

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

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INTRODUCTION

There is no doubt that the Department is in a profound, perhaps unprecedented, period of change. Part of this change is extrinsically imposed by external influences and decisions that necessitate self-evaluation, reflection, and alterations in set ways and approaches. A new hospital with space limitations, forthcoming adjacencies to maternal, adult and rehabilitation service providers, profound modifications in the undergraduate medical curriculum, the implementation of new contractual work rules for resident staff, a government mandated shift to community care provision that redefines the roles of both pediatricians and pediatric sub-specialists, are all examples of such extrinsic changes. As if these extrinsic forces of change are not sufficiently challenging, a *'perfect storm'* of fiscal constraints is emerging; a university tuition freeze coupled with arbitrary government mandated funding cutbacks, RM changes in physician compensation formulas, cuts in *Agence* & MUHC budgets that are predicated on some 'magical' increased efficiency despite declining resources, research funding shortfalls, and an economy that is not yet fully conducive to philanthropic giving.

But change in our instance is also intrinsic. The Mission/Vision/Values statement adopted by the Department is an eloquent, explicit elucidation of this intrinsic change. A commitment to patient and family centered care, transparency, accountability, collegiality and collaboration are but a few of the values that impart personal responsibility not only to ourselves, but to others in our community. There

is a new leadership membership, style and model now firmly anchored into place. The Department is well positioned to advantageously exploit the multiple opportunities before it as a result of change.

MISSION, VISION & VALUES – MCGILL DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS (adopted Fall 2012)

Mission: Through excellence and leadership to optimize the health & wellbeing of infants, children, and youth within the context of their families.

Vision: Our mission will be accomplished through the following practices:

1. Comprehensive and complex clinical care at the highest level
2. Dynamic education of professionals involved in pediatric health that puts the needs of learners first
3. Innovative and transformative research in pediatric health at the bench, at the bedside, in the clinics, and in the population at large
4. Effective advocacy on behalf of vulnerable pediatric populations as an engaged partner with the communities we serve
5. Commitment to an effective, efficient, transparent, and accountable organization that encourages professional growth

Values: To achieve our mission, we seek to weave the following into all our ongoing activities:

1. Compassionate caring that is at all times in partnership with the children and families we serve; culturally sensitive in its orientation; and shared between disciplines, professions, and allied community-based partners
2. Dedication to knowledge translation that improves pediatric health care practice and outcomes, that is evidence-based in its choices, that is innovative, and that provides objective rationale for policy makers
3. Professionals who are invariably respectful, honest, tolerant, open to change, passionate, transparent, collegial, communicative, inquisitive, and committed to excellence

4. Teamwork and partnerships across disciplines and locales as the best model to provide comprehensive pediatric health care
5. Processes that we continually seek to improve, valuing all contributions, and rewarding excellence and effort
6. Members and leaders who are accountable to each other
7. Commitment to an ingrained ethos of patient safety and quality improvement

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Our research efforts continue to garner significant external funding, particularly for external peer-reviewed salary awards. Members of our Department received 6 out of the 8 total awarded to the McGill University Health Centre Research Institute for 2012. The salary awards for Pediatrics total slightly over \$1.1 million for the 18 investigators. The total of external peer-reviewed grants and awards received by the RI, with the majority being specific to the Department, was \$8.5 million. Despite increasing space and budget constraints, especially for clinical research activities, the Research Institute continues to pursue its mission according to the highest standards.

Due to delays at the MUHC-RI, the number of peer reviewed and non-peered reviewed publications will only be available in October 2013. The complete list may be viewed at that time on the following: <http://www.mcgill.ca/peds/publications>.

Research Seminars take place every week on Mondays at noon. An updated list of the rounds may be viewed on: <http://www.mcgill.ca/peds/research>.

EXTERNAL FUNDING RESULTS

Dr. Geneviève Bernard has received a Junior 1 Chercheur-boursier clinicien career award and an establishment grant from the Fonds de recherche-Santé Québec (FRQS) in support of her research entitled "*Caractérisation clinique et génétique de maladies neurodégénératives de l'enfant avec focus sur les leucodystrophies et maladies héréditaires de la matière blanche cérébrale.*"

Dr. Evelyn Constantin has received a Junior 2 *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award from the FRQS in support of her research entitled "*Troubles du sommeil chez les enfants: Les effets du traitement sur les résultats de santé.*"

Dr. Sam Daniel has received a grant of \$239,476 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) over a three-year term for a project entitled "Multicenter pilot study on assessment and prevention of platinum-induced ototoxicity."

