

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

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INTRODUCTION

There is no doubt that the Department is in a profound period of change. Part of this change is extrinsically imposed by external influences and decisions that necessitate self-evaluation, reflection, and alterations in set ways and approaches. A new hospital with space budgeting limitations (especially in the outpatient sector of clinical operations), forthcoming adjacencies to maternal, adult and rehabilitation service providers, profound modifications in the undergraduate medical curriculum, the implementation of new contractual work rules for resident staff, a government mandated shift to community care provision that redefines the roles of both pediatricians and pediatric sub-specialists, are all examples of such extrinsic changes. Despite tremendous challenges in external peer review funding, the Department continues to do exceedingly well in operating grants and salary support awards.

But change in our instance is also intrinsic. The Mission/Vision/Values statement adopted by the Department is an eloquent, explicit elucidation of this intrinsic change. A commitment to patient and family centered care, transparency; accountability, collegiality and collaboration are but a few of the core values that impart personal responsibility not only to ourselves, but to others in our community of stakeholders.

I am proud to say that in all its core 'service lines', the Department and its members continue to 'punch' well above its weight. We remain a leading innovative clinical center of excellence that families trust with their ill children. It's undergraduate and postgraduate educational efforts are rated at the highest levels by learners and accreditation bodies. Finally, its research efforts successfully attracts increasingly scarce and highly competitive funding support.

MISSION, VISION & VALUES – MCGILL DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS (adopted Fall 2012)

Mission: Through excellence and leadership to optimize the health & wellbeing of infants, children, and youth within the context of their families.

Vision: Our mission will be accomplished through the following practices:

1. Comprehensive and complex clinical care at the highest level
2. Dynamic education of professionals involved in pediatric health that puts the needs of learners first
3. Innovative and transformative research in pediatric health at the bench, at the bedside, in the clinics, and in the population at large
4. Effective advocacy on behalf of vulnerable pediatric populations as an engaged partner with the communities we serve
5. Commitment to an effective, efficient, transparent, and accountable organization that encourages professional growth

Values: To achieve our mission, we seek to weave the following into all our ongoing activities:

1. Compassionate caring that is at all times in partnership with the children and families we serve; culturally sensitive in its orientation; and shared between disciplines, professions, and allied community-based partners
2. Dedication to knowledge translation that improves pediatric health care practice and outcomes, that is evidence-based in its choices, that is innovative, and that provides objective rationale for policy makers
3. Professionals who are invariably respectful, honest, tolerant, open to change, passionate, transparent, collegial, communicative, inquisitive, and committed to excellence
4. Teamwork and partnerships across disciplines and locales as the best model to provide comprehensive pediatric health care
5. Processes that we continually seek to improve, valuing all contributions, and rewarding excellence and effort
6. Members and leaders who are accountable to each other
7. Commitment to an ingrained ethos of patient safety and quality improvement

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Our research efforts continue to garner significant external funding success despite a challenging funding environment. This is particularly for external peer-reviewed salary awards, An increase from 15 to 17 externally funded scholars have been recorded for this past year.

Unfortunately we are unable at this time to provide the details regarding the number of peer reviewed awards, and the amounts of the awards pertaining to the Department of Pediatrics. This is due to present administrative challenges within our MCH-RI.

During the 2012-2013 period, the MCH-RI research database indicates an increase in publications. There was a total of 446 publications with 335 peer reviewed. The complete list will only be available in October and may be viewed at that time on: <http://www.mcgill.ca/peds/publications>.

Research Seminars take place every week on Mondays at noon. An updated list of the seminars may be viewed on: <http://www.mcgill.ca/peds/research>.

MCH Research Institute 2012-2013 research data (not exclusively Pediatrics)

\$9 M	External peer-reviewed funding
355	Peer-reviewed publications
144	Graduate students and postdocs
50	Investigators with external peer-reviewed funding

EXTERNAL FUNDING RESULTS – NEWLY FUNDED

Dr. Moshe Ben-Shoshan received a Junior I *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award and an establishment grant from the Fonds de recherche–Santé Québec (FRQS) in support of his research entitled “*Anaphylaxie induite par l’alimentation : taux, les causes et la gestion.*”

Dr. Geneviève Bernard was awarded a grant of \$453,883 over a three-year term from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to study “Clinical, molecular and pathophysiological characterization of Pol III-related leukodystrophies.”

