

"When you've got nothing, you've got nothing to lose"

Bob Dylan

Hi Everyone,

You don't really think about firemen until you have a fire in your house and boy you are glad they exist. This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Christine Sabapathy**: someone whom I never thought of as a fireman until recently.

The fire was a recent Royal College accreditation review and visit for our Hematology-Oncology Fellowship program last month. Christine had to step into the role of Program Director for Heme-Onc just last Fall suddenly and most unexpectedly. Royal College accreditation involves an enormous amount of preparation and meticulous documentation of process; minutes, learning objectives, evaluations, learners' wellness, etc., etc., etc. Think of it as an obsessively documented root canal. The details can be mind boggling and overwhelming. Facing a loss of accreditation for the program if these details were not attended to, Christine adroitly and diligently stepped into the breach on the part of both her Division and the Department. She rolled up her sleeves, started at the beginning and managed to attend to all tasks and assemble the binders of materials for external review with the assistance of an administrative assistant, Amanda D'Andrea, in my office. She did so without relinquishing her extensive clinical responsibilities.

In addition to preparing the extensive written materials, Christine had the responsibility of organizing and stage managing the Reviewers' site visit. This involves far more than arranging a schedule, but also includes briefing participants on their roles and the questions to be expected. Everyone needs to be on message, conveying a consistent voice regarding the Program's details, strengths, weaknesses, challenges and future path.

Christine was rewarded for all her hard work by receiving, from the Royal College, a recommendation for Full Accreditation. This was not our expected outcome just a few short weeks ago. She is also rewarded by the gratitude of her Divisional colleagues, current and future pediatric hematology-oncology fellows and one very-happy-with-the-result Departmental Chair.

Christine received her undergraduate degree from Queen's and her MDCM from McGill. She did her pediatric residency in Rochester, Minnesota at the Mayo Clinic and her fellowship in hematology-oncology here at the Children's. This was followed by further sub-specialty training at SickKids in Toronto. Her area of particular expertise is hemostasis and thrombosis. I guess it is not surprising that someone who has a keen interest in how bleeding stops can also be adept at putting out a fire.

Please join me in thanking Christine on her essential efforts in enabling us to keep a most vital training program in our Departmental matrix.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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