Dr. Isabelle Gagnon has received a Junior 2 *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award from the FRQS. In addition, the FRQS has awarded Dr. Gagnon a clinical research grant of \$215,255 over a three-year term in support of the project "*Évaluation de l'impact d'une intervention de réadaptation et le risque de subir une deuxième blessure chez les enfants et adolescents ayant subi une entorse de la cheville: étude clinique randomisée.*"

Dr. Cindy Goodyer has received funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to study "The human growth hormone receptor: regulation of expression during development." Valued at \$629,130 over a five-year term, this grant was ranked first by the Endocrinology Committee at the CIHR.

Dr. Paul Goodyer has been awarded a grant of \$709,705 over a five-year term from the CIHR to study "Renal progenitor cells in kidney development and the response to renal injury."

Dr. Lily Hechtman, in collaboration with co-investigators Drs. Nathalie Grizenko, William Harvey and Ridha Joobar of McGill University, has received a grant of \$968,219 from the CIHR for a term of five years in support of "Efficacy of careful medication and tailored case management follow up treatment for children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder."

Dr. Nada Jabado has received a Senior *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award from the FRQS in support of her research entitled "*Identification d'événements moléculaires et génétiques impliqués dans la genèse des astrocytomes de l'enfant.*" Dr Jabado's application for this award ranked first in the senior *chercheur-clinicien* fundamental research competition.

Dr. Pierre Lachapelle, in collaboration with co-principal investigator Dr. Sylvain Chemtob of the CHU Sainte-Justine, has received \$573,183 from the CIHR for a five-year term in support of "Oxygen and brain injury in the newborn: unprecedented role for fatty acid receptors and characterization of potential therapeutics."

Dr. Larry Lands has received a grant of \$152,329 over a two-year term from Cystic Fibrosis Canada to investigate "Activation of the type 1 interferon pathway in CF airway epithelial cells and macrophages to limit rhinoviral infections."

Dr. Annette Majnemer, in collaboration with Principal Investigator Dr. Adam Kirton of the University of Calgary and several colleagues from the universities of Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto, has been awarded a three-year grant of \$270,000 by the Heart and Stroke Foundation for the study entitled "Enhancement of developmental motor plasticity in perinatal stroke with transcranial direct-current stimulation."

Dr. Bruce Mazer received a grant of \$172,467 from AllerGen for a two-year term in support of "Disease modulation clinical tolerance study."

Dr. Meranda Nakhla has received a Junior 1 *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award and an establishment grant from the FRQS in support of her research programme "*Accessibilité aux soins de santé, utilisation des ressources et leur impact sur la santé des enfants et adolescents atteints de diabète au Québec.*"

Dr. Maryam Oskoui has received a New Investigator Grant from the CIHR/SickKids Foundation entitled: "Prevalence and Health Care Utilization Pattern of Children with Cerebral Palsy in Quebec. The grant is a three-year term which value is to be confirmed.

Dr. Robert Platt has received a *Chercheur national* salary award from the FRQS in support of his research programme "*Développement de méthodes statistiques spécifiques à des problèmes de recherche en pédiatrie et pharmaco épidémiologie.*" Furthermore, Dr. Platt has received a three-year grant of \$405,940 from the CIHR for "Propensity scores and marginal structural models in drug safety research" in addition to a five-year grant of \$60,000 from the National Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC) in support of the study "Causal inference in statistics."

Dr. Caroline Quach was awarded \$38,500 by the Public Health Agency of Canada to conduct "A literature review to support evidence-based recommendations for pneumococcal vaccines."

Dr. Janusz Rak has received a two-year grant of \$100,000 from the Canadian Cancer Society in support of the project "Age-specific antiangiogenic therapy."

Dr. Janet Rennick received a grant of \$845,099 over a five-year term from the CIHR to conduct the project "Children's psychological and behavioral responses following pediatric intensive care unit hospitalization."

Dr. Aimee Ryan received a five-year grant of \$130,000 from NSERC in support of her project "The role of claudins in embryonic patterning and morphogenesis."