Dr. Nancy Braverman received a grant of \$698,311 for a three-year term from the CIHR in support of “The peroxisome biogenesis disorders: From bench to bedside.” A comparable grant, written by Dr. Braverman, was approved for a recent Alberta Innovates Health Solutions award and valued at \$2.5 million over a five-year term.

Drs. Robert Brouillette and Evelyn Constantin, in collaboration with the principal investigator, Dr. Jennifer McGrath of McGill, have been awarded a grant of \$1,346,130 from the CIHR for a five-year term in support of “Sleep and obesity in children and adolescents: Identifying pathogenic pathways.”

Drs. Karen Brown and Guilherme Sant'Anna, in collaboration with principal investigator Dr. Robert Kearney of McGill University and colleagues from McGill and Wayne State universities, received a grant of \$570,760 from the CIHR in support of "Prediction of extubation readiness in extreme preterm infants by the automated analysis of cardiorespiratory behavior."

Dr. Kolja Eppert was awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair from the CIHR for a five-year term.

Dr. Beth Foster received a Senior *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award from the FRQS in support of her research entitled "*Optimiser l'observance aux médicaments chez les jeunes receveurs d'une greffe.*" Dr. Foster's application for this award was one of two awarded in Quebec (the other went to Dr. Caroline Quach also of our Department) in the senior *chercheur-clinicien* clinical and epidemiological category.

Dr. Patricia Fontela received a Career Development Salary Award from the CIHR Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program in support of "Procalcitonin: a new test to improve the safety of antimicrobial prescription in pediatric intensive care units."

Dr. Isabelle Gagnon lead an approved team grant from the CIHR and FRSQ entitled "Generating innovation through the use of common data: Improving the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric and adolescent mild traumatic brain injury in Canada." Valued at \$1.37 million over a five-year term, the project comprises 23 investigators from several sites in Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia. Dr. Gagnon is also co-investigator on a newly funded five-year team grant worth \$1.27 million, led by Dr. Roger Zemek of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. This project is entitled "Predicting persistent postconcussive problems in Pediatrics." As well, she is co-investigator on a CIHR grant of \$89,646 recently awarded to principal investigator Dr. Bradford James McFadyen of Laval University to study mild traumatic brain injury in children. Finally, in collaboration with Dr. Debbie Friedman, Dr. Gagnon received a grant of \$146,802 from the FRQS in support of "*Efficacité d'une intervention de réadaptation pour les enfants et adolescents présentant une récupération atypique après un traumatisme craniocérébral léger ou commotion cérébrale.*"

Dr. Indra Gupta was awarded a grant of \$590,440 over a five-year term from the CIHR to study "Vesico-ureteric reflux and reflux nephropathy: from mouse models to childhood disease." In addition, Dr. Gupta also received a five-year grant of \$673,530 from the CIHR in collaboration with principal investigator Dr. Tomako Takano of McGill University to study "Role of PhoGDialpha in the pathogenesis of congenital and childhood nephrotic syndrome". Further, together with co-investigator, Dr. Aimee Ryan, Dr. Gupta received a two-year grant of \$100,000 to study "Claudin function in kidney development and in disease."

Dr. Nada Jabado received a five-year grant of \$788,500 from the CIHR in support of "Role of chromatin remodeling in the genesis of pediatric and young adult astrocytomas." In addition, she leads a team of investigators across Canada that has received a grant of more than \$5 million over a four-year term from Genome Canada/Genome Quebec in partnership with the CIHR, Canadian Stem cell Consortium, McGill University, the Montreal

Children's Hospital Foundation and the Foundation of Stars. This project studies "Biomarkers for pediatric glioblastoma through genomics and epigenomics."

Dr. Patricia Li received a Junior I *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award and an establishment grant from the FRQS in support of her research program "*La qualité des services de première ligne chez les enfants au Québec et au Canada : recherche appliquée sur les services de santé visant à évaluer l'organisation de la première ligne et à améliorer la prestation des soins.*" Furthermore, Dr. Li has received a three-year project grant of \$270,000 from the FRQS in support of "*Association entre la réforme des services de première ligne, la qualité des soins et l'utilisation des services d'urgence chez les enfants vulnérables au Québec, Canada : une étude populationnelle.*" This study was undertaken in collaboration with Dr. Aurore Côté and colleagues from McGill and Laval universities.

