancer Centre, MUHC-Glen Site. The event was organized by the Chief Residents in Radiation Oncology (Drs. Khaled Adil and Reem Albeesh), Surgical Oncology (Dr. Nora Trabulsi) and Medical Oncology (Dr. Sara Soldera) with guidance from their respective Program Directors (Drs. Joanne Alfieri, Jean-François Boileau and Scott Owen) and support from the Department of Oncology Chair's Office (Dr. Eduardo Franco - Chair; Dr. Gayle Shinder - Program Coordinator).

2015-12-05

Gerald Bronfman Centre Award Winners



The 5th Annual Gerald Bronfman Centre Symposium and Awards Ceremony took place on November 30, 2015. Congratulations to this year's award winners:

GBC Award for Teaching & Mentorship	Dr. Ari Meguerditchian
GBC Award for Research or Clinical Service	Dr. Jerry Pelletier
GBC Award for Academic, Clinical & Research Support	Ms. Maria Fossetti
Dept. of Oncology Lifetime Achievement Awards	Dr. Nicole Beauchemin Dr. Martin Black

2015-12-02

Rossy Cancer Network Grants



Congratulations to the recipients of the Rossy Cancer Network's 2015 **Cancer Quality & Innovation Research Grants** and the **Quality Improvement Initiatives Fund (QI2)**. For a list of the projects and investigators click [here](#).

2015-11-21

21st International Congress on Palliative Care - Call for Abstracts



The 21st International Congress on Palliative Care will take place October 18-21, 2016 at the Palais des Congrès, Montreal. To register or submit an abstract click [here](#).

2015-11-13

Canadian Cancer Research Alliance (CCRA) Awards



Congratulations to **Dr. Morag Park** for receiving the CCRA's award for *Exceptional Leadership in Cancer Research* and **Dr. Nahum Sonenberg** for receiving the CCRA's award for *Outstanding Achievements in Cancer Research*. The awards will be presented at the Canadian Cancer Research Conference which takes place November 8-10 at Montreal's Hotel Bonaventure.

2015-11-03

Celebrating the Department of Oncology's 25th Anniversary



Coming up are three events around the **Department of Oncology's 25th Anniversary: 50th Anniversary of the discovery of the carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) - November 24, 2015** Click [here](#) for more information.

5th Annual GBC Symposium and Awards Ceremony - November 30, 2015



Click on invitation

RSVP: Email: rsvpmedicine@mcgill.ca; Phone: 514-398-1248

First Oncology Postgraduate Medical Education Symposium - December 4, 2015.



Click above to see the agenda

RSVP: gayle.shinder@mcgill.ca

2015-11-03

International Drug Discovery and Development Forum



The **International Drug Discovery and Development Forum 2015** will take place November 2-6 at the new Centre for Translational Biology (CTB) at the MUHC Glen Site. Click [here](#) for information on the program.

2015-10-29

Comings and Goings

Comings



Dr. John Kildea (Medical Physics)
July 2015

Dr. John Storrington (Hematology-Oncology)
October 2015

Rosanna Faria (Psychosocial Oncology)
Affiliate Member, October 2015

Dr. Dominique Fr chet (Faculty Lecturer)
Medical Oncology, Gatineau, QC
July 2015

Dr. Robert Archambault (Faculty Lecturer)
Radiation Oncology, Gatineau, QC
July 2015



Dr. Charles Hackett (Faculty Lecturer,
Palliative Care)

Dr. Pierre Cholette (Faculty
Lecturer, Palliative Care)

2015-10-16

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Jean-Pierre Farmer** on being named "Personality of the Week" in the October 4, 2015 issue of La Presse. [Read the story](#) (French only).

2015-10-13

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



[David McCutcheon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Palliative Care - 2015](#)

2015-09-19

Funding from the Terry Fox Foundation



Congratulations to **Dr. Vincent Giguère** who leads a team that was awarded \$5.3 million over 4 years from the Terry Fox Foundation.

2015-09-18

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Nada Jabado** on being one of 14 McGillians to be inducted as a *Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada*.

2015-09-10

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Christine Maheu** who received the *2015 Pfizer Award of Excellence in Nursing Research*.

2015-09-04

NCIC CTG Clinical Trials Committee



Congratulations to **Dr. Tamim Niazi** who was invited to join the NCIC CTG Clinical Trials Committee.

2015-09-03

Goings

Goings



Dr. Issam El Naqa (Medical Physics)
May 2015

Dr. Alasdair Syme (Medical Physics)
August 2015

2015-08-26

Comings

Comings



Arezu Jahani-Asl, July, 2015
Assistant Professor
Basic Cancer Research

2015-08-12

Congratulations to the recipients of CIHR Foundation Grants



Of the 24 inaugural CIHR Foundation Grants awarded to McGill researchers, 5 were awarded to Dept. of Oncology members for a combined total of \$10.6 million.

1. **Laurent Azoulay**: *Cancer pharmacoepidemiology: a population-based assessment of the risks of prescription drugs in vulnerable populations*
2. **Eduardo Franco**: *Research Program on the Epidemiology and Prevention of Human Papillomavirus Infection and Associated Cancers*
3. **Morag Park**: *Mechanisms of Met activation in cancer and therapeutic intervention*
4. **Janusz Rak**: *Targeting vascular mechanisms of cancer progression*
5. **Jan Seuntjens**: *Monte Carlo techniques in the optimization of radiation therapy delivery and outcomes*

2015-07-30

Dr. Gerald Batist re-appointed as Chief of Oncology at the JGH



Congratulations to **Dr. Gerald Batist** on his recent re-appointment as Chief of Oncology at the Jewish General Hospital.

2015-07-27

Oncology at the MUHC is now at the Glen Site



Most of the Department of Oncology members who are based at the MUHC have now moved to the Glen Site at 1001 Décarie Blvd. The Cedars Cancer Centre is located there as is the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Montreal Children's Hospital and the MUHC Research Institute.

2015-07-27

Prostate Cancer Canada - Movember Discovery Grants



Congratulations to **Drs. Armen Aprikian, Ivan Topisirovic, Michel**

Tremblay and **Jian Hui Wu** who were awarded Movember Discovery Grants from Prostate Cancer Canada for the following projects:

Armen Aprikian (PI is Dr. Alice Dragomir): *Development of a clinical and economic model for evaluating new tests or strategies of diagnosis, treatment and management of prostate cancer.*

Ivan Topisirovic: *Resolving gene expression landscapes in prostate cancer through ex-vivo modelling of stromal-epithelial cross-talk.*

Michel Tremblay: *Characterization and prognostic potential of the prostate cancer genetic-susceptibility amplicon on chromosome 20q13 during tumour progression.*

Jian Hui Wu: *Development of human STING agonists for prostate cancer immunotherapy.*

2015-07-02

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Michel Tremblay** who has been named a Chevalier (Knight) of the Ordre National du Québec.

2015-06-28

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Christoph Borchers** who was recently appointed as the inaugural holder of the *Segal Family Chair in Molecular Oncology*.

2015-06-23

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Philippe Gros** for receiving the Royal Society's *McLaughlin Medal*.

2015-06-09

Residents and Fellows at ASCO 2015



Congratulations to the following Residents and Fellows who presented at ASCO:

Dr. Victoria Mandilaras: Poster on the relationship of ACE inhibitors and pancreatic cancer incidence.