Dr. Celia Rodd was awarded a grant of \$25,000 from the Go Foundation for the project entitled "Idiopathic infantile hypercalcemia in Canadian children: what is the role of CYP24A1?"

Dr. Ernest Seidman's Tier 1 Canada Research Chair was renewed for a seven-year term by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Dr. Michael Shevell, co-investigator, with Principal Investigator, Dr. John J. Connolly of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and colleagues in the US and Canada, was awarded \$100,000 US over a two-year term by the Cerebral Palsy International Research Foundation to carry out "Targeted next generation sequencing of candidate genes in 193 cerebral palsy patients."

Dr. Pia Wintermark received a Junior 1 Chercheur-boursier clinicien career award and an establishment grant from the Fonds de recherche-Santé Québec (FRQS) in support of her research entitled "Comment identifier précocement les nouveau-nés à risque de développer des lésions cérébrales malgré le traitement par hypothermie." In addition, Dr. Wintermark has received a grant of \$300,000 for a three-year term from the Hospital for SickKids Foundation in support of her project entitled "Early identification of asphyxiated newborns at risk of developing significant brain injury despite hypothermia treatment."

TEACHING & LEARNING

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL STUDENTS

Under the excellent leadership of Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy, the Department of Pediatrics continues to give 2 major courses to the undergraduate medical students. Drs. Najma Ahmed and Giosi DiMeglio coordinate the Introduction to Pediatrics course which is a pre-clerkship course of 24 hours duration consisting of didactic lectures and small-group tutorials. The course is well received by students. However, this course is very labour-intensive and full-time faculty commit significant hours to ensure the success of the small groups. The Clerkship runs for eight weeks. The CTU's have historically been excellent clinical experiences for students. They provide an educational experience that challenges the students, while allowing them to perfect their clinical skills and be intimately involved in the care of ill children. The two-week neonatal unit experience provides an academic environment with hands-on practical experience and extended nursery exposure to both normal and ill newborns. The two weeks in the ambulatory area has the potential to be good but the experience is very "faculty supervisor" determined. The ER provides a wealth of clinical material, but having a student present increases the clinical load for the faculty. Some faculty deal with this better than others resulting in variable experiences for the students. There is a considerable amount of teaching given during the ambulatory two weeks.

The increasing class size is a major issue because the ward CTU's already have too many students for available commitment. We are actively exploring other clinical opportunities external to the MCH for the students, but there are not many opportunities at present.

Some students continue to do a one-month rotation in Val d'Or with three of our affiliated pediatricians. By and large, this has been an excellent experience. In addition, we have created an affiliated CTU on the hematology-oncology ward and on the Adolescent Medicine Services in order to be able to absorb some of the increase in student numbers. To date this is working very well.

In 2012, **Dr. Krishnamoorthy** was the recipient of the 2012 Osler Award from the School of Medicine's graduating class for outstanding teaching.

PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

The pediatric Residency Training Program has a superb group of residents and teaching faculty, under the direction of Dr. Richard Gosselin, working well together to achieve their goals over the past year. Our most significant administrative achievement this past academic year has been extended preparations & self-study reflections for the Royal College Accreditation Site visit in March 2013.

We are also actively engaged in planning a Pediatric Simulation Centre on the MCH site that will both enhance simulation extraction and foster inter-professional cooperation.

After a gradual increase in resident numbers in the past 4 years (going to 12-13 incoming residents each year, compared to 10 in previous years), the number of RAMQ funded positions will start to come down significantly starting in July 2014, going from 8 to 6 CaRMS positions. This, in addition to competing duties and resident responsibilities such as participation in Protected Teaching activities and Residents Continuity Clinics, an increased number of off-site rotations, as well as significant changes in residents' contractual duty hour regulations, will require inpatient services, as well as others, to rethink the organization of clinical work and the distribution of clinical responsibilities. Already, we have taken note of a major impact on staff and allied health professional workloads, particularly in acute care units.

Innovations from the past 2 years have been consolidated: Complex Care and Medical Day Hospital rotations as well as our joint Pediatric Resident Research Day organized in collaboration with the Université de Montréal.

A significant remaining challenge remains monitoring the status of working environments, in particular of acute care areas. We will also need to pay closer attention to a better definition and implementation of policies regarding resident's safety.

