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Promotion is an important milestone in the career of a clinician working in academic medicine. This week, we celebrate the promotion of **Dr. Tiscar Cavallé-Garrido** to the rank of Associate Professor. Dr. Cavallé joined the Division of Cardiology at the MCH in 2008 following medical school and pediatrics training at the University of Valencia in Spain. Her road to practicing in Canada was long. As an international medical graduate, she showed incredible perseverance in attaining her goals, undertaking a 2-year research fellowship, more than a year as an observer, and 9 months as a research fellow at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, before completing a second Pediatrics Residency at the Hospital for Sick Children followed by a Pediatric Cardiology Residency at the same institution.

Since her appointment, Dr. Cavallé has excelled at teaching at all levels of training, from medical students and nurse practitioners, to residents, fellows and continuing medical education. Not only is the quality of her teaching recognized as outstanding, but the amount of time she commits to education is among the highest in the department. Her contact hours of formal teaching per year exceeds 60 hours – and this is complemented by extensive bedside teaching. She has served as the Training Program Director in Pediatric Cardiology since 2010, a role she still holds. Dr. Cavallé founded and directs the training program in Pediatric Non-Invasive Imaging. In addition, she has participated on an MSc thesis committee, and is currently serving as an Osler Fellow to a group of medical students.

Dr. Cavallé exemplifies outstanding academic citizenship. She participates on numerous committees including the Departmental Educational Leadership committee, the Pediatric resident selection committee, the Clinical trainee bursary selection committee, and numerous training program committees. She also directs the Pediatric Echocardiography lab, which is an important service to her cardiology colleagues and to the pediatric community in general. In addition to her substantial local clinical service commitments, Dr. Cavallé-Garrido has been a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons subspecialty training committee since 2010, and contributed to the development of Entrustable Professional Activities for pediatric cardiology and to the structure of the Competency by Design program. Further to these activities, she conducts peer reviews regularly for the Canadian Journal of Cardiology and serves as a volunteer for Médecins sans Frontiers, providing telehealth services to regions around the world in need.

Dr. Cavallé is also a clinical innovator, having developed of a novel aortopathy clinic, which is unique in Canada. This clinic not only provides necessary multidisciplinary care to a specific underserved group of patients, but provides a unique training opportunity for residents in the cardiology program.

These outstanding contributions enrich the environment at the MCH, elevate our training programs, enhance patient care, and the highlight MCH and McGill on the national and international stage. Please join me in congratulating Tiscar on this important academic achievement.

Have a great weekend.

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