Drs. Ramy Saleh and Ralph Maroun: Oral poster discussion on comparing genomic signatures in early breast cancer; Poster on the use of omega3 in the prevention of chemotherapy induced neuropathy.

Dr. Sara Soldera: Poster on calcium channel blocker and risk of breast cancer. Recipient of the NOYCIA Award. [Media coverage](#).

2015-06-09

Rossy Cancer Network



Check out the latest Rossy Cancer Network newsletter, [RCN update, Spring 2015](#).

2015-06-03

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Funded Project



Congratulations to **Dr. Morag Park** who leads a team that was recently awarded CFI funding in the amount of almost \$2.4 million. The project is entitled *Targeting the Tumour Microenvironment: Bridging Basic Science and Therapy*.

2015-05-31

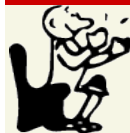
Research News



News about Department of Oncology members, **Drs. Moulay Alaoui-Jamali, Mark Basik, Gerald Batist, Christoph Borchers, William Foulkes, Thomas Jagoe, Nathalie Johnson, Carmen Loiselle, Koren Mann, Josie Ursini-Siegel** and **Michael Witcher** are featured in the May issue of the [Lady Davis Institute Research Newsletter](#).

2015-05-22

Congratulations



Congratulations to the latest recipients of FRQS Awards:

Dr. Sarit Assouline - Chercheurs-boursiers-cliniciens

Dr. Nada Jabado - Chaires de recherche

Dr. Kevin Petrecca - Chercheurs-boursiers-cliniciens

2015-05-05

UPCOMING EVENTS



[Workshop on Molecular and Clinical Radiobiology](#), June 17-19, 2015, Cedars Cancer Centre, Glen Campus, MUHC, DS1-1427. This is an initiative of the Department of Oncology's, **Dr. Siham Sabri** from the Division of Radiation Oncology. The workshop aims to provide the participants with the prerequisite background to understand some of the key concepts of radiobiology, including 1) Molecular mechanisms induced by radiation therapy on the tumour and its microenvironment; 2) Radiobiology of normal tissue responses; 3) Tumour response to radiotherapy; 4) Principles and biology of chemoradiation regimen and targeted therapies; 5) Radiobiological modeling.

First annual **Rossy Cancer Network Retreat**, Saturday June 6, 2015, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Centre Mont-Royal, 2200 Mansfield. Learn about funding opportunities within the network, provide input and help shape cancer care initiatives in the network, information about the RCN's multi-hospital IT project and how it will help integrate care, learn about the projects which are supporting work in survivorship, psychosocial care, physiotherapy and nutrition. Click [here](#) to register.

2015-05-05

PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK (May 4-8, 2015)



The MUHC Department of Oncology and the McGill University Department of Oncology are pleased to host **Dr. Harvey Schipper**, Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He will present [Lessons from 40 years at the coalface. Oncology, palliative care and the future of medicine](#) at Oncology Grand Rounds on Monday May 4, 2015, 8:00 - 9:00 am at the Osler Amphitheatre- Room A6.105, Montreal General Hospital.

[18th Annual Sandra Goldberg Lecture](#): *Public Choices, Private Lives: An End-of-Life Conversation*. Tuesday May 5, 2015, 6:00 pm, Leacock Bldg, Room 132, McGill University. This free public lecture hosted by The Council on Palliative Care, is part of the series "Lessons in Living from the Dying". The two speakers will be **Harvey Schipper, B.A.Sc., M.D, FRCP(C)**, Oncologist and Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and **Véronique Hivon, BCL, LL.B, M.Sc**, MNA for Joliette and former Minister of Social Services (Bill 52 - Act Respecting End-of-Life Care). The event will be moderated by **Daniel Jutras, LL.B, BCL**, Dean of the Faculty of Law at McGill University. The Department of Oncology is a sponsor of this lecture.

The last stop of the travelling Retrospective Timelines exhibition, [Celebrating 40 Years of Palliative Care at McGill](#), will take place May 4-8, 2015 in the main lobby of the Jewish General Hospital. "To capture and celebrate the distance palliative care has travelled since its early days in the mid 70's, a timeline of palliative care at McGill and internationally is on display. This 3-part display focuses on the development of palliative care at McGill, provides a geographically-organized overview of the development of palliative care world wide, and offers the beginning of a wish list for the future of palliative care - a list that you will be encouraged to expand."

2015-04-16

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Drs. Moulay Alaoui-Jamali, Mark Basik, William Foulkes, Luke McCaffrey, Morag Park and Michael Witcher** who each received a research grant from the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation. The combined total of their grants is close to \$3 million. In this competition cycle, six of nine PIs who received awards were McGill Oncology members.

2015-04-11

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Robin Cohen** on her promotion to Full Professor.

2015-04-08

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Centre Public Forum series, Cancer's New Era of Promise and Progress: Session 3 - [Head and Neck Cancer: Quite the Mouth-Full](#). Tuesday April 21, 2015, 6:30-8:30 pm, McIntyre Medical Sciences Building, Palmer Theatre, 6th floor. The Facilitator will be **Dr. Martin J. Black**, and the speakers will be **Drs. Michael P. Hier, Nathaniel Bouganim, Khalil Sultanem and Richard Payne**.


[Innovations & Controversies: Celebrating Forty Years of Colorectal Surgery in Canada](#), April 29-30, 2015, Centre Mont-Royal in Montreal. This 2-day symposium hosted by Department of Oncology member, **Dr. Carol-Ann Vasilevsky**, will pay tribute to another Department member, **Dr. Philip H. Gordon** (Surgical Oncology), who was the founding President of the Canadian Society of Colorectal Surgeons. The symposium is designed to present a detailed, in-depth overview of new, innovative, challenging and controversial topics in colorectal surgery and will include local, national and international speakers.

[World Rectal Conference on Organ Preserving Perspectives](#), April 30 - May 2, 2015, Centre Mont-Royal in Montreal. The local organizers include the Department of Oncology's **Drs. Té Vuong, Gerald Batist, Slobodan Devic, and Carol-Ann Vasilevsky**. The Department of Oncology is a sponsor of this conference.

[Workshop on Molecular and Clinical Radiobiology](#), June 17-19, 2015, Cedars Cancer Centre, Glen Campus, MUHC, DS1-1427. This is an initiative of the Department of Oncology's, **Dr. Siham Sabri** from the Division of Radiation Oncology. The workshop aims to provide the participants with the prerequisite background to understand some of the key concepts of radiobiology, including 1) Molecular mechanisms induced by radiation therapy on the tumour and its microenvironment; 2) Radiobiology of normal tissue responses; 3) Tumour response to radiotherapy; 4) Principles and biology of chemoradiation regimen and targeted therapies; 5) Radiobiological modeling.


2015-04-08

Comings and Goings

Comings  **Marie-Claude Joncas**, March 2015
Co-Manager
Clinical Research Program

Nan Zheng, March 2015
Financial Administrator
Clinical Research Program

Aline Mamo, March 2015
Co-Manager
Clinical Research Program

Goings  **Winie Celestin**, January, 2015
Accounts Administrator and VSPO
Coordinator Chair's Office

Neena Bindra, February, 2015
Financial Administrator
Clinical Research Program

Penny Chipman, March, 2015
Manager
Clinical Research Program

2015-03-13

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Vera Hirsh** on her promotion to Full Professor.