In addition to the core number of about 45 Pediatric Residents, the Department is responsible for the Pediatric training of some 300 and more residents from other disciplines including Dermatology, Anesthesia, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine-Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Psychiatry, as well as Pediatric residents from other programs attracted to McGill University for electives who come for short cycle rotations. Each type of trainee has educational objectives that are specific to their particular discipline.

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

Given our mandate to train academic pediatricians with specialized expertise, the Fellowship Training Programs within each specialty are very important. In 2012, the MCH Research Institute had a total of 15 externally funded scholars and 21 Post-Doctoral Fellows. The total number of fellowship trainees in Pediatric Medicine has been decreasing over the past several years we continue to have difficulties accommodating out of province fellowship candidates as funding for them via the RAMQ is contingent upon quotas (Canadian Transfer Quota). These constraints, plus government restrictions related to the number of approved staff positions for each hospital centre, contribute to a lack of growth in fellowship trainees. The trend over the past years has been a diminution in Quebec students doing specialty training, and a dramatic increase in International Medical Graduates (IMG's) that require non-Provincial funding.

Our international commitment to the training of first-rate academic candidates is evidenced by the Alan Ross Academic Fellowships supported through an endowment held for the Department of Pediatrics at McGill, which provides support for two fellows annually. The Clinical Fellowship program is supported by donations from clinical earnings of all members of the Department and supports on average three fellows per year. In 2012, there was one Ross fellowship funded and four Clinical Fellowships funded as follows: Dr. Chatchay Prempunpong – Neonatology, Dr. Selma Jade Torronen – Pediatric Nephrology, Dr. Joanna Merckx – Infectious Diseases, Dr. Yarden Yanishevsky – Pediatric Allergy & Immunology and Dr. Nadine Korah – General Pediatrics.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

There is no graduate degree program in Pediatrics. There are 104 students enrolled in the MCH Research Institute, there are 21 supervisors from the Department who are cross-appointed in other faculties or Departments. These MCH Research Trainees 2012 consist of 51 M.Sc. and 53 Ph.D. students. Funding for these students is derived from external agencies and the internal studentship award program

FACULTY HONOR ROLE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Dr. Evelyn Constantin and **Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy** were named to the *Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence* in recognition of their contributions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The following McGill trainees received awards in 2012:

- ✓ Dr. Holly Agostino won the Fellows category and Dr. Brett Burstein received a Mention of Honor in the resident's category at the 24th Annual National Pediatric Resident and Fellow Research Competition.
- ✓ Amanda Baumholtz, a Master's student in Dr. Aimée Ryan's laboratory and Xiaoyang Lui, an MD/PhD student in Dr. Nada Jabado's laboratory each received prizes for best presentations at the Montreal Children's Hospital Annual Research Day.
- ✓ Dr. Elisa Ruano-Cea, was the recipient of the 2012 MUHC Director General's Award, presented to her on the MUHC Director General's Awards Gala.
- ✓ Ms. Xiaoyang Liu, an MD/PhD student in Dr. Nada Jabado's laboratory, who received the August 2012 Étudiants – chercheurs étoiles Award from the Fonds de recherche du Québec-Santé, in recognition of her exceptional research contribution in the Fonds Santé category. Ms. Liu also received a 2012 Graduate Student Prize of Excellence for child health research from the Foundation of Stars.
- ✓ Dr. Melodie Mograss, a post-doctoral fellow in Dr. Evelyn Constantin's laboratory, who received a 2012 Prize of Excellence for child health research in the postdoctoral category from the Foundation of Stars.

GRAND ROUNDS

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Grand Rounds take place every Wednesday morning from 8 -9 am in D 192. They are held annually from September to June. Physician staff and residents are requested to attend. In 2012, the Department of Pediatrics held 16 Special Lectureships including the Ross Lectureship, Scriver Lectureship, Hillman Lectureship and the Goldbloom Lectureship; 9 Visiting Speaker Rounds and 13 Local Speaker Rounds. An updated list of Pediatric Grand Rounds may be consulted on: <http://www.mcgill.ca/peds/activities>

◆ MER ROUNDS

MER Rounds are held annual every Thursday morning in D 182. Topics revolve around specific pediatric emergency cases and issues.

INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

♦ GLOBAL HEALTH

Dr. Martin Bitzan spent 2 ½ weeks in October 2012 (Oct 6 to 23) in the Division of Nephrology at the CHU Hussein-Dey, Hôpital Pr Nefissa Hamoud (Ex-Parnet) in Algiers and the CHU Tlemcen (near Oran) as an Educational Ambassador of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). He gave various presentations at both hospitals and at a national “Journée scientifique” on the topics of HUS and treatment of acute kidney injury in children, and participated in patient rounds and clinical case discussions.

- ♦ On May 11, the medical students of the McGill University organized a fundraiser for the MCH Foundation “15,000 Smiles”. This classical music concert took place at St-Patrick Basilica, and featured the talent of many medical students, the FACE children and youth choirs, I Medici di McGill, as well as **Drs. Evelyn Constantin** and **Olivia Tse**, both sang solos. The fundraiser raised \$22,000.

♦ DANCING WITH THE DOCS

Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy – Pediatric Endocrinologist and Director for the McGill Undergraduate Education Program performed a rollicking Bollywood-inspired cha-cha with her Arthur Murray partner and was crowned the winner. **Dr. Nadine Korah** – General Pediatrics Fellow and Chief Resident, placed 2nd place. The event raised \$203,000 for The Best Care for Life Campaign.

MILESTONES

The restrictions placed on foreign medical graduates, as well as continued budgetary deficits and critical lack of resources in the teaching hospital milieu, also significantly impact upon our ability to recruit the best international candidates. Our clinical income pool provides the majority of the total income for all Paediatricians and Pediatric specialists in the Department. The total base budget allocation from the Faculty remains unchanged from 2011. Despite this, the Department has been able to secure to total amount of 111 new staff appointments over the past decade in the following categories:

YEAR	CAS	GFT(U)	FT	PT	TOTAL
2003	12			2	14
2004	7	1	2	2	12
2005	2		2	1	5
2006	8	1	1	1	11
2007	9	2		2	13

2008	5			3	8
2009	6			6	12
2010	9			10	19
2011	5		1		6
2012	8			3	11
Overall Total:					111

In 2012, the Department consisted of the following 281 staff members: 23 GFT(U), 140 CAS, 9 FT, 94 PT, 9 post-retirement and 6 Emeritus.

NEW HIRES

Dr. Holly Agostino has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of General Pediatrics-Adolescent Medicine of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective November 1, 2012.

Dr. Julie Anne Bartholomew has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Neonatology at the Jewish General Hospital, and at the St-Mary's Hospital Center, effective December 1, 2012.

Dr. Patricia Fontela accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective January 1st, 2012.

Dr. Daniel Brody accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective January 1st, 2012.

Dr. Jennifer Turnbull accepted a position as Part-Time Faculty Lecturer Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective June 15, 2012, for a period of one year.

Dr. Audrey Lovett accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Dermatology of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective February 1st, 2012.

PROMOTIONS

Dr. Giosi Di Meglio on her promotion to the rank of Associate Professor (Clinical) Contract Academic Staff, effective January 1, 2012.

Dr. Karen Watanabe Duffy on her promotion to the rank of Associate Professor (Clinical) Contract Academic Staff, effective January 1, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Elise Couture was appointed Director of the new Neonatal Follow-up Fellowship Program, effective May 1, 2012.

Dr. Geoffrey Dougherty's mandate, as Director of General Pediatrics, was renewed for a period of three years, ending March 1, 2015.

Dr. James Adam Fleming was appointed Director, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Residency Program, effective January 1, 2012.

Debbie Friedman has been appointed as Director of the Canadian Hospital Injury Reporting and Prevention Program (CHIRPP) for the Montreal Children's Hospital, as of November 1, 2011.

Dr. Ronald Gottesman's mandate, as Director of Pediatric Critical Care, has been renewed for a period of five years, ending November 1, 2016.

Dr. Audrey Lovett has been appointed as Director of the Division of Pediatric Dermatology, effective December 1, 2012.

Dr. Jane McDonald's mandate, as Director of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, has been renewed for a period of five years.

Dr. Bruce Mazer's mandate, as Director of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, has been renewed for a period of five years, ending May 1, 2016.

