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1. U of T, PM&R Conference a success

We were pleased to see so many people come for the U of T, PM&R Conference on November 16, 2018. We had over 120 participants and an excellent series of speakers from local, regional and international locations. We were also pleased to see participants from as far away as London and Ottawa attending this conference. Many thanks are extended to Hossein Amani who led the preparation for this conference as well as the organizing committee including: David Berbrayer, Gordon Ko, Larry Robinson, and Chantal Vaidyanath.

2. Congratulations to Eugene Chang for promotion

We were pleased to learn that Eugene Chang has been promoted to Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Eugene also recently completed his Master's degree in Community Health in Health Practitioner Teacher Education at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

3. Publish or Perish Software

If you are interested in measuring your research impact, the Publish or Perish software is a free downloadable program that allows you to calculate your H-index as well as other measures of academic success. Many thanks are extended to Mohammad Alavanja for putting together the instructions. This is particularly helpful software if you are going to be looking at your H-index which tracks the number of times papers have been cited. If, for example, one has 20 publications that have been cited at least 20 times each, then one would have an H-index of 20. If 50 papers were cited at least 50 times, then the H-index would be 50. This is a convenient shorthand for looking at scholarly productivity. It is however difficult to compare from one specialty to another since internal medicine have many more people citing authors works than a small field like Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

4. Congratulations to Andrea Furlan for her continued visibility in the press

We were pleased to see that Andrea Furlan has published a piece in The Conversation about Cannabis in the workplace and the need for an accurate measure of impairment. This has been widely circulated in the University of Toronto as well as nationally. Congratulations to Andrea for being a consistent voice of reason in the world of pain. The link to view is:<http://theconversation.com/cannabis-in-the-workplace-we-need-an-accurate-measure-of-impairment-89142>

5. Gaetan Tardif talks about leadership in the GTA Rehab Network Spotlight

In October 2018, Gaetan Tardif retired from his position as Psychiatrist-in-Chief and Medical Program Director at Toronto Rehab/UHN. At the same time, he also stepped down as Vice-Chair of the GTA Rehab Network's Coordinating Council, a position he held for more than six years. GTA Rehab Network Spotlight recently interviewed him – please see: <http://www.gtarehabnetwork.ca/news-display/pub:161/Gatan-Tardif-on-leadership-and-future-of-rehab>.



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Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!



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