2015-02-24

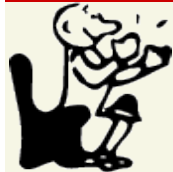
Rossy Cancer Network



Dr. Walter Gotlieb and Dr. Xing "Ziggy" Zeng have been appointed as the Co-leads for gynecological disease.

2015-02-24

Congratulations



The Department of Oncology is pleased to announce that once again the McGill University Health Centre was the **number one in North America (and second in the world)** in numbers of patients accrued to NRG Oncology trials. This achievement would not have been possible without the participation, dedication and hard work of **Drs. Luis Souhami, Michael Thirlwell, Lucy Gilbert** and many others in the McGill oncology community.

2015-02-11

Goings

Goings



Dr. Catherine Milne (Surgical Oncology)
December 2014

Dr. Vanessa Dumeaux (Basic Research)
November 2014

Dr. Shirley Lehnert (Medical Physics)
October 2014

2015-01-19

Cancer Quality and Innovation Research Grants 2015



The **Rossy Cancer Network** (RCN) has announced the second edition (2015) of its [Cancer Quality and Innovation Research Grants](#). The goal of this program is to support research initiatives in improving cancer care quality at McGill hospitals. The Cancer Quality and Innovation (CQI) program builds on the exceptional pool of expertise across the partner institutions that make up the RCN: the McGill University Health Centre, St. Mary's Hospital Center, the Jewish General Hospital, and the McGill Faculty of Medicine.

The RCN Research Fund helps to support the unprecedented collaboration among the McGill-affiliated cancer missions which is at the heart of the network, by promoting continuous improvement projects, sharing best practices and developing research and training platforms for the rapid generation of scientific knowledge related to cancer care quality.

The RCN Research Grants range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and are open to all health professionals who provide care to cancer patients in the network's partner hospitals, including physicians, nurses, rehabilitation experts, nutritionists, psychosocial health experts and allied health professionals. In order to support a collaborative approach, project teams must include co-applicants from at least two of the partner hospitals. Proposals will be accepted starting January 16 2015.

2015-01-14

Rossy Cancer Network



Dr. John Storrington has been appointed as the Hematologic Malignancy Disease Site Lead.

Drs. Victor Cohen and **Scott Owen** have been appointed as the Co-Leads for Lung Disease.

2015-01-07

ARCHIVED NEWS – 2014

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Ervin Podgorsak**, Emeritus Professor in Oncology (Medical Physics), and **Kappy Flanders** (Palliative Care McGill), on being named as Members of the Order of Canada.

2014-12-31

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Patricia Tonin**, Associate Member in Oncology, on her recent promotion to Full Professor in the Department of Medicine.

2014-12-18

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Sarit Assouline** on her recent promotion to Associate Professor.

2014-12-18

Rossy Cancer Network



Dr. Khalil Sultanem has been appointed as the Head & Neck Disease Site Lead.

Drs. Franck Bladou and **Simon Tanguay** have been appointed as the Co-Leads for Genito-urinary disease.

2014-12-18

News from Palliative Care McGill



In June **Dr. Manny Borod** received *The MUHC Department of Medicine Award for Innovation in Clinical Care or Quality*.

The summer of 2014 saw the departure of **Dr. Dawn Allen**, Associate Director of Palliative Care McGill, and the arrival of **Devon Phillips** as the Program Advisor.

2014-12-18

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Antonio Vigano** (Palliative Care) on his recent promotion to Associate Professor.

2014-12-08

Rossy Cancer Network



Since September the Rossy Cancer Network (RCN) has announced a number of appointments in their ongoing commitment to improve quality of care and patient satisfaction, increase survival rates and reduce the burden of cancer. In September **Dr. Wilson Miller** was appointed Clinical Lead for the RCN, and as part of these duties he serves ex officio as Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Oncology. In October **Dr. Jamil Asselah** was appointed as the Breast Disease Site Lead for the RCN. Most recently **Dr. Thierry Alcindor** has been appointed as the Gastro-Intestinal Disease Site Lead for the RCN. In the upcoming months appointments will be made for the Disease Site Leads of genitourinary, gynecological, lung, malignant hematology and head & neck.

2014-12-08

Announcement



In September 2014 **Dr. Jean-François Boileau** was appointed the new Postgraduate Medical Education Director for Surgical Oncology.

2014-12-08

Gerald Bronfman Centre Award Winners



The 4th Annual Gerald Bronfman Centre Symposium and Awards Ceremony took place on November 24, 2014. Congratulations to this year's award winners:

Dept. of Oncology Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. Philip Branton
Dept. of Oncology Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. Michael Thirlwell
GBC Award for Teaching & Mentorship	Dr. Carmen Loiselle
GBC Award for Research or Clinical Service	Dr. Jamil Asselah
GBC Award for Academic, Clinical & Research Support	Ms. Marianna Perna

2014-11-27

Kudos



Congratulations to **Drs. Sharon Abish, Markus Martin and Jose Montes** for their dedication to the teaching of medical students in the McGill Physicianship Program as part of the 2014 cohort of Osler Fellows.

2014-11-21

Kudos



Congratulations to **Dr. Cristiano Ferrario** for receiving the Faculty of Medicine's 2014 *Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) Oncology Teaching Award*. This award is given to the physician who has received the most nominations by the students completing Introduction to Oncology.

2014-11-20

Announcement



In October 2014 the Department of Oncology welcomed the Administrative Excellence Centre (AEC) team of **Dr. Francis Girard** (Associate Director of Administration), **Jennifer Gumbley** (Finance Officer), **Winie Celestin** (Senior Accounts Administrator), **Aimee Malyk** (HR Advisor) and **Carolynna Olha** (HR Administrator). This AEC team will be providing support to the Department of Oncology as well as to the Departments of Pathology and Diagnostic Radiology.

2014-11-20

Goings

Goings



Waheeda Esmail, October, 2014
Administrative Officer,
Chair's Office

2014-11-20

Announcement



Drs. Nada Jabado and Carmen Loiselle are featured in an article on Personalized Medicine in the [Fall 2014 issue](#) of the Faculty of Medicine's *Focus* magazine (pages 17-18). Highlights of the activities of the **Rossy Cancer Network** are also described in this issue (pages 10-11).

2014-11-14

Coming soon! November 24, 2014



The Fourth Annual Gerald Bronfman Centre Symposium is coming up and will take place November 24, 2014, at 03:00 pm at the Timmins Amphitheatre, MNI.

After the symposium, an **Awards Ceremony** will take place where 3 meritorious awards will be given out for Excellence in research and clinical service, teaching and mentorship and academic, clinical, and research support, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

2014-10-29

Announcement

William David Foulkes, was recently inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) as Fellow, one of the highest honours for individuals in the Canadian health sciences community.

Dr. Foulkes a Professor in the Departments of Oncology, Medicine, and Human Genetics at McGill, and Director of McGill's Program in Cancer Genetics, has made seminal contributions to cancer genetics in Canada.

As a clinician, he has offered counselling and advice to thousands of individuals at increased risk for cancer. In the laboratory, he has identified the cause of some forms of cancer and has studied their clinical-pathological correlates.

His work has been highly cited and its excellence has been recognized both nationally and internationally.

We congratulate Dr Foulkes on receiving this important accolade!

