



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO

Department of Medicine **ANNUAL DAY**

Monday, June 23, 2025
Hart House
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

We would like to acknowledge this land on which we work, study and live. We recognize that many Indigenous nations have long-standing relationships with the land upon which the work of the University of Toronto's Department of Medicine is conducted. We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnaabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. Today, this land is home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live, work and gather on these territories.



Moira Kapral

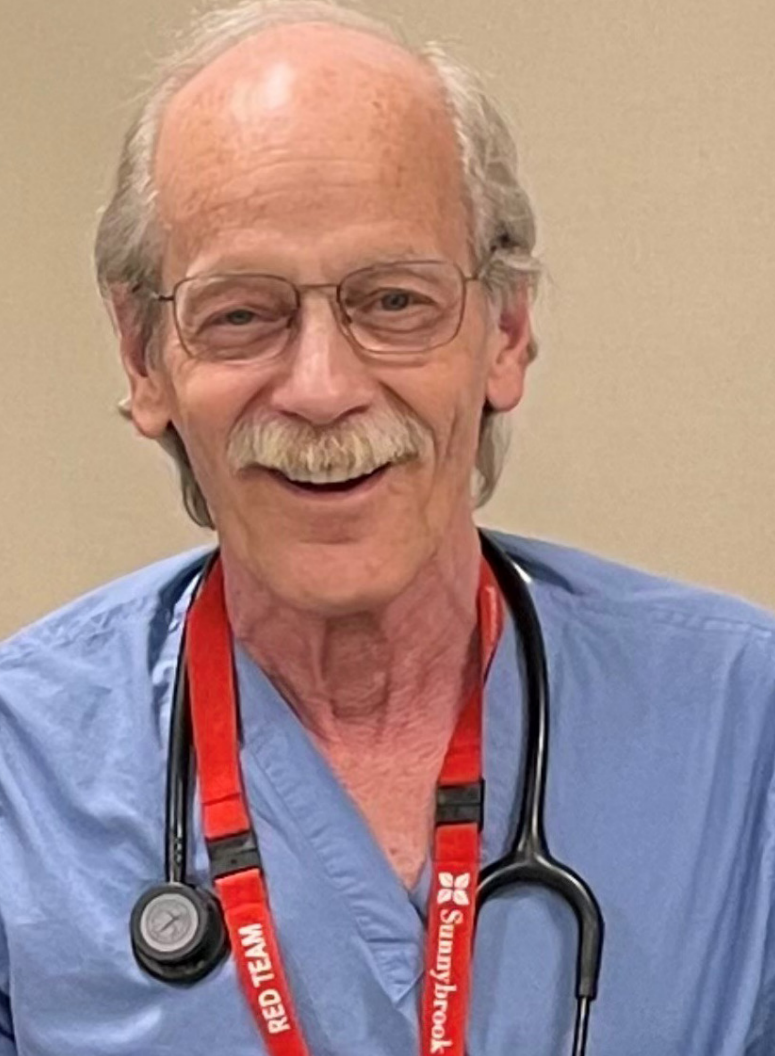
Welcome

It is a pleasure to attend my first Department of Medicine Annual Day as chair. While I've attended this event almost every year since my appointment on faculty, experiencing it in this new capacity is especially meaningful.

This day is a celebration of our members' achievements and our shared purpose. From this year's departmental award winners to our newly promoted faculty and those who have successfully completed the Continuing Faculty Appointment Review (CFAR) process, your accomplishments reflect the very best of our department. It is a privilege to work alongside all of you.

As we bring this academic year to a close, I hope we can take a moment to reflect with pride, recharge over the summer, and return renewed for the opportunities that await us in the year ahead. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

Moira Kapral
Sir John & Lady Eaton Professor and Chair of Medicine



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE ACADEMY OF MASTER CLINICIANS

Steven Shumak

Dr. Steven Shumak began his academic career as a clinical researcher with interests in triglyceride metabolism and diabetes complications. He joined the University of Calgary and became a member of its Julia McFarlane Diabetes Research Centre in 1987. In Calgary, he had the good fortune to become more involved in medical education and assumed the position of Associate Director of Education for the University of Calgary Department of Medicine. In 1995, Dr. Shumak returned to Toronto to be appointed Head of the Division of General Internal Medicine at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. In 1997, he became Director of the University of Toronto Division of General Internal Medicine, as well as its Program Director. During his tenure at Sunnybrook, Dr. Shumak has had multiple administrative and leadership roles including Deputy Physician-in-Chief, Medical Director for the General Medicine Patient Service Unit, and Director of Inpatient Medical Care. Dr. Shumak is proud to have won multiple awards for teaching including both the PARO award in Ontario and the PARA Award in Alberta. He has also received many other teaching and educational awards at the U of T.



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE ACADEMY OF MASTER CLINICIANS

Meyer Balter

Dr. Meyer Balter is Director of the Asthma and COPD Education Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital and a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. After receiving his medical degree from