

Division of Respiriology

NEWS & UPDATES

August 2025



DIVISIONAL UPDATES: April 1 – August 15, 2025

Internal Review Update: Great news on preliminary report; full report coming in a few months.

NEW for 2025-2026: 3 UofT Division of Respiriology CME FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Application period from Sept 15-Oct 30. [Link to application](#) The value of this award is currently 85.3K meeting the DoM and PGME standards.

RESPIROLOGY RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

We welcome the New Program Director, Dr Ambrose Lau

We are delighted to welcome **Dr. Ambrose Lau** as our new **Resident Training Program Director**. Dr. Lau brings a strong commitment to clinical excellence, resident advocacy, and innovative medical education. We look forward to Ambrose's leadership in advancing our curriculum, strengthening mentorship, and fostering a supportive, inclusive learning environment. We're excited for the vision and energy Ambrose will bring to the role and to our residents.



Welcome to the July 2025 Incoming Respiriology Residents:



Jakov Moric (Outgoing PD), Ambrose Lau (Incoming PD), Vince Girard, O'Danielle O'Sullivan, Seok Hoon Chung, Bottom Row: Anna Tyker, Flora Jung (Chief Resident) Chanhee Seo and Mark Youssef

Wishing our June 2024 graduates ongoing success as respirologists!

Reuben Gurupatham, Stephanie Nevison, Tyler Pitre, Rigya Arya, Keir Martyn



PGY-4 vs PGY-5 Murder Mystery night on May 14, 2025:



2024 CanMEDS retreat in Kingston on Nov 8, 2024

The upcoming CaRM interview day will take place on Sept 16, 2025.

FELLOWS NEWS

Welcome to New Fellows Who Join April 1 to July 1, 2025

Name	Fellowship	Supervisor	Country
Teresa Aguirre Perez	Transplant Medicine	Matthew Binnie	Mexico
Ghada Alqwaiz,	Sleep Medicine	Clodagh Ryan	Saudi Arabia
O'Danielle O'Sullivan	General Respirology	Ambrose Lau	Jamaica
Patharapan	Airways Disease and		
Lersritwimanmaen	Pulmonary Physiology	Chung-Wai Chow	Thailand
Tyler Stacy Pitre	Pulmonary Hyper/ILD	John Granton	Canada
Michael Prodanuk	TB & Non TB Myco	Sarah Brode	Canada
Maurico Tellez	Transplant Medicine	Matthew Binnie	United States

Congratulations to Our Graduating Fellows Completing Their Fellowships June 30, 2025

Name	Fellowship	Supervisor	Country
Shaima Alqahtani	Sleep Medicine	Clodagh Ryan	Saudi Arabia
Reem Alamed	Transplant Medicine	Matthew Binnie	Saudi Arabia
Nora Alrajhi	Sleep Medicine	Clodagh Ryan	Saudi Arabia
Omri Avraham Arbiv	TB & Non TB Myco	Sarah Brode	Canada
Milagros Dianti	Transplant Medicine	Matthew Binnie	Argentina
Alexandra Dittrich	Cystic Fibrosis	Liz Tullis	Canada
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Breanne Golemiec	Cystic Fib/Bronchiectasis	Liz Tullis	Canada
Lorena Irineo Gonzalez	Transplant Medicine	Matthew Binnie	Mexico
Tsukasa Ishiwata	Lung Transplantation	Matthew Binnie	Japan
	Advanced Pulmonary		
Aram Karkar	Procedures	Harvey Wong	Canada
Mohamed Khalil	Vent Pulmonary Rehab	Roger Goldstein	Canada
Razan Kharraz	CF/Bronchiectasis	Liz Tullis	Saudi Arabia
Naina Kumari Sawal	Transplant Medicine	Matthew Binnie	Canada
Japandeep Sethi	Pulmonary Hypertension	John Granton	Canada
Ping Yu Xiong	Pulmonary Hypertension	John Granton	Canada
Yassmin Behzadian	Interstitial Lung Diseases	Shane Shapera	Canada
Arjun Kumar Sharma	Tuberculosis	Sarah Brode	Canada
Razan Frances	TB & Non TB Myco	Sarah Brode	Saudi Arabia

FACULTY UPDATES:

Dr. Tsukasa Ishiwata is appointed July 1, 2025, as a Transplant Respiriologist at the Ajmera Transplant Centre and Clinician Investigator at UHN, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, Division of Respiriology. He completed his residency in internal medicine and subspecialty training in respirology in Japan.