2014-09-25

Comings

Comings **Hani Al-Halabi**, September, 2014
Assistant Professor,
Radiation Oncology



2014-09-17

Obituary



Rosalind Goodman

The Department of Oncology mourns the loss of Rosalind Goodman who passed away from cancer on August 11, 2014. The dedication of Rosalind and her husband Morris to the McGill oncology community through their generous gift to the McGill Cancer Centre (subsequently re-named the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Centre) and their instrumental role in the ongoing fundraising efforts of the Centre, has been of great benefit to the field of cancer research.

http://cancercentre.mcgill.ca/research/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=632&Itemid=&lang=en

2014-08-18

Comings

Comings



Christoph Borchers, July, 2014
Professor,
Molecular Pathology

Shirin Enger, August, 2014
Assistant Professor,
Medical Physics

2014-08-05

Announcement



Congratulations to **Richard Cruess** and **Philip Branton** on being named to the Order of Canada.

Dr. Cruess, former Dean of Medicine (1981 - 1995) who created the Department of Oncology, was promoted to the highest rank, Companion of the Order. Dr. Branton, was named an Officer of the Order for his work in cancer research.

<http://publications.mcgill.ca/reporter/2014/07/11-mcgillians-named-to-order-of-canada/>

Comings

Comings



Stéphanie Ferland, June, 2014
Faculty Lecturer,
Radiation Oncology

Donald Ginsberg, June, 2014
Associate Member,
Palliative Care

Christopher MacKinnon, June, 2014
Faculty Lecturer,
Palliative Care

2014-06-12

Kudos



Congratulations to **Te Vuong** for having attained tenured status at McGill as Associate Professor, in consequence of her long-standing academic and research accomplishments in radiation oncology at the university and its hospital network.

2014-05-29

Obituary



Paul Ahlgren, MD, 1952-2014

The McGill Oncology community is saddened by the loss of Dr. Paul Ahlgren, who died on May 6th, 2014 in Montreal after a lengthy illness. Dr. Ahlgren, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Oncology, was a well-recognized and respected oncologist with a special expertise in breast cancer. He most recently worked in the Department of Oncology at St. Mary's Hospital. His previous appointments were at the Ville Marie Breast Centre and the MUHC-Montreal General and Royal Victoria Hospitals in Montreal, as well as the Cancer Care Ontario unit in London, ON. Dr. Ahlgren was a teacher to many of us and was an author of a number of publications in the area of breast cancer. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and by his many patients.

2014-05-28

Announcement



Congratulations to **Jan Seuntjens** who has been appointed as a James McGill Professor effective May 1, 2014.

The James McGill Professor award recognizes a senior scholar's status as an outstanding and original researcher of world-class caliber and an international leader in his or her field.

2014-03-31

Announcement



Congratulations to **Carmen Loiselle** who has been appointed as Co-Director for Strategic Orientation/Academic of the Segal Cancer Centre.

Her role will be to complement the Segal Director in providing strategic leadership in patient experience innovation, research; and in the recruitment and mentoring of Segal's new clinical and research staff. Her extensive academic and networking skills will be critical to the future development of the Segal as both avant-garde clinical and academic forces.

2014-03-24

Kudos



Congratulations to **Will Foulkes** for having been awarded the prestigious O. Harold Warwick Prize by the Canadian Cancer Society in 2013.

The Warwick Prize is given to Canadian scientists who have made great contributions to cancer control in Canada and internationally.

2014-02-28

Kudos



Congratulations to **Ari Meguerditchian** who has been selected as one McGill recipients of the 2014 CAME Certificate of Merit Award.

This certificate will be presented to him at the upcoming **Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME)** in Ottawa during the CAME Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2014

2014-02-28

Kudos

Congratulations to **Nahum Sonenberg** as one of eight winners of the prestigious Wolf Prize as announced in Tel Aviv on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Sonenberg was named co-winner in the medicine category for his discovery of the mechanism of protein synthesis and its control in infectious diseases, cancer and neurological disorders.

He will share the \$100,000 prize with Victor Ambros of the Harvard Medical School and Gary Ruvkun of the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

<http://publications.mcgill.ca/reporter/2014/01/sonenberg-wins-prestigious-wolf-prize/>

