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General Surgery Visiting Professor**

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Dr. Novitsky, is internationally known for his expertise in advanced laparoscopic and robotic surgery as well as complex inguinal and ventral hernia repairs. He is a Professor of Surgery at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons and Chief of the Division of the Abdominal Wall Surgery at the Department of Surgery, Columbia University Medical Center in New York City.

He is perhaps best known for pioneering techniques for minimally-invasive ventral hernia repair and open abdominal wall reconstructions, including the transversus abdominis muscle release (TAR) procedure.

He is an Immediate Past-President of the American Hernia Society and leads their Practice Designation Task Force.

Dr. Novitsky has received over \$2 million in grants from the National Institute of Health, Industry and Professional societies to research improvements in hernia repair and mesh materials. He has published over 130 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous book chapters. He was the editor of a highly acclaimed Hernia Surgery: Current Principles Textbook and more recently has edited an Atlas of Robotic General Surgery. In addition to his clinical and research activities, Dr. Novitsky remains active in medical education and leads Columbia's Advanced Abdominal Wall surgery fellowship.

Dr. Novitsky earned his medical degree at Albany College and completed residencies in General Surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center and University of Massachusetts, Worcester, followed by fellowships in Advanced GI and Minimally invasive surgery at the Carolinas Medical Center.

The McGill Division of General Surgery is very proud to welcome Dr. Novitsky as the 22nd annual LD MacLean Visiting Professor.



PROGRAM

**Osler Amphitheatre
Montreal General Hospital, A6-105**

WEDNESDAY MAY 1st, 2024

- 11h30 **LUNCH** - Boardroom, E6-112
- 13h00 **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS**
Dr. P. Fata, Director – Division of General Surgery
- 13h05 **CONFERENCE BY VISITING PROFESSOR**
“Not just a hernia: modern solutions to age-old problems”
— Dr. Yuri Novitsky
- 14h00 – 15h00 **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**
- 15h00 – 15h15 BREAK
- 15h15 – 15h45 **DIVISION DEBATE**
- 15h45 – 16h45 **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**
- 16h45 – 17h15 **MCGILL ALUMNUS TALK**
“Channeling your Inner McGillian; Navigating Early Career Academic Surgery”
— Dr. Monisha Sudarshan
- 18h00 **BANQUET AND CELEBRATION OF GRADUATING RESIDENTS**
Four Seasons Hotel Montreal
Palais des Possibles
1440 Rue de la Montagne
Business Attire

THURSDAY MAY 2nd, 2024

- 7h30 **MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRAND ROUNDS**
SURGICAL GRAND ROUNDS
Osler Amphitheatre, MGH A6-105
An Act Towards Goodness: Changing the Landscape of Abdominal Wall Surgery”
— Dr. Yuri Novitsky

DR. LLOYD D. MACLEAN (1924-2015) was Chairman of the McGill Department of Surgery from 1968 to 1973, 1977 to 1982 and from 1987 to 1988. He was the Edward W. Archibald Professor, Department of Surgery, McGill University from 1987 – 1993. He was also Surgeon-in-Chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital from 1962 to 1988.

Dr. L.D. MacLean was a Professor of Surgery at McGill for more than a quarter of a century. During this time, he made significant contributions in the study of shock, peritonitis, host resistance, transplantation and extended our understanding of the effectiveness of surgery for obesity.

Some of the many honours Dr. MacLean received are:

- The Gairdner Wightman Award in 1989 for Outstanding Leadership, Teaching and Administration in Medicine
- Arthur Sims Commonwealth Traveling Professorship 1988-1989
- Appointed as the First Edward Archibald Professor of Surgery 1987
- Appointed Officer of the Order of Canada 1985
- In 1993 he was elected President of the American Surgical Association
 - *prestigious post once occupied by Edward Archibald, McGill Professor of Surgery in 1923-35, who Dr. MacLean greatly admired.*
- President of the American College of Surgeons, 1993-1994

Dr. L.D. MacLean is author, from 1952 – 2006, of 350 papers in peer reviewed journals. McGill surgeons are justifiably proud of Dr. L.D. MacLean's achievements and honours. This Visiting Professor Program is designed to acknowledge Dr. L.D. MacLean's leadership role in the promotion of excellence in academic surgery.

L.D. MACLEAN GENERAL SURGERY VISITING PROFESSOR

2003 – Dr. Robert Udelsman	2011 – Dr. Guy Maddern	2019 – John R.T. Monson
2004 – Dr. Ajit Sachdeva	2012 – Dr. Quan-Yang Duh	2020 – No meeting
2005 – Dr. Michael Mulholland	2013 – Dr. Philip R. Schauer	2021 – Dr. Teodor Grantcharov
2006 – Dr. Jeffrey L. Ponsky	2014 – Dr. Conor P. Delaney	2022 – Dr. Yuman Fong
2007 – Dr. Robin McLeod	2015 – Dr. David R. Urbach	2023 – Dr. Dorry Segev
2008 – Dr. Michael Sarr	2016 – Dr. Rebecca M. Minter	2024 – Dr. Yuri Novitsky
2009 – Dr. Pierre Alain Clavien	2017 – Dr. Caprice C. Greenberg	
2010 – Dr. David Flum	2018 – Dr. L.D. Britt	

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