Dr. Patricia Li has been awarded \$421,044 over a three-year term by the CIHR and FRQS to lead a team of policy and decision makers to carry out "A population-based study on the effect of primary care reforms on health services utilization and quality of care outcomes among vulnerable children in Quebec, Canada."

Dr. Bruce Mazer has been awarded \$1,960,606 by the CIHR for a term of five years to lead a group of investigators at McGill and several other Canadian universities to conduct "Get-facts: Genetic, environment and therapies: Food allergy clinical tolerance studies." Team participants include Drs. Moshe Ben Shoshan and Christine McCusker.

Dr. Maryam Oskoui received a Junior I *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award and an establishment grant from the FRQS in support of her research program "*Prévalence et utilisation des soins de santé chez les enfants atteints de paralysie cérébrale au Québec.*"

Dr. Annette Majnemer, in collaboration with a former MCH doctoral student, Denise Shikako Thomas, has received \$19,910 from the CIHR to conduct workshops in Quebec and Ontario with the aim of "Partnering to promote healthy living through leisure participation for children and youth with physical disabilities: Child Health Initiatives Limiting Disability through leisure – CHILD Leisure-Net." In addition, Dr. Majnemer is a co-investigator on a recently approved CIHR grant awarded to principal investigator Dana Anaby of McGill. Valued at \$153,519 over a three-year term, this project is entitled "Opening doors to participation of youth with physical disabilities in community activities: An intervention study."

Dr. Caroline Quach received a Senior *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award from the FRQS in support of her research program entitled "*Prévention des infections : à l'hôpital et dans la communauté.*" Further, in collaboration with principal investigator Dr. Arnaud Gardeur of the Université de Sherbrooke, Dr. Quach received FRQS project funding of \$238,175 over three years for "*Évaluation d'une intervention de promotion de la vaccination en maternité au Québec.*" Finally, she was awarded a three-year grant of \$122,812 from the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for "Safety of live-attenuated influenza vaccine in patients with Cystic Fibrosis."

Dr. Saleem Razak, in collaboration with principal investigator Dr. Cynthia Whitehead from the University of Toronto and colleagues from the universities of Toronto and Victoria, received a three-year grant of \$242,261 from the CIHR in support of "Better education for

better teamwork: Understanding the discourses to improve the practices of inter-professional education.”

Dr. Janet Rennick received a Junior 2 *Chercheur-boursier clinicien* career award from the FRQS in support of her study, “Comprendre et prévenir les séquelles psychologiques chez les enfants gravement malades.”

Dr. Jacquetta Trasler has received a grant of \$869,934 from the CIHR over a five-year term in support of the project “Sex-specific susceptibility windows for fetal origins of adult disease and transgenerational effects.”

TEACHING & LEARNING

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL STUDENTS

Under the excellent leadership of Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy, the Department of Pediatrics continues to give two major courses to the undergraduate medical students. Drs. Preetha Krishnamoorthy and Najma Ahmed coordinate the Introduction to Pediatrics course. This is a pre-clerkship course of 24 hours duration consisting of didactic lectures and small-group tutorials. The course is well received by students. However, this course is very labour-intensive and full-time faculty commit significant hours to ensure the success of the small groups. The second major UGME departmental endeavour is the Pediatrics Clerkship. The Clerkship runs for eight weeks. The hospital based CTU's (4 weeks) have historically been excellent clinical experiences for students. They provide an educational experience that challenges the students, while allowing them to perfect their clinical skills and be intimately involved in the care of ill children. The two-week neonatal unit experience provides an academic environment with hands-on practical experience and extended nursery exposure to both normal and ill newborns. The two weeks in the ambulatory area has the potential to be superb but the experience is very “faculty supervisor” determined. The ER provides a wealth of clinical material, but having a student present increases the clinical load for the faculty. Some faculty deal with this better than others resulting in variable experiences for the students. When there are not enough ER shifts for students, they are placed in subspecialty outpatient clinics. There is a considerable amount of teaching given during the ambulatory two weeks.

The increasing class size is a major issue because the ward CTU's already have too many students for the available commitment. We are now actively exploring other clinical opportunities external to the MCH for the students, but there are not many on-site opportunities at present.