2014-01-20

Comings



Comings

Ives Levesque, November, 2013
Assistant Professor,
Medical Physics

2014-01-06

Obituary



Parviz Ghadirian

~~~~~ It is with profound sadness that we communicate the passing on December 29, 2013, of Dr Parviz Ghadirian, an Adjunct Professor in our department. Dr. Ghadirian was a key contributor to our teaching in oncology. For more than 20 years he lectured to our graduate students and fellows on nutrition and cancer. His 35-year research on the interface of genetics, nutrition, and cancer has been a great influence on cancer control in Canada.

2014-01-06

## ARCHIVED NEWS – 2013

### Gerald Bronfman Centre Award Winners



The 3rd Annual Symposium of the Gerald Bronfman Centre which took place on December 2nd, concluded with an Award Ceremony honouring the following:

|                                                  |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GBC Lifetime Achievement Award                   | <b>Henry Shibata</b>    |
| GBC Lifetime Achievement Award                   | <b>Neil MacDonald</b>   |
| GBC Award for Teaching & Mentorship              | <b>Lawrence Panasci</b> |
| GBC Award for Research & Clinical Service        | <b>Luis Souhami</b>     |
| GBC Award for Academic, Clinical Support Service | <b>Annie Rompré</b>     |

*Congratulations to all!*

2013-12-03

### Comings



**Comings** **Irving Wainer**, December, 2013  
Adjunct Professor,  
Clinical Pharmacology

**Pierre Cholette**, December 2013  
Faculty Lecturer,  
Palliative Care

2013-12-03

### Kudos

Congratulations to two renowned McGill University cancer researchers **Phil Gold** and **Michel Tremblay** who are among the 13 winners who received the **2013 Prix du Québec**, in Quebec City on November 12, 2013.

The Prix du Québec are the Quebec government's highest honours in recognition of remarkable careers.

Dr. Phil Gold, a pioneer in cancer research, was awarded the Wilder-Penfield Prize for his work in the revolutionary discovery of the carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA). Prof. Michel L. Tremblay, who was Director of the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Centre at McGill for 12 years, received the Armand-Frappier Prize.

2013-11-19

## Goings

### Goings



**Philip Wong**, November, 2013  
Assistant Professor,  
Radiation Oncology

2013-11-15

## Goings

### Goings



**Terry Chow**, November, 2013  
Adjunct Professor,  
Basic Cancer Research

**Tanya Fitzpatrick**, November, 2013  
Assistant Professor,  
Psychosocial Oncology

**John Hiscott**, November 2013  
Associate Member,  
Basic Cancer Research

**Lawrence Hoffman**, November, 2013  
Associate Member,  
Psychosocial Oncology

**Stephanie Larocque**, October 2013  
Administrative Coordinator  
Clinical Research Program

**Joshua Press**, November, 2013  
Assistant Professor,  
Gynecology

**Esther Schirmacher**, November, 2013  
Assistant Professor,  
Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry

**Hartley Stern**, November, 2013  
Professor,  
Surgical Oncology

**Kevin Watters**, November, 2013  
Associate Member,  
Pathology

2013-11-08

## Comings

### Comings



**Adeline Khadoury**, November, 2013  
Faculty Lecturer,  
Palliative Care

**Gerard Huni**, November 2013  
Faculty Lecturer,  
Palliative Care

2013-11-04

## Christmas Party Invitation

*All members of the Department of Oncology are cordially invited to the*

### ***Annual Oncology Christmas Cocktail Party***

Date: December 04, 2013

Time: 5:00 - 8:00

Place: Faculty Club, Main Dining Room  
3450 McTavish Street

RSVP to [naomi.scobie@mcgill.ca](mailto:naomi.scobie@mcgill.ca) or 514-398-2264

2013-11-01

## Personal and Cultural Enrichment Program (PACE) - November 14, 2013



**Personal and Cultural Enrichment Program (PACE)** – will be hosting a workshop entitled "**Cancer: The Word Everyone Knows.**"

Date: Thursday November 14, 2013  
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: 688 Sherbrooke Street West  
Cost: \$39.00 (Come with a Friend discount: \$29.00)

Click [here](#) for the invitation and detailed scientific program.

Registration & Information: <http://www.mcgill.ca/pace> / [pace.scs@mcgill.ca](mailto:pace.scs@mcgill.ca)  
2013-10-24

## Kudos



**Thierry Alcindor** has been named Co-Chair of the Sarcoma Disease Site Committee of the NCIC Clinical Trials Group. We congratulate him on this nomination!

2013-10-22

## Comings



**Belal A. Mofteh**, October 2013  
Adjunct Professor,  
Medical Physics

**Belinda Nicolau**, October 2013  
Associate Member,  
Dentistry

2013-10-09

## Coming soon! December 02, 2013



**The Third Annual Gerald Bronfman Centre Symposium is coming up and will take place December 02, 2013, at 03:00 pm at the Timmins Amphitheatre, MNI.**

After the symposium, an **Award Ceremony** will take place where 3 meritorious awards will be given out for Excellence in research and clinical service, teaching and mentorship and academic, clinical, and research support, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

2013-09-26

## Announcement

The Medical Physics Unit is working with the McGill Alumni office to establish the "E. B. Podgorsak Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Medical Physics" at McGill to honour Dr. Ervin Podgorsak's commitment to excellent graduate student teaching and to support exceptional graduate students in their studies of Medical Physics.

(For more information on the E.B. Podgorsak Scholarship initiative, please visit: <http://www.mcgill.ca/medphys/scholarship>)

An Alumni reception event that will serve as the official inauguration of the new scholarship will take place on September 17, 2013 at the Faculty Club, McTavish Street, from 06:00pm to 07:00pm.

2013-09-09

## Comings



**Parissa Charghi**, June, 2013  
Faculty Lecturer,  
Palliative Care

2013-07-29



## Goings & Comings

### Goings



**Frances Ezzy-Jorgensen**, July, 2013  
Administrative Officer,  
Chair's Office

**Maria Zannis-Hadjopoulos**, July, 2013  
Professor,  
Biochemistry

### Comings



**Karen French**, July, 2013  
Administrative Student Affairs Coordinator,  
Palliative Care

**Waheeda Esmail**, July, 2013  
Administrative Officer,  
Chair's Office

2013-06-26

## Comings

### Comings



**Kristina Dahlstrom**, June, 2013  
Post Doctoral Fellow,  
Cancer Epidemiology

**Celine Dupuis**, June, 2013  
Faculty Lecturer,  
Palliative Care

**Elena Neamt**, June, 2013  
Faculty Lecturer,  
Palliative Care

2013-06-14

## Celebration in honour of Frances Ezzy-Jorgensen

*On June 20, 2013, all members of the Department of Oncology were cordially invited to*

A Celebration in Honour of

**Frances Ezzy-Jorgensen**

Administrative Officer of the Oncology Department from 2000-2013

who retired after a productive career in the service of McGill at the end of June 2013

2013-06-04

## Kudos

Congratulations to **Michel Tremblay** who has been awarded the Canadian Cancer Society's **2012 Robert L. Noble Award**.

The Robert Noble Prize is given for outstanding achievements in cancer research. It honours Dr. Noble, an esteemed Canadian investigator whose research in the 1950s led to the discovery of vincristine, a widely-used anti-cancer drug. At the time, vincristine was one of the most effective treatments available for Hodgkin's disease.

The award comes with a \$20,000 contribution to the recipient's research program.

<http://www.cancer.ca/en/about-us/our-research/awards/?region=on>

2013-04-29

## Announcement

We congratulate our former Chair **Gerald Batist** for his pioneering work on personalized cancer care. Nature has featured him in this very interesting story at their website: <http://www.nature.com/news/cancer-researchers-revisit-failed-clinical-trials-1.12835>

2013-04-24

## Goings & Comings

### Goings



**Carolynna Olha**, April, 2013  
Administrative Coordinator,  
Clinical Research Program

### Comings



**Adrian Ruscetti**, April, 2013  
Administrative Secretary,  
Clinical Research Program

2013-04-24

## In Appreciation of Years of Service



The following faculty members were recently recognized for their years of service at McGill and have received gold tone lapel pins designed to commemorate their anniversaries.

15 years: Marie Duclos  
20 Years: Robin Cohen  
25 Years: Alain Nepveu  
25 Years: Roger Tabah  
25 Years: Anna Towers

Our sincere thanks to each of them for their dedication and contribution to the Department of Oncology.

2013-04-17

## Goings

### Goings



**Hope Makena**, May, 2013  
Administrative & Student Affairs Coordinator,  
Palliative Care

2013-04-16

## MISAM 2013 - Coming June 12-14



### Montreal International Symposium on Angiogenesis and Metastasis –

MISAM-2013, will take place in Montreal on June 12-14, 2013. A unique program filled with the latest advances, as well as emerging concepts and ideas in key areas of angiogenesis and metastasis research in brain cancer will be offered. Click [here](#) for the invitation and detailed scientific program.

Registration & Information: [Magdalena.Maslowska@mcgill.ca](mailto:Magdalena.Maslowska@mcgill.ca) . [www.misam.mcgill.ca](http://www.misam.mcgill.ca)

2013-04-12

## Comings



**Cristiano Ferrario**, April 1, 2013

Assistant Professor,  
Medical Oncology

2013-04-08

## Kudos



**Michael Pollak** has been awarded NCIC's prestigious O. Harold Warwick Award. He has long been recognized internationally for his pioneering work on insulin-like growth factor physiology in cancer, and more recently for novel insights in tumor metabolomics. With this award he is also recognized as a major cancer scientist in Canada. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honour!.

2013-04-02

## Kudos



Congratulations to **Balfour Mount** who was given the Humanities Award in absentia at the plenary session of the Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine in New Orleans on March 16th, 2013.

2013-03-21

## Gerald Batist, Q-CROC Co-Founder, Instrumental in Bringing About Partnership for Personalized Medicine in Cancer (PMPC)



**Q-CROC** (*Québec Clinical Research Organization in Cancer*) was co-founded in 2009 by former Oncology Department Chair Gerald Batist, to help integrate cancer research efforts across Quebec. This move towards next generation clinical trials will facilitate the development and implementation of "personalized medicine".

After a two year long competition (in response to an "RFA" by the former Quebec government), Gerald Batist and his colleagues in academia and industry were awarded the only such program worth \$21M over 4 years.

The project is the "Partnership for Personalized Medicine in Cancer (**PMPC**)", and unites multiple academic, hospital and industrial partners with a matching contribution from Quebec.

