

Hi Everyone

There has been a slight change of name to these weekly announcements. The fact of the matter is that we have a surplus of good things going on, hence having but a single "Departmental Acknowledgement" is penurious, so henceforth I won't have the stress of singling out but one.

The first acknowledgement has been suggested by too many folks and goes to David McGillivray. Over time there are those whose efforts, dedication, spirit, and dare I say soul, have become incorporated into the fabric of our institution. David is one such individual. As Director of the ER, Residency Program Director, CME organizer, and full-time ER physician, David has served our Department in many ways, but always doing so with dedicated professionalism, modesty and skill. If I may be permitted a bit of Yiddish, he is quite simply a "mensch". David will be retiring with the New Year and his departure will be felt throughout and I for one, amongst many, will miss him.

A second acknowledgement goes to a young man in our PICU by the name of Vincent now entering his third month of being on a Berlin heart (a left ventricular assist device) while awaiting a heart transplant. I met Vincent this week and we shared a nice talk about Les Canadiens and I was impressed by his optimism, strength and good nature. I was also impressed by the incredible skill set and passion of Samara Zavalkoff and the entire PICU and cardiovascular sciences team that make little miracles like Vincent possible. This is cutting edge care that we do so well and should take pride in. Let's hope and pray that Vincent gets a new heart soon.

Have a great weekend everyone

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