

“One special advantage of the skeptical attitude of mind is that a man is never vexed to find that after all he has been in the wrong.” - Sir William Osler Lancet, 1909

Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to a relatively recent addition to our Faculty from the Division of Respiriology-Adam Shapiro.

I first got to know Adam personally earlier this year at a Super Bowl party hosted by my neurology colleague Maryam Oskoui. Not only as a long standing NY Giants fan (for the sports fans amongst you it goes back to the 2-10-2 season of 1964 with coach Allie Sherman and quarterback YA Tittle-I really suffered during the 60s and 70s on this one but it was compensated by our beloved Habs) did I enjoy another Giants SuperBowl victory (#4), but I also got to sample some of Adam's fabulous down home southern cooking which he brought along.

I got Larry Lands to write a few words about Adam and I have placed what he wrote below as it contains one of the funniest visual references I have read in a while.

"On a warm Southern breeze, Adam Shapiro joined the Division of Pediatric Respiratory Medicine just over one year ago. Since arriving, this good ol' boy from the fair city of Richmond, Virginia, has been busier than a one-armed paperhanger with a case of the hives. Adam brought with him from UNC-Chapel Hill an in depth experience in primary ciliary dyskinesia. This is a rapidly expanding field with the recognition that many diseases are associated with or caused by ciliopathies, including primary ciliary dyskinesia, congenital heart disease, polycystic kidney disease, Leber congenital amaurosis, and the list continues to grow. Adam is establishing Quebec's first Ciliopathy Clinic. Once accredited, we will join the network of 7 US and 2 Toronto (adult and pediatric) centres. Adam has strengthened our bonds with the ORL service, where we now do many combined endoscopy exams. He genuinely loves teaching and his enthusiasm is contagious. Adam is working closely with Sam Daniel in developing new ORL CME programs. Adam has the most fantastic anecdotes, and when encouraged, will let his Southern drawl hang out. And Adam is one of those unusual Americans who speaks French, gained during an undergraduate degree and a year in France (Adam vehemently denies those nasty whisperings that his language skills were gained during a misspent youth in the hospitality suites of No'Orleans). Adam fulfilled every Jewish mother's dream-he married a dentist. He and Sarah and their two children and two dogs (and a possum) are enjoying the pleasures of a new home in Montreal. And contrary to those mendacious waggin' tongues, Honey Boo Boo is not his daughter."

"Busier than a one-arm paper-hanger with a case of the hives"??? Think about it....

Adam is hard at work preparing for his specialty exams in Respiriology. There is no doubt he will do great. Please join me in wishing him good luck on this necessary hurdle to becoming a Canadian physician.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Michael