[Click here for press release.](#)

2013-03-21

### Comings

#### Comings



**Christine Maheu**, April 2013  
Associate Member,  
Nursing Oncology

**Argerie Tsimicalis**, April 2013  
Associate Member,  
Nursing Oncology

2013-03-21

### Comings

#### Comings



**Susan Keats**, February, 2013  
Volunteer Administrator,  
Palliative Care Research

2013-02-14

### Kudos



Congratulations to Radiation Oncologist **Tarek Hijal** on his recent promotion from Faculty Lecturer to Assistant Professor.

2013-01-25

### Comings

#### Comings



**Jean-François Boileau**, December, 2012  
Associate Member,  
Surgical Oncology

2013-01-21

## Goings



**Goings**

**Jonathan Fung Wan,**  
Assitant Professor,  
Radiation Oncology

**Alan Brox,**  
Adjunct Professor,  
Hematology Oncology

2013-01-21

## Happy New Year!



*Wishing one and all  
Health, Happiness and Prosperity in 2013!*

2013-01-01

## ARCHIVED NEWS – 2012

## Comings



**Mazen Hassanain**, January, 2013  
Adjunct Professor,  
Surgical Oncology

2012-12-17

## Announcement



Beginning January 1, 2013, **Dr. Eduardo Franco** will be the new Editor-in-Chief for the prestigious biomedical journal Preventive Medicine, published by Elsevier. Preventive Medicine has a cumulative impact factor of 3.7. He nominated **Dr. Gayle Shinder** as his Deputy Editor.

2012-12-14

## Comings



**Bruno Gagnon**, January, 2013  
Adjunct Professor,  
Palliative Care

2012-12-13

## Gerald Bronfman Centre Award Winners



The 2nd Annual Symposium of the Gerald Bronfman Centre which took place on November 26th, concluded with an Award Ceremony honouring the following:

|                                                  |                        |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| GBC Lifetime Achievement Award                   | <b>Phil Gold</b>       |
| GBC Lifetime Achievement Award                   | <b>Ervin Podgorsak</b> |
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| GBC Award for Research & Clinical Service        | <b>Gerald Batist</b>   |
| GBC Award for Academic, Clinical Support Service | <b>Naomi Scobie</b>    |

*Congratulations to all!*

[\(Please click here for the photos\)](#)

2012-11-30

## Kudos



"By Command of Her Majesty The Queen, The Diamond Jubilee Medal was presented to **Bernard LaPointe** and to **Neil MacDonald** in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne and in recognition of their contributions to Canada".

*Congratulations on this historic honour!*

2012-11-30

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12-11-15

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2012-11-08

## Kudos



Congratulations to **Gerald Batist** who has been awarded the Canadian Colorectal Consortium research grant by the Terry Fox Research Institute.

This prestigious award is in recognition of Dr. Batist's exceptional achievements in the field of oncology as a result of his innovative work in molecular-based translation cancer care.

2012-10-24

## Comings



**Comings**

**Kris Jardon**, November, 2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Gynecologic Oncology

2012-10-24

## Kudos



Congratulations to **Michel Tremblay** who was awarded the **2012 Prix Michel-Sarrazin** from the Club de Recherches Cliniques du Québec (CRCQ). This prize is in recognition of Dr. Tremblay's significant advancements in the field of science in Quebec.

*"Le Prix Michel Sarrazin est remis annuellement à un scientifique québécois chevronné qui, par son dynamisme et sa productivité, a contribué de façon importante à l'avancement de la recherche biomédicale".*

2012-10-22

## Comings

**Comings**



**Marie-Hélène Mayrand**, October, 2012  
Adjunct Professor,  
Cancer Epidemiology

**Eileen Shaw**, October, 2012  
M.Sc. Student,  
Cancer Epidemiology

2012-10-04

## Kudos



Congratulations to **Eduardo Franco** who was recently recognized by the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences by being elected a **CAHS Fellow**. This is one of the highest honour for individuals in the Canadian health sciences community. Elections are based on a nominating and peer review process that seeks to recognize those who are marked by a record of substantial accomplishment.

2012-09-27



**Save the Date: NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

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To nominate someone for any of the awards, [click here](#)

2012-09-19

**Comings & Goings****Comings**

**Joanne Alfieri**, July, 2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Radiation Oncology

**Marc Fabian**, August, 2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Basic Cancer Research

**Joshua Press**, August 2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Gynecologic Oncology

**Arman Sarfehnia**, August, 2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Medical Physics

**Goings**

**Bruno Gagnon**, August, 2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Palliative Care

2012-09-05

## Toronto Cancer 2012 Education Conference & Medical Exposition



The Toronto Cancer Conference, with a focus on new ideas and innovations of cancer management and an emphasis on topics of practical importance to providers caring for patients along the entire cancer care continuum, is being held from November 22 to 23, 2012.

It will feature over 70 Faculty delivering on over 50 topics and they are expecting upwards of 500+ multi-disciplinary healthcare professionals attending, making this conference one of the most dynamic inter-professional conferences in Canada. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

[www.TorontoCancer.ca](http://www.TorontoCancer.ca)

2012-08-31

## Comings & Goings

### Comings



**Ghassan El-Baalbaki**, July, 2012  
Adjunct Professor,  
Psychosocial Oncology

**Karolina Louvanto**, August, 2012  
Post-Doctoral Fellow,  
Cancer Epidemiology

**Shireen Sirhan**, July 2012  
Adjunct Professor,  
Hematology Oncology

**Terence Sullivan**, June, 2012  
Adjunct Professor,  
Rossy Cancer Network

### Goings



**Michael Antwi**, August, 2012  
Undergraduate Research Assistant,  
Cancer Epidemiology

**Edson Moreira**, August, 2012  
Visiting Professor,  
Cancer Epidemiology

2012-08-08

## Meet the UICC World Cancer Congress Worldwide Acclaimed Speakers



The UICC World Cancer Congress is being held in Montreal from August 27 - 30, 2012. Professionals in cancer control, research and program implementation who wish to expand their knowledge on new prevention and early detection strategies, can register before July 31, 2012 and save!

[Click here for more details.](#)

2012-07-24

## Comings

**Comings** **Philip Wong**, July, 2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Radiation Oncology



2012-07-01

## Kudos



**Issam El Naqa** has been awarded a CIHR New Investigator salary award. Dr. El Naqa's work focuses on Modelling of Radiotherapy Induced Damage in Locally Advanced Lung Cancer by a Novel System Radiobiology Approach.

2012-06-15

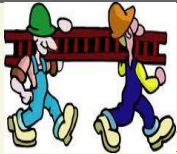
## Kudos



**Eduardo Franco** has been elected into the Fellowship of the *Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHD)* and will be formally inducted at a ceremony at the Annual General Meeting being held at the Château Laurier Hotel in Ottawa on September 20 and 21, 2012. Congratulations to Dr. Franco on this well deserved honour.

2012-05-23

## Coming Soon



Renovations are being planned for the **Gerald Bronfman Center** to enhance the effectiveness of its divisional teams and to restore the GBC to its original splendor.

[Click here for pictures.](#)

2012-05-11

## DDTP Retreat 2012



The Department of Oncology was one of the proud sponsors of the first **McGill-CIHR Drug Development Training Program Retreat** that was held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in late March. The key note speaker was the Founder and President of Anticancer Inc, **Dr. Robert Hoffman**. A full account of the DDTP Retreat can be seen [here](#).

2012-05-11

## Annual Family BBQ



All members of the Department of Oncology and their families are cordially invited to the Annual Family BBQ.

Date: June 20, 2012

Time: 5pm - 7 pm

Place: Royal Victoria College Courtyard

3425 University Street (*Between Milton and Sherbrooke*)

RSVP: Naomi Scobie, [naomi.scobie@mcgill.ca](mailto:naomi.scobie@mcgill.ca); 514-398-2264

2012-05-07

## Kudos



Congratulations to **Issam El Naqa** who recently received an FRSQ salary award.

2012-05-03

## Comings

### Comings



**André-Guy Martin**, April, 2012  
Adjunct Professor,  
Radiation Oncology

**Ari Meguerditchian**, February,  
2012  
Assistant Professor,  
Surgical Oncology

**Satomi Yamaguchi**, April, 2012  
Visiting Scholar,  
Palliative Care Research

2012-04-25

## Kudos



Heartfelt congratulations go out to **Eduardo Franco** who, in November 2011, was inducted into the **Royal Society of Canada** as an elected **RSC Fellow**. This richly-deserved honour was bestowed upon him in recognition of his work on identifying the human papillomavirus infection as the cause of cervical cancer and his studies of vaccination and screening which have led to new approaches in preventing this disease.

2012-04-23

## Announcement



Associate Member **Howard Bergman** has recently been appointed to the position of Chair of the Department of Family Medicine. We congratulate him on this well-deserved nomination and wish him well as he implements his vision for Family Medicine.

2012-04-04

## Palliative Care McGill Launches New Website



**Palliative Care McGill** is proud to announce the launching of its new website at [www.mcgill.ca/palliativecare](http://www.mcgill.ca/palliativecare). Project leader Dawn Allen designed the website, with the invaluable assistance of Nadia Conte and the guidance of Bernard Lapointe who provided the gorgeous photographs. Congratulations to the team on this wonderful accomplishment.

2012-04-04

## Kudos



Congratulations to **Alain Nepveu** whose appointment as a James McGill Professor has been renewed for an additional period of seven years. This renewal recognizes the continuation of his scholarly work during the past seven-year tenure as a McGill Professor and hails him as one of McGill's most respected scholars.

2012-03-30

## Kudos



Congratulations to **Aimée Fleure Gallant**, a Radiation Oncology Fellow, who was recently accepted to attend the 14th ECCO-AACR-EORTC-ESMO Workshop on Methods in Clinical Cancer Research, to be held in Flims (Switzerland) from 23 - 29 June 2012. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

2012-03-22

## Obituary



### **Marjorie Bronfman C.M. L.L.D. M.S.W.**