Some students continue to do a one-month rotation in Val d'Or with three of our affiliated pediatricians. By and large, this has been an excellent experience. In addition, we have created an affiliated CTU on the hematology-oncology ward, Complex Care Services, Medical Day Hospital and on the Adolescent Medicine Services in order to be able to absorb some of the increase in student numbers. To date this is working very well.

PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Pediatric Residency Training Program has a superb group of residents and teaching faculty, working well together to achieve their goals. In addition to an average number of about 45 Pediatric Residents distributed over a 4 year program, the Department is responsible for the Pediatric training of some 300 and more residents from other disciplines including Dermatology, Anesthesia, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine-Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Psychiatry, as well as Pediatric residents from other programs attracted to McGill University for electives who come for short cycle rotations. On June 1st, 2014, the directorship will be undergoing a transition, with the appointment of Drs Catherine Henin and Evelyn Constantin, who will be taking over from Dr Richard Gosselin, who has been in this position since June 2008. The program has undergone successfully an accreditation survey in March 2013; a regular internal review will take place in 2016, in order to prepare for the next regular survey planned in the spring of 2018.

The last year has been a consolidation year for the program, during which we addressed the weakness identified by the survey team last spring, which is the universal implementation of rotation specific evaluations. The program has also revised its post call policy for Pediatric residents, to address and correct the issue of residents occasionally working 20 days in a row. A new rotation has been developed for RIs, a two week rotation in the “normal” newborn nursery, in order to better meet our specialty’s training requirements. The Annual Pediatric Resident Retreat, which was this year on the theme of “Residents as Learners”, and the Annual Pediatric Resident Research Day, held collaboratively with Ste-Justine, have once again been highly successful and very well attended.

A significant challenge which has emerged in the recent few years, with the growth of the resident body, and more recently became an alarming issue in the last 12 months, has been the administrative support to the residency program. There is currently only 1 FTE administrative support offering support to our program, comprised of an average of 45 residents. This position is under the MUHC and a recent transition in the summer of 2013 has illustrated the difficulties inherent to this situation, as opposed to having a McGill based position, in terms of personnel qualifications and quality of interactions with the PGME office. There have been numerous representations at the Faculty and the MUHC in the last 18 months, in order to improve the support to the program and we are hopeful that concrete help and changes will be taking place in the coming months.

The number of RAMQ funded positions has come down significantly, going from 8 to 6 CaRMS positions for the incoming cohort in July 2014. This reduced number, in addition to competing duties and resident responsibilities such as participation in Protected Teaching activities and Residents Continuity Clinics, an increased number of off-site rotations, as well as significant changes in residents’ contractual duty hour regulations, has required inpatient and acute care services to rethink the organization of clinical work and the distribution of clinical responsibilities, including on call night coverage. Each area, NICU, PICU and wards, have initiated plans to redistribute clinical responsibilities to alternate resources, including nurse practitioners, advances trainees, clinical assistants and attending.

Following an unfortunate incident in June 2013, involving a resident being physically hurt by an aggressive patient, the program has collaborated with the MUHC and the PGME office in order to develop a policy which would specifically address the prevention and management

of patient inflicted physical injuries of residents. The policy will be incorporated into a larger MUHC document, addressing “Respect and Civility”, which is expected to be soon released.

The quality of the learning environment remained at topic of concern in the program, in particular at the MCH NICU (aka 9C). Following two annual reviews in 2011 and 2012, which had identified, among other issues, serious concerns with the learning environment within this NICU, a number of recommendations were made by the Department’s Associate-Chair for Education, in order to remediate to the situation. An external review was organized, at the request of the RTC, through the Department Chair. The report on the review, which took place in April 2014, was recently received. A working committee has been created that is expected to be meeting soon in order to implement the specific recommendations provided by the external reviewer.

Lastly, the relocation of the MCH and RVH sites at the Glen will undoubtedly bring a number of great challenges, as well as opportunities, to the program in the year(s) to come. Among other issues which will need to be addressed is the relocation of some of the outpatient and ambulatory pediatric activities in various specialties and clinics outside of the Glen, with regards to maintaining and adapting clinical training of our residents. The relocation will offer opportunities for a more consolidated comprehensive exposure to perinatal and neonatal medicine, as well as to interdisciplinary collaboration with family medicine and adult specialties.

