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Hi Everyone.

Its baaaaaaackkkkkk.....

I took a hiatus from the weekly Departmental Acknowledgements in the Fall (did you notice?). I needed to refresh my batteries and re-assess both format and personal time commitment (they were taking 1-2 hours per week x 40 weeks per year).

I have concluded that they are valuable and worthwhile as a communication effort, but need to be done in a briefer tight format. So going forward no quotes, no set-up, no extended personal narrative and a one paragraph limit. I will however reserve the prerogative of a longer DA for an important issue or value I wish to highlight to our membership and stakeholders.

This week's DA goes to **Marc Beltempo**. I attended an excellent RI Seminar he gave this past Monday on the richness of the data in the Canadian Neonatal Network. Marc presented his work done during his fellowship training and highlighted trends in mortality and morbidity amongst premature births and their evident links to practice in the NICU. It was an example of the value of Big Data and rigorous analysis undertaken by a well-trained clinician investigator who innately understands the pragmatic clinical challenges faced in caring for these vulnerable infants. It was an example of what we do so well in academic medicine. I am glad to say that Marc has landed at the MCH and McGill as a clinician investigator in our Division of Neonatology. I foresee a bright academic future for him.

Have a great weekend.

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