~~~~~ It is with profound sadness that we communicate the passing on February 24, 2012 of our great friend and benefactor Mrs. Marjorie Bronfman. Mrs. Bronfman was a community leader and we were privileged to have her as passionate advocate for medical education and health at McGill University. Mrs. Bronfman recognized the key importance of having a unifying centre for Clinical Oncology amongst the McGill faculty and teaching hospitals more than twenty years ago. She provided a permanent home and generous endowment that led to the creation of The Gerald Bronfman Centre for Clinical Research in Oncology on the McGill Campus. She and her late husband Gerald were amongst the earliest benefactors of Hope and Cope. She established the Marjorie Bronfman chair for Social Studies in Medicine at McGill in 2003 and, most recently, a palliative care centre at the Jewish General Hospital. Mrs. Bronfman's vision and legacy of research, innovation, cooperation and support will continue to serve as the backdrop in our journey ahead in the battle against cancer.

2012-03-14

MUNACA Strike ends!



The MUNACA Strike finally ended on December 6th, 2011. A hasty pizza lunch was put together at the Gerald Bronfman Center to celebrate the return of our MUNACA Staff members. It was an emotional reunion, relished and enjoyed by everyone - with hugs all around!

Below are the Fall 2011, and recent items of interest.

2012-02-02

Registration Call for UICC World Cancer Congress 2012



The UICC World Cancer Congress is being held in Montreal from August 27 - 30, 2012. Professionals in cancer control, research and program implementation who wish to expand their knowledge on new prevention and early detection strategies, can register early and save up to \$290!

[Click here for more details.](http://worldcancercongress.org)

2012-02-02

Gerald Bronfman Center: Celebrating 20 years



The Gerald Bronfman Center for Clinical Research in

Oncology established in 1992, thanks to the Bronfman family's vision and desire to join in the fight against cancer, has celebrated its 20th anniversary. Several events took place on November 20th and 21st to commemorate this major milestone. Pictures and description of the special events can be seen by clicking on the links below.

<http://publications.mcgill.ca/medenews/2011/10/26/centre-buys-patients-time-offers-hope/>
<http://publications.mcgill.ca/medenews/2011/12/08/gerald-bronfman-centre-celebrating-20-years/>
<http://publications.mcgill.ca/reporter/2011/11/with-dr-eduardo-franco-interim-chair-of-the-department-of-oncology-and-director-of-the-gerald-bronfman-centre-for-clinical-research-in-oncology/>

2012-02-02

Celebration honours Michel Tremblay



On December 12th, a celebration was held to honour **Michel Tremblay's** enormous impact on *The Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Centre*. The event provided an opportunity for many to express their appreciation for his monumental efforts and achievements which have made the Centre the success it is today.

2012-02-02

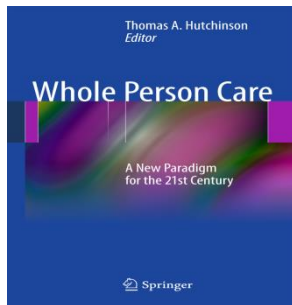
Announcement



Peter Siegel has agreed to serve as Interim Associate Director of the Goodman Cancer Research Centre until a permanent Director of the Centre has been selected.

2012-02-02

"Whole Person Care: A New Paradigm for the 21st Century" Tom A. Hutchinson (Ed.)



Whole Person Care A New Paradigm for the 21st Century, from Editor: **Tom A. Hutchinson**, was launched in style with a reception at the McGill bookstore on November 18th, 2011.

<http://www.springer.com/medicine/family/book/978-14419-9439-4>

2012-02-02

Kudos



The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences has elected **Gerald Batist** as a "CAHS Fellow, one of the highest honours for individuals in the Canadian health sciences community. Elections are based on a nominating and peer review process that seeks to recognize those who are marked by a record of substantial accomplishment." We congratulate Dr. Batist on this honour.

2012-02-02

Sabbatic Leaves



Nicole Beauchemin, Michel Tremblay and Maria Zannis-Hadjopoulos will be on Sabbatic leave during the 2011-2012 academic year.

2012-02-02

Comings



Isabelle Dumont, November, 2011
Adjunct Professor,
Psychosocial Oncology

Ziad El-Khatib, September, 2011
Post-Doctoral Fellow,
Cancer Epidemiology

Sandra Isidean, September, 2011
Ph. D. Student,
Cancer Epidemiology

Victor Sandor, November, 2011
Adjunct Professor,
Clinical Science Research

Fabiano Santos, September, 2011
Post Doctoral Fellow,
Cancer Epidemiology

Peter Siegel, January, 2012
Associate Member,
Basic Science Research

2012-02-02

ARCHIVED NEWS – 2011

Temporary Stoppage

N. B. Due to the MUNACA strike, there will be no further updates to the Oncology Department's website until January 2012. We regret this inconvenience.

2011-09-01

Palliative Care McGill Research News

The Fall 2011 issue of "Palliative Care McGill Research News" is now available on the [Palliative Care McGill page](#).

