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Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Cindy Goodyer**.

A PhD basic scientist, Cindy will be taking her retirement at the end of 2019. A genuine Connecticut Yankee, Cindy did her undergraduate degree at Wellesley College (where she overlapped with a certain Hilary Rodham who would gain later fame as Hilary Clinton) and her PhD at the University of Rochester. She came north in the early 70s for a post-doctoral fellowship with endocrinology pioneer Claude Giroud. Much to our good fortune Cindy stayed at McGill and the MCH for her entire academic career.



A tenured Associate Professor in our Department, Cindy has had a most productive and successful academic career for which she can be most proud of. She has close to 150 peer reviewed publications, an h-index of 49 and close to 10,000 citations of her work. Her funding record is long and steady and indeed she currently holds as Co-PI a CIHR Team Grant and a CIHR Project grant. She has supervised, nurtured and mentored a prodigious number of students and fellows at all levels. She has been a selfless member of the hospital and university communities serving on multiple committees and undertaking necessary administrative roles that are too numerous to mention.

Cindy's academic career took place against a backdrop of the most substantial change ever in basic scientific research methodologies. Rather than being static and tied to a particular skill set, it was a mark of Cindy's intelligence and scientific curiosity that she continuously adapted. Her work over the years has focused on; the ontogeny of endocrinologic systems in the fetus and infant, the role of growth factors in fetal tissue growth and differentiation, the molecular biology of the human growth hormone and receptor axis, and most recently the effect of flame retardants on reproductive health and well-being. Along the way she formed close collaborations with many at McGill and elsewhere, including my predecessor Harvey Guyda. It's Harvey who can take the credit for bringing Cindy and all her productivity to the MCH and McGill.

When I think of Cindy, I think of a kind, warm, generous, intelligent clear-thinking scientist who always had time for others.

Cindy is retiring and moving out west where she has built a house on Vancouver Island to be close to children and grandchildren. Please join me in wishing Cindy only happiness and health in the years ahead.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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