

## Agenda

### Toronto City Wide Rheumatology Rounds: “Pearls Gleaned and Wisdom Gained Through Necessity: The Virtual World of Care and Education”

Division of Rheumatology, University of Toronto

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

8:00AM to 11:45AM

Location: Virtual ([Zoom Registration](#))

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Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Comments (5 mins)	MC
8:05 AM	Virtual Care – Setting the Stage (25 mins)	Dr. Ahmed Omar Dr. Tim Kwok
8:30 AM	Discussion (10 mins)	
8:40 AM	Intersecting Care and Teaching in the Virtual World – Blending and Building a Better Normal (40 mins)	Dr. Heather MacNeill
9:20 AM	Telemedicine Works in Rheumatology (30 mins)	Dr. John Cush
9:50 AM	Discussion (10 mins)	
10:00 AM	Break (10 mins)	
10:10 AM	What Are Best Practices for Virtual Care in Rheumatology and How Do We Begin to Measure Them? (30 mins)	Dr. Claire Barber
10:40 AM	Discussion (10 mins)	
10:50 AM	Virtual Care and the Canadian Rheumatology Association (20 mins)	Dr. Brent Ohata
11:10 AM	Discussion (10 mins)	
11:20 AM	Patient and Resident Perspectives	
11:45 AM	Wrap Up and Thank You	MC

## Presenters

**Ahmed Omar** – CHAIR. Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto. Dr. Omar completed his rheumatology training at the university of Toronto, including a spondylitis and vasculitis fellowship. His primary scholarly and academic interest is in medical education, with a keen interest in clinical teaching, educational technology, including virtual care, e-learning and electronic health records. He has initiated new tools in the adaption of Education and Care to the remote requirements demanded of medical practice in the era of COVID-19.

**Tim Kwok** – Tim is currently the Chief Medial Resident and a PGY4 in Internal Medicine at Toronto Western Hospital. He will be starting his rheumatology training at the University of Toronto this year. He is also an MSc student in Health Services Research at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation.

**Heather MacNeill** - Heather MacNeill is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, and Faculty Lead Educational Technologies in Continuing Professional Development, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. She is Director of Stroke Rehabilitation and a practicing physiatrist at Bridgepoint Active Healthcare, Sinai Health System. She has been teaching about, creating, and researching the effect of educational technologies in healthcare over the past decade and is co-instructor of the Teaching with Technology Certificate Course <https://www.cpd.utoronto.ca/teachingwithtech/> and the Educational Technology Master's Course at the University of Toronto (<https://www.healthedutech.com/>).

**John Cush** – Current Director of Clinical Rheumatology at the Baylor Research Institute, and Professor of Medicine and Rheumatology at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Cush's research focuses on translational and drug development projects. His career interests and expertise includes rheumatoid arthritis, spondyloarthritis, Still's disease, drug safety, biologic and novel therapies, pregnancy and nutraceuticals. His expertise and research in the field of rheumatology is chronicled in over 140 journal articles, and numerous textbook chapters. He is the Executive Editor of RheumNow.com - a news, information and education network dedicated to rheumatologists.

**Claire Barber** - Assistant Professor in the Departments of Community Health Sciences and Medicine at the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary. She is affiliated with Arthritis Research Canada, the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health, and the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. Dr. Barber completed undergraduate studies, medical school, and internal medicine training at Dalhousie University. She completed a rheumatology fellowship at the University of Toronto, and a PhD in epidemiology at the University of Calgary. Her research interests include the development, testing and implementation of quality metrics for healthcare systems.

**Brent Ohata** - Dr. Brent Ohata is a clinical assistant professor of rheumatology at the University of British Columbia. He is also the co-chair of the Canadian Rheumatology Association's Telehealth Working Group. Through the Canadian Rheumatology Association, he has developed position statements, best

practice guidelines and educational tools on virtual health for rheumatologists. He was awarded the UBC Division of Rheumatology Innovation Award in 2017 for promoting telehealth to reach underserved communities. He was also awarded the UBC Division of Rheumatology Teaching Award in 2020 for integrating indigenous health and health equity into the training program. He is passionate about health equity, and has established outreach rheumatology clinics to the Carrier Sekani First Nations and the downtown eastside of Vancouver.