

# Departmental Acknowledgement

"You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I am not hungry enough to eat six"  
Yogi Berra

Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement will go to **Adrian Dancea** and is synched to my announcement to the Department of his re-appointment as Director of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology for a term of 5 years.

Adrian is originally from Romania and experienced as a child the tyranny that was the despotism of a Stalinist state that featured a personality cult. Fortunate to emigrate with his family to Canada (yet another reason why we should liberalize our immigration policies), he did his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Ottawa followed by a rotating internship at St Joseph's Hospital in Toronto. He then came to the Montreal Children's Hospital for a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in paediatric cardiology supplemented by further training in interventional cardiology at UCSF. He then came on staff as an attending physician in our Department in 1999 and was made an Associate Professor at McGill in 2011. Remarkably, he found time to undertake an Executive MBA at the University of Tennessee which he completed in 2007.

Adrian has been Director of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology since 2009. He has also, for over a decade and a half, headed up our heart catheterization laboratory and been personally responsible for the introduction of a number of technical procedures that have obviated the need for a child to undergo heart surgery. Throughout, Adrian has been a thoughtful, reasoned but quietly forceful advocate for cardiac patients and the cardiovascular care team. Indeed, he was already waiting in my office to talk about a pressing issue that concerned his team on my arrival on my first day as Chair back in November 2011. He has an analytical mind and not surprisingly an easy way with numbers and financials. Hence, my selection of him as the Associate Chair of Finance earlier this year. He has impressed me in this role for his willingness to regularize and render even more transparent our financial workings. A particularly impressive achievement of Adrian is his involvement and perseverance in establishing at the Glen both a first rate cardiac clinical section and technology platform

Adrian has thrived despite a considerable personal setback that speaks volumes regarding his character. He puts his kids and family first despite shouldering a heavy clinical and administrative load and thus serves as a role model for learners and fellow colleagues. Despite difficult clinical challenges encountered regularly in his practice, I have never seen him break a sweat or lose his cool. I also understand he plays a mean game of competitive tennis at a high level.

Please join me in congratulating Adrian on his re-appointment and wish him and his team all the best in his term.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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