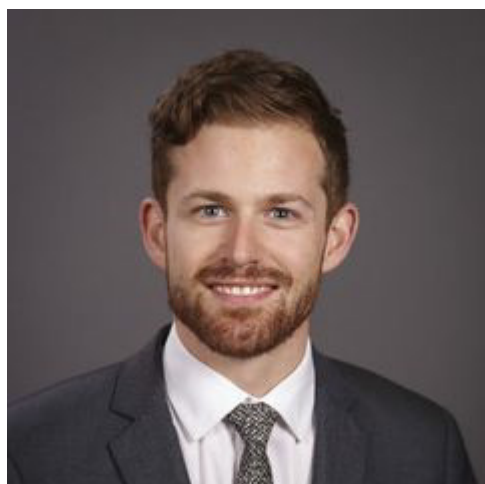




Dr. Richard Garfinkle

*Appointed Co-Director, Surgical Scientist Program
Department of Surgery at McGill University*



We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Dr. Richard Garfinkle, MD, MSc, PhD**, as co-director for the [Surgical Scientist Program](#) (SSP) at McGill University. In this role, Dr. Garfinkle will oversee the research activities of surgical residents enrolled in the SSP, in coordination with McGill's Clinician Investigator Program (CIP) and the Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Office.

Dr. Garfinkle joined the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Jewish General Hospital in 2024. He holds the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery and is appointed as a

Principal Investigator at the Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research.

Dr. Garfinkle completed medical school and General Surgery residency at McGill University. During his residency training, he took a three-year leave to pursue research studies and completed a Master's in Epidemiology and a PhD in Experimental Surgery (currently the [Surgical & Interventional Sciences](#) program). He then completed fellowship training in Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN) before returning to McGill.

His clinical and academic interests include the multidisciplinary management of rectal cancer and long-term outcomes of patients with diverticulitis. He also has a particular interest in research methodology and clinical trial design.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Garfinkle every success in his new role co-leading the SSP in the Department of Surgery.

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