2011-08-31

Kudos



Heart felt congratulations to **Balfour Mount** who will receive the *2011 Canadian Medical Association's (CMA) Medal of Service* at the Canadian Medical Association's Annual Meeting.

The news release can be found here: <http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/August2011/16/c4061.html>

2011-08-17

Kudos



Congratulations to **Michael Witcher** who was recently notified that his CFI proposal in the 2011 CFI LOF competition has been fully funded.

2011-08-11

Goings & Comings

Goings



Sara-Marcil Johnson, August, 2011
Administrative & Student Affairs Coordinator,
Palliative Care

Nathalie Slavtcheva, July 2011
Research Nurse,
Cancer Epidemiology

Comings



Vanessa Dumeaux, August, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Basic Cancer Research

Hope Makena, August, 2011
Administrative & Student Affairs
Coordinator, Palliative Care

Edson D. Moreira Jr., August, 2011
Visiting Professor,
Cancer Epidemiology

Deborah Ummel, August, 2011
Research Assistant,
Palliative Care

Nathaniel Bougamin, July, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Medical Oncology

Scott Owen, July, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Medical Oncology

2011-08-08

Kudos



Congratulations to **Carolyn Freeman** who has been elected President of the International Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society for 2011-2014.

2011-07-21

Comings



Comings **Annie Carbonneau**, July, 2011
Faculty Lecturer,
Radiation Oncology

Nathalie Johnson, July, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Hematology

Miltiadis Paliouras, July, 2011
Assistant Member, Basic
Science Research

Beatrice Wang, July, 2011
Assistant Member, Skin
Cancer

Siham Sahri, August, 2011
Assistant Professor, Basic
Science Research

2011-07-20

Kudos



Congratulations to Louis Souhami who has been selected as a 2011 ASTRO Fellow (FASTRO) inductee. This distinguished honour is conferred in recognition of his leadership and significant service to ASTRO and his contributions to the field of radiation oncology.

2011-07-20

"Whole Person Care A New Paradigm for the 21st Century" Tom A. Hutchinson (Ed.)



Congratulations to **Tom Hutchinson** on the recent publication of Whole Person Care A New Paradigm for the 21st Century. "This work is a ground-breaking volume and the first of its kind to concisely outline and explicate the emerging field of Whole Person Care by organizing the disparate strains of literature on the topic."

<http://www.springer.com/medicine/family/book/978-14419-9439-4>

2011-07-20

Carmen Loiselle Appointed as Christine and Herschel Victor/Hope & Cope Chair in Psychosocial Oncology



A special celebration honouring **Dr. Carmen Loiselle** as the inaugural *Christine and Herschel Victor/Hope & Cope Chair in Psychosocial Oncology* was held June 14th at the Faculty of Medicine Deanery. [Click here for photos.](#)

2011-07-20

Comings

Comings **Jean Archambault**, June,
2011
Adjunct Professor,
Radiation Oncology



2011-06-21

Annual Family BBQ

The sun was shining, the food was delicious and the company and conversation were agreeable at the Oncology Family BBQ.

A good time was had by all!

2011-06-16

Annual Family BBQ



All members of the Department of Oncology and their families are cordially invited to the Annual Family BBQ.

Date: June 15, 2011

Time: 5pm - 7 pm

Place: Royal Victoria College Courtyard

3425 University Street (*Between Milton and Sherbrooke*)

RSVP: Naomi Scobie, naomi.scobie@mcgill.ca; 514-398-2264

2011-06-06

Promotions

Mark Basik has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with Tenure in the Departments of Oncology and Surgery.

2011-06-02

Announcement

Dr. Thierry Alcindor has been appointed Director of the joint "McGill /Université de Montréal Visiting Speakers Program in Oncology" and will be responsible for coordinating with colleagues at both institutions. Administrative support will be provided by Winie Celestin. [Link to VSPO](#)

2011-06-01

Goings

Goings **Marc Tischkowitz**, June, 2011
Associate Professor,
Human Genetics



2011-06-01

Promotions

Lucy Gilbert has been promoted to the rank of Full Professor in the Department of Oncology.

2011-04-21

Comings

Comings **Jamil Asselah**, April, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Medical Oncology



Marie Vanhuysse, April, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Medical Oncology

2011-04-18

"Thérapeutique du cancer" Coauteurs: Robert Turcotte, Thierry Alcindor et David Roberge



Plus de soixante spécialistes francophones ont contribué à cette seconde édition de ce livre, dont les membres du Département d'oncologie de McGill **Robert Turcotte**, **Thierry Alcindor** et **David Roberge**. Publié par Springer, vous retrouverez aux chapitres 36 et 37 leur approche interdisciplinaire sur les traitements innovants des sarcomes des parties molles et de l'os.

Thérapeutique du cancer
Morère, Jean-François; Mornex, François; Soulières, Denis, Eds
2^{ième} ed., 2011, XX, 1028p
Editeur : Springer

2011-04-07

Bassam Abdulkarim is new Director of Radiation Oncology



The Department of Oncology extends a warm welcome to **Bassam Abdulkarim** who has just arrived from the University of Alberta's Cross Cancer Institute, to take up the position of **Director of the Division of Radiation Oncology**.

Dr. Abdulkarim will be Chief of Radiation Oncology at the MGH-MUHC, and as an accomplished MD/PhD clinician-scientist, will develop a major program in translational radiation biology at the Research Institute of the MUHC, along with colleagues across the University. Additionally, he will participate in clinical and research activities at the Segal Centre/JGH, providing a unifying spirit and force.

2011-04-05

Goings & Comings

Goings



Lorraine Portelance,
March, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Radiation Oncology

2011-04-05

Comings



Frank Bladou, January,
2011
Professor, Surgical
Oncology

2011-03-30

Promotions

Walter Gotlieb has been promoted to the rank of Full Professor in the Department of Oncology.

2011-02-21

Acting Chair

Eduardo Franco has been appointed Acting/Interim Chair of the Oncology Department as of January 1, 2011.

2011-02-14

First Christine and Herschel Victor, Hope & Cope Chair goes to Carmen Loiselle

Carmen Loiselle has been named the first *Christine and Herschel Victor, Hope & Cope Chair in Psychosocial Oncology*. This newly established Research Chair in Psychosocial Oncology at McGill University is based at the Jewish General Hospital site of the Segal Cancer Center, the Louise Granofsky-Psychosocial Oncology Program (LG-POP) and Hope & Cope.

2011-02-14

Promotions

Jan Seuntjens, Director of the Medical Physics Unit, has been promoted to the rank of Full Professor in the Department of Oncology.

2011-02-14

Walter Gotlieb and the Benefits of Robotic Surgery

"Results of a series of studies published in the *The Journal of Robotic Surgery* and *The International Journal of Gynecological Cancer* show that robot-assisted surgery dramatically improves outcomes in patients with uterine, endometrial, and cervical cancer." Walter Gotlieb, Head of Gynecologic Oncology at the JGH Segal Cancer Centre states that "patient quality of life is dramatically improved, their hospital stays are much shorter and they use far less narcotic pain medication." [Link to article.](#)

2011-02-14

Comings



Comings **Melissa Henry**, February, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Psychosocial Oncology

Emilie Soisson, January, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Medical Physics

Alasdair Syme, March, 2011
Assistant Professor,
Medical Physics

Ivan Topisirovic,
February, 2011
Assistant Professor, Basic
Research Science

2011-01-31