After obtaining his PhD from Chiba University, Dr. Ishiwata pursued postdoctoral research at the Latner Thoracic Surgery Research Laboratories, UHN. During this time, he focused on the development of novel interventional devices for the transbronchial diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary nodules. Dr. Ishiwata subsequently completed clinical fellowships in Interventional Thoracic Surgery and Lung Transplantation at Toronto General Hospital.



Goodbye to Jakov Moric

The Division celebrated Jakov's contributions to the Division in July, along with his family.

Jakov: Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and unwavering support throughout your time as Resident Training Program Director. Your commitment to excellence, guidance, and mentorship have shaped the professional growth of our residents, and also the culture of learning, humility and compassion within the program.

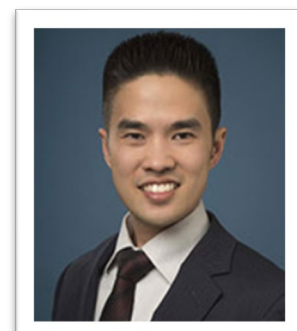
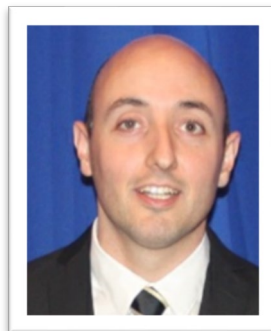
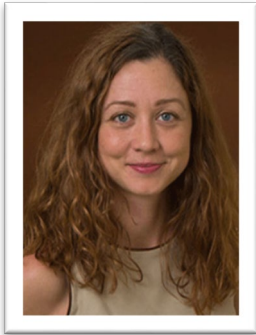
Your impact will continue to resonate far beyond your tenure, and we wish you all the very best in your next chapter



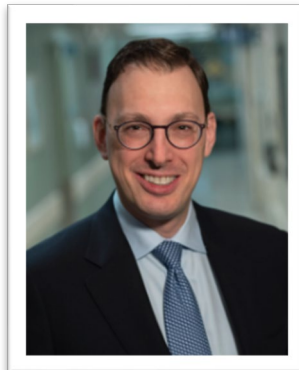
Faculty Promotions

The Division enjoyed a lovely evening in July with toasts from Drs. Roger Goldstein (Sarah Brode), Jonathen Yeung (Stephen Juvet), Lianne Singer (Dmitry Rozenberg), Anu Tandon (Harvey Wong) and Shane Shapera (Matthew Stanbrook)

Promoted to Associate Professor: **Drs Sarah Brode, Stephen Juvet, Dmitry Rozenberg, and Harvey Wong**



Promoted to Full Professor
Dr. Matthew Stanbrook



Awards of Excellence

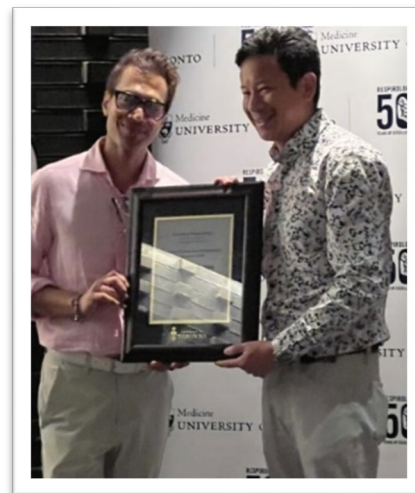
Dr. Clodagh Ryan; Exceptional Contributions to the Development of Professional Practices

-nominated by Drs. John Thenganatt, Nick Vozoris and Owen Lyons



Dr. Samir Gupta: Sustained Excellence in Professional Innovation & Creativity

- nominated by Dr. Chris Li



RESEARCH NEWS

Annual Research Day June 12, 2025

We were delighted to announce the winners of the 2025 Respiratory Research and Teaching Awards. These awards recognize outstanding contributions to research and education in the field of respiratory teaching and science. We extend our congratulations to this year's winners for their exceptional achievements. [Research Day Agenda 2025- PROGRAM](#)

