Focus on Faculty #79
Victoria Mandilaras

Dr. Victoria Mandilaras is an Assistant Professor in the Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology. She completed her undergraduate degree in Microbiology and Immunology at McGill University in 2006. She then completed her medical degree at McGill from 2006-2010. She went on to complete her residencies in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology at McGill in 2015.

Looking for a new adventure, her interest in precision medicine took her to the University of Toronto where she completed fellowships in Gynecologic Oncology, Neuro-oncology, and Drug Development at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre from 2015-2017, before returning to Montreal. During her fellowship, she was involved in the design and execution of multiple early-phase clinical trials in oncology, acquiring a special interest in the treatment of rare cancers.

She came on board as the Director of the Medical Oncology Residency program in May of 2020. She particularly enjoys this position as it allows her to interact and help mold our future medical oncologists. Under her leadership, the program has taken a new, fresh direction with a revamping of the curriculum and many new educational initiatives.

She joined the staff at the Royal Victoria Hospital in May 2021 as a full-time member in the Division of Oncology with a cross appointment with the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics. She is proudly the 4th generation in her family to work at the RVH, the first as physician.

Currently, Dr. Mandilaras' research is focusing on building a database of rare gynecologic cancers and their molecular profiles. Her hope is to identify new therapeutic molecular targets for these cancers which are notoriously difficult to treat.

Outside her professional engagements, Dr. Mandilaras is an avid jogger and concert-goer. She enjoys travelling but during the pandemic has gained a new appreciation for her home city of Montreal, exploring its many cultural offerings and local businesses, especially in the Mile-End where she grew up.