Dr. Thérèse Perreault was appointed as Director of the newly constituted MUHC Division of Neonatology, effective April 1, 2012.

Dr. Michael Shevell was appointed as the Inaugural **Harvey Guyda Chair** in Pediatrics as of January 1, 2012. The Harvey Guyda Chair in Pediatrics was established with the purpose of funding research into pediatrics.

RETIREMENTS

Dr. Karen Watanabe Duffy resigned as attending staff from the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology as of August 1.

Dr. Harvey Guyda retired as Associate Executive Director (AED) of the MCH on September 30, 2012.

Dr. Wendy MacDonald stepped down from her clinical and academic positions after a remarkable career of more than 35 years directing our UGME efforts.

Dr. Brenda Moroz relinquished her longstanding role (1975) as Director, Division of Pediatric Dermatology, effective January 31, 2012.

Dr. Michael Westwood resigned as attending staff from the Division of Adolescent Medicine, as effective June 30.

HONOURS, AWARDS & PRIZES

Dr. Dominic Chalut was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association des pédiatres du Québec for the year 2012-2013.

Dr. Evelyn Constantin was named to the *Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence* in recognition of her contributions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Aurore Côté received the 2012 Aldo Best Care for Children Award, Ambulatory Care Team, from The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Geoffrey Dougherty marked an extraordinary milestone representing 25 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Harley Eisman received the 2012 Bell Best Care for Children, Emergency Department Team, from The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Daniel Faucher was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association des pédiatres du Québec for the year 2012-2013.

Dr. F. Clarke Fraser was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Dr. Hy Goldman on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11's accession to the Throne , received a Commemorative medal "his outstanding contribution to Canada and to Fellow Canadians."

Dr. Victor Goldbloom for having been honored by the Vatican for his work in inter-faith relations.

Dr. Nada Jabado was the recipient of several awards in 2012, as follows:

- Being profiled in April by *Premières en affaires* magazine as one of eight women who are innovative, inspiring trailblazers on the frontlines of strategic change in healthcare.
- Receiving the 2012 Group Jean Coutu Best Care for Children Award in Research, from The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.
- Receiving the Faculty of Medicine's Maude Abbott Prize.
- Awarded the Canadian Cancer Society William E. Rawls Award for excellence in cancer research. This honour is awarded each year by the National Council of the Canadian Cancer Society to a young investigator whose work has led to important advances in cancer control within the past decade.
- Was named "Researcher of the Month" by Canadians for Health Research.

Dr. Gilles Julien received a Medal of Honor of the National Assembly.

Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy was named to *the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence* in recognition of her contributions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine. **Dr. Krishnamoorthy** was the recipient of the 2012 Osler Award for outstanding teaching.

Dr. Claire Leblanc was awarded the CPS Member Recognition Award 2012. This prestigious honor is awarded to members who have gone above and beyond what is expected from a volunteer in the past year.

Dr. Hema Patel was the recipient of the 2012 Canadian Pediatric Society Victor Marchessault Advocacy Award. The award was presented during **the CPS Child and Youth Health Lecture** at the Society's 89th Annual Conference in London, Ontario, on June 7th, 2012.

Dr. I. Barry Pless, received a Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, from his alma mater, the University of Western Ontario. He was invited to deliver the convocation address at the ceremony.

Dr. Constantin Polychronakos, was named a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

Dr. Saleem Razack was selected as the award recipient for the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada May Cohen Gender Equity Award. **Dr. Razack** was also selected as one of the inaugural laureates of the 2012 Haile T. Debas Prize.

Dr. Celia Rodd for having been a key participant in the CPEG working group that generated new, national growth curves for children and adolescents in Canada.

Dr. Charles Scriver, received the prestigious Medal of Honour from the Health Research Foundation for his outstanding contributions to health sciences and public health innovation.

Dr. Ernest Seidman was renewed as Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Immune Mediated Gastrointestinal Disorders for another period of 7 years.

Dr. Michael Shevell for having received a \$15,000 grant to conduct a symposium on Cerebral Palsy, in Cape Town, South Africa.

Dr. Nicolas Steinmetz received the 2012 Aldo Best Care for Children Award, Visionary, from The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Blair Whittemore marked an extraordinary milestone representing 45 years of service at the MUHC.

