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Hi everyone,

I traditionally give a DA when a Division Director steps down. However, for three Division Directors who had their mandates renewed in the Spring of 2020, I will no longer be Chair when they step down and I wanted to be sure I gave each of them the shout out they so well deserve.

If you have been paying attention, I embrace a distributive leadership model that resolutely avoids micromanagement. To succeed this requires that leadership positions in the Department be filled by excellent individuals, confident in command of their sectors, who we can trust to get the job done showing the requisite balance of mentoring, innovation and trouble shooting. The leaders featured in this and the following two DAs certainly meet this standard.

First up is **Julius Erdstein**, Division Director of Adolescent Medicine.

A graduate of McGill and the MCH post-graduate training program in pediatrics and HSC in adolescent medicine, Julius as Division Director since 2015 has solidified existing foundations while simultaneously creating innovative clinical programs in eating disorders and severe obesity. Particularly impressive has been his ability to forge partnerships with key players and navigate a challenging landscape of stakeholders always keeping in mind clinical and educational excellence. It is particularly noteworthy that Julius has accomplished this within the framework of a part-time hospital presence as he is a highly sought after and busy community-based pediatrician. As noted by one member of the renewal Committee; "Julius was the right person at the right time 5 years ago and he remains so".



Please join me in congratulating Julius on his re-appointment and wish him and his team all the best for his second mandate.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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