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

Given our mandate to train academic pediatricians with specialized expertise, the Fellowship Training Programs within each specialty are very important. In 2013, the MCH Research Institute had a total of 17 externally funded scholars and 18 Post-Doctoral Fellows. The total number of fellowship trainees in Pediatric Medicine has been decreasing over the past several years and we continue to have difficulties accommodating out of province fellowship candidates as funding for them via the RAMQ is contingent upon quotas (Canadian Transfer Quota). These constraints, plus government restrictions related to the number of approved staff positions for each hospital centre, contribute to a lack of growth in fellowship trainees. The trend over the past years has been a diminution in Quebec students doing specialty training, and a dramatic increase in International Medical Graduates (IMG’s) that utilise non-Provincial funding sources.

The Department was proud to have 2 of our senior residents Drs. Robert Sternszus and Elisa Ruano-Cea each starting a fellowship in Academic Pediatrics at the MCH, coupled with a Masters in Health Sciences Education. Furthermore, Drs. Ahlam Mazi and Majed Al Abdulhafid entered a specialty program at McGill, respectively in Pediatric Respiriology and in Pediatric Critical Care.

Our international commitment to the training of first-rate academic candidates is evidenced by the Alan Ross Academic Fellowships supported through an endowment held for the Department of Pediatrics at McGill, which provides support for two fellows annually. The Clinical Fellowship program is supported by donations from clinical earnings of all members of the Department and supports on average three fellows per year. In 2013, there were four Clinical Fellowships funded to international medical graduates as

follows: Dr. Selma Jade Torronen – Pediatric Nephrology, Dr. Joanna Merckx – Infectious Diseases, Dr. Naoual Khayr, Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics and Dr. Amit Dotan, Hematology, Oncology.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

There is no graduate degree program in Pediatrics. In 2012-13 there were a total of 96 students (40 PhD and 56 MSc) and 18 Post Doc fellows enrolled in the MCH Research Institute. Unfortunately we are unable to present the details regarding the number of supervisors from the Department of Pediatrics and those cross-appointed in other faculties or Departments. Funding for these students is derived from external agencies and the internal studentship award program.

FACULTY HONOR ROLE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Dr. Richard Gosselin was named to the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence (2013-2014) in recognition of his contributions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The following McGill trainees received awards in 2013:

- ✓ Ms. Suna Jung, an MSc student co-supervised by Drs. Pia Wintermark and Pierre Lachapelle, has received the 2013 Eberhard Dotd Memorial Award from the International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision.
- ✓ Dr. Maude Millette (Endocrinology) for having been first runner-up at the 25th Annual National Pediatric Resident and Fellow Research Competition in Winnipeg on May 9, 2013.
- ✓ Dr. Robert Sternszus was selected for the Jonathan Campbell Meakins and Family Memorial Fellowship. This annually awarded Fellowship is designed to reward and promote excellence in medical education.
- ✓ Dr. Robert Sternszus was awarded the 2014 Royal College Fellowship for Studies in Medical Education.

GRAND ROUNDS

◆ GRAND ROUNDS

Grand Rounds take place every Wednesday morning from 8 -9 am in D 182. They are held annually from September to June. Physician staff and residents are requested to attend. In 2013, the Department of Pediatrics held 16 Special Lectureships including the Ross Lectureship, Scriver Lectureship, Hillman Lectureship and the Goldbloom Lectureship; 12 Visiting Speaker Rounds and 12 Local Speaker Rounds. An updated list of Pediatric Grand Rounds may be consulted on: <http://www.mcgill.ca/peds/activities>

INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

◆ GLOBAL HEALTH

In November, Dr. Stephen Liben, Pediatric Palliative Care, General Pediatrics was granted the Global Child Health Travelling Fellowship by the Executive Committee. Dr. Liben will be travelling to India in early 2014.

◆ DANCING WITH THE DOCS

Ten MUHC doctors delivered a spectacular dance performances at the second edition of Dancing with the Docs held on Saturday, April 13 at La TOHU. Dr. C. Karatzios (Pediatric Infectious Diseases) was crowned the winner for his Samba Salsa routine with his Arthur Murray Dance School partner Patty Contenta. Dr. Sophie Gosselin (Medical Emergency Room) and her dance partner earned top marks from the judges and finished in second place with their lively Charleston and Quickstep routine. Dr. C. Bardin (General Pediatrics) and her dance partner gave a stunning performance set to the Libertango, a dramatic and passionate Argentine Tango.

