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Hi Everyone!

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Patricia Li**, a member of our Division of General Pediatrics, on the occasion of her promotion to Associate Professor.

Patti received her MD from McMaster in 2004. She received her FRCP in Pediatrics from the Royal College in 2010 after completing a residency in General Pediatrics at the Montreal Children's Hospital and a Fellowship in Academic General Pediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children. She also has received a MSc in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Research from the University of Toronto. She was appointed an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics in 2011 and is an Associate Member of the Departments of Family Medicine and Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health.



Patti's teaching takes place in the context of clinical service and is focused on PGME trainees in General Pediatrics. Her one45 evaluations are consistently averaged above 4.5 and learners' comments highlight her impact on critical thinking and reasoning skills in the clinical setting in the context of personal qualities of humility and dedication. She is noted for her individualized approach to teaching and role modelling. In addition, as a clinician-investigator Dr. Li has supervised post-graduate trainees at the MSc (n=4) and PhD (n=6) levels as well as medical (UGME, PGME) and nursing learners. A number of her trainees (n=4) have received an award for their work and most have proceeded to give presentations and garnered peer-review publications under her direct supervision.

Patti is a clinician-investigator who has had continuous external salary support awards since shortly after her arrival at McGill from the FRQ-S (Jr1 [2013], Jr2 [2021-2025]) and CIHR (New Investigator [2014-2020]). Her work focuses on primary care, in particular vulnerable pediatric populations (eg immigrant & refugee children), with reference to the critical evaluation of targeted interventions in early childhood to improve well-being. Her research efforts typically inform guidelines for practitioners and policy advisements. To maximize impacts she has made efforts in Knowledge Translation and Mobilization. She has secured multiple external operating grants from varying funding envelopes of the CIHR to support her work including: Catalyst, Operating, Health System Project and Innovative SPOR Trials. Since her appointment she has 31 peer-reviewed publications including 4 as first author and 7 as senior author.

Patti's expertise is regularly sought out by her peer academic community. She has served on CIHR and FRQ-S Grant Review Committees. She is the epidemiologist involved with the creation and dissemination of the Rourke Baby record that has been implemented nationally by the Canadian Pediatric Society as the standard for surveillance in primary pediatric practice. She is a founding member of two national Research Networks that form the platform for academic pediatric research in community practice (Target) and hospitalized patients (PIRN). She has also served on the planning committee for a bi-annual North American conference on refugee health.

Please join me in congratulating Patti on her well-deserved promotion.

Have a great weekend everyone.

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