Congratulations To Our 2025 Respiratory Research Presentation Winners: June 2025

- **Best Oral Basic Sciences**
Sumiha Karunagaran
- **Best Oral Clinical Sciences**
Daniel Genkin
- **Best Poster Basic Sciences**
Rajiv Sanwal
- **Best Poster Clinical Sciences**
Deween Piyasena
- **Best Poster Health Sciences**
Julie Semenchuk



Congratulations To Our 2025 Respiriology Teaching Awards Winners:

- **Jae Yang Teaching Award**
Stephanie Nevison
- **Mentorship Award**
Richard Horner
- **Post Graduate Teaching Award**
Matthew Stanbrook
- **Mintz Undergraduate Teaching Award**
Owen Lyons
- **Faculty Research Excellence Award**
Stephen Juvet
- **Respirology Trainee Research Award**
Tyler Pitre



Pettit Block Term Grant Awards April 2025

Samir Gupta and Stacey Butler

Project Title: Feasibility of a Sustainable and Accessible Inhaler Recycling Program

Nicholas Vozoris

Project Title: Cardio-pulmonary health outcomes associated with differing bi-level positive airway

EXTERNAL AWARDS and GRANTS

March 2025

Anju Anand, King Charles III Coronation Medal (for leadership of the This is Our Shot campaign, impactful community engagement and public health improvement through vaccination), Governor General of Canada

Andrea Gershon, King Charles III Coronation Medal, Governor General of Canada

Samir Gupta, King Charles III Coronation Medal (for wide-reaching public health contributions through education and communication), Governor General of Canada

Stephen Juvet and Tereza Martinu, CIHR Project Grant for the project “*Novel Alveolar Macrophages in the pathogenesis of chronic lung allograft dysfunction*”

Elizabeth Tullis, King Charles III Coronation Medal (for exceptional contributions to cystic fibrosis care and research), Governor General of Canada

May 2025

Stephen Juvet, 2025 Faculty Recognition Award for Exceptional Mentorship, Institute of Medical Science and International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation Grant, entitled “A Machine Learning Enhanced Lung-Specific Autoantibody Signature to Identify Patients At Risk for CLAD”

Richard Horner, Sustained Excellence and Innovation in Life Sciences Education Award 2025, University of Toronto

July 2025

Jane Batt: Project Grant Award, CIHR “Operationalizing Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES) therapy in the Intensive Care Unit: Developing tools, technologies and automation to combat Intensive Care Unit Acquired Weakness (ICUAW)”

Jane Batt: Project Title, Targeting Fibroadipogenic Progenitors (FAPs) in the management of traumatic denervation induced skeletal muscle injury, Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis: IMHA Mandate Areas

Chung-Wai Chow, Department of Medicine Clinician-Scientist Salary Support Award, U of T

Chung-Wai Chow, Derrick Rossi Innovation Award, U of T, “*Machine Learning Based System for Interpretation of Respiratory Oscillometry*”

Stephen Juvet, Department of Medicine Clinician-Scientist Salary Support Award, U of T

Anne Stephensen, Department of Medicine Clinician-Scientist Salary Support Award, U of T

EVENTS

June 12, 2025, Summer CME Event



With thanks to the CME Standing Committee: Chair, John Thenganatt, Matthew Binnie, Kasia Czarnecka, Owen Lyons, Clodagh Ryan, Matthew Stanbrook, and new member Nicholas Vozoris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 5, 2025: Weekly Respiriology Grand and Research-in-Progress Rounds resume with Dr Tom Dolmage's presentation on, Physiology of exercise training in Chronic Respiratory Disease: basic principles leading to disease specific approaches

Oct 8, 2025: Meet the Investigator Night; 6 – 10 PM, Adega on Elm Street

Nov 13, 2025: CME 16th Annual Year in Review – Airways: [Registration opens in Sept](#)

November 2025: FAME season 2 to resume

January 2026: Annual Faculty Years gathering

June 11, 2026: Annual Respiriology Research and Teaching Awards Day

- Call for Abstracts: April 1-30, 2026
- Call for Judges: May 1, 2026
- Deadline for Abstract Submission: April 30, 2026
- Confirmation of Accepted Abstracts and Oral Presentations: May 21, 2026

July 2026: Annual Celebration of New Associate and Full Professors

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