◆ STUDENT MOTIVATION

The Montreal Children's Hospital hosted a two-hour event for over 30 high school students from the English Montreal School Board in January. The students, who were all interested in pursuing careers in medicine, had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy.

◆ THE AMAZING RACE – CANADIAN EDITION

Dr. Holly Agostino and Dr. Brett Burstein finished the Amazing Race Canada in fifth place. As part of their efforts, they raised over \$14,000 for the MCH Foundation.

◆ CAMP FOR CHILDREN

Dr. Sarah Campillo and Rheumatology Nurse, Gillian Taylor, started a summer camp, ArticulAction, for children with rheumatic diseases.

◆ INTERNATIONAL CHILD HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Annette Majnemer, Director of the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy and an Associate Member of the Department of Pediatrics, and Dr. Michael Shevell, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, conducted an external evaluation on behalf of the University of British Columbia's Centre for International Child Health. Specifically, the evaluation was a review of the Pediatric Neurosciences Project in Epilepsy and Neuromotor Disabilities (in everyday clinic).

MILESTONES

The restrictions placed on foreign medical graduates, as well as continued budgetary deficits and critical lack of resources in the teaching hospital milieu, also significantly impacted upon our ability to recruit the best international candidates. Our clinical income pool provides the majority of the total income for all Paediatricians and Pediatric specialists in the Department. The total base budget allocation from the Faculty remains unchanged from 2011. Despite this, the Department has been able to secure a total a of

108 new staff appointments over the past decade in the following categories:

YEAR	CAS	GFT(U)	FT	PT	TOTAL
2004	7	1	2	2	12
2005	2		2	1	5
2006	8	1	1	1	11
2007	9	2		2	13
2008	5			3	8
2009	6			6	12
2010	9			10	19
2011	5		1		6
2012	8			3	11
2013	9		2		11
	68	4	8	28	
Overall Total:					108

In 2013, the Department consisted of the following 281 staff members [12 GFT(U), 143 CAS, 10 FT, 104 PT, 10 post-retirement and 6 Emeritus].

NEW HIRES

Dr. Kolya Eppert accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor, Tenure Track, in the Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, effective January 1, 2013. He has research, teaching and other academic duties in the Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and is an active member of the MUHC and MCH Research Institutes.

Dr. Anne-Marie Goyette accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of General Pediatrics and Child Development Program of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective April 1st, 2013.

Dr. Elizabeth Hailu has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the MUHC Division of Neonatology, effective September 1st, 2013.

Dr. Nadine Korah has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the MCH-MUHC Division of General Pediatrics, effective, effective August 1st, 2013.

Dr. Raphael Paquin accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Emergency Medicine of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective April 1st, 2013.

Dr. Christine Sabapathy has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the MCH-MUHC Division of Hematology-Oncology, effective December 1st, 2013.

Dr. Wissam Shalish has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the MUHC Division of Neonatology, effective September 1st, 2013.

Dr. Catherine Vézina accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Hematology-Oncology of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC, effective February 4, 2013.

Dr. Jennifer Turnbull has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the MCH-MUHC Division of Medical Emergency, effective October 1st, 2013.

PROMOTIONS

Dr. Evelyn Constantin was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor (Clinical) Contract Academic Staff, effective February 1, 2013.

Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor (Clinical) Contract Academic Staff, effective February 1, 2013.

Dr. John Mitchell was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor (Clinical) Contract Academic Staff, effective February 1, 2013.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Claire Leblanc has been appointed as Director, Division of Pediatric Rheumatology, effective March 1, 2013.

Dr. Micahel Kramer was appointed Associate Director, Child Health Clinical Research at the MCH-MUHC.

Dr. Larry Lands' mandate, as Director of Pediatric Respiratory Medicine, has been renewed for a period of five years, ending in August 2017

Dr. John Mitchell has been appointed as Director, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism, effective July 1, 2013.

Dr. Ruth Russell has been appointed as Director of the newly approved Training Program in the Division of Child Psychiatry of the McGill University Department of Psychiatry.

HONOURS, AWARDS & PRIZES

Dr. Frederick Andermann marked an extraordinary milestone representing 50 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Farhan Bhanji designed and developed the Royal College's novel CanMEDS Springboards mobile app for Pediatrics which permits users to instantly search for teaching moments based on CanMEDS Roles or familiar trigger words.

Dr. Alice Chan-Yip was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Aurore Côté marked an extraordinary milestone representing 25 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Patricia Forbes marked an extraordinary milestone representing 45 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Emmett Francoeur was the 2013 Pediatric Chairs of Canada Pediatric Academic Leadership – Clinician Practitioner Awardee.

Debbie Friedman won the McGill Faculty of Medicine School of Physical and Occupational Therapy inaugural Alumni Award for exceptional leadership and community service.

Dr. Hy Goldman was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. This medal is awarded to Dr. Goldman in recognition of his dedicated service to his peers, to his community and to Canada.

Dr. Richard Gosselin was named to the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence in recognition of his contributions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Ronald Gottesman marked an extraordinary milestone representing 25 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Harvey Guyda, former Chair and Pediatrician-in-Chief, had the honor of having an award named after himself. The *Dr. Harvey Guyda Educator of the Year Award* is awarded to the individual who has demonstrated excellence in teaching or who has made a significant contribution to the teaching of endocrinology through an educational activity such as editing or writing a textbook. This Award will be awarded in Dr. Guyda's name for the next five years.

Dr. Lily Hechtman marked an extraordinary milestone representing 40 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Nada Jabado was the recipient of the 2014 Atena Prize given by the Atena Non-Profit Foundation for her important studies on the brain. She was also invited to participate in the Round Table on "The Women Brain", that will be held on June 11, 2014, in Rome, Italy.

Dr. Christos Karatzios was the recipient of the 6th Annual Hellenic Achievement Award by The Socrates Educational Foundation (SEF).

Dr. Stephen Liben for was presented with the First Prize of the BMA Medical Book Awards 2013 for the "Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care for Children".

Dr. Johanne Morel marked an extraordinary milestone representing 25 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Augustin O’Gorman marked an extraordinary milestone representing 40 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Apostolos Papageorgiou was appointed to the Education Committee on the world Association of Perinatal Medicine at the World Congress of Perinatology in Moscow. Dr. Papageorgiou was also awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Gary Pekeles was one of the recipients of this year’s CPS Life Membership Award in recognition of his long-time service to the CPS. In addition, Dr. Pekeles has represented the CPS at a Decision Meeting (the city of choice by the International Congress of Pediatrics members for hosting the 2016 ICP Congress).

Dr. Barry Pless was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the CIPSPC co-hosts, Parachute Foundation and Canadian Red Cross, for his extraordinary contributions to the field of injury prevention – across Canada and globally.

Dr. Janet Rennick was selected to receive a 2011-2012 Ingram School of Nursing Award for Excellence in Preceptorship/Advising.

Dr. Celia Rodd was selected as this year's recipient of the Paige and Bernard Kaplan Award given by the pediatric residents annually to a staff member for teaching excellence.

Dr. Rima Rozen was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Sylvie Sahyoun marked an extraordinary milestone representing 25 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Ernest Seidman was honored with the renewal of his Tier I Canada Research Chair in Immune Mediated Gastrointestinal Disorders.

Dr. Michael Shevell was the Laval University's CP Chair Lecturer of the Year for 2013. Dr. Shevell was also awarded the Hower Award for 2014 from the Child Neurology Society (CNS).

Dr. Sam Shemie was invited to participate as a panelist in a four-part series titled “Rethinking Mortality: Exploring the Boundaries between Life and Death”, by the New York Academy of Sciences, the Nour Foundation, and Wisconsin Public Radio’s Program.

Dr. Stephen Treherne marked an extraordinary milestone representing 25 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Davinia Withington celebrated her 20 years of service in the McGill Anesthesia Department.

Dr. Blair Whittemore for his extraordinary work done with many others in making the implementation of the transfusion consent form across the MUHC and the restriction of Point of Care testing (to a few areas only) possible.

Dr. Betty Zylbergold-Shonfeld marked an extraordinary milestone representing 30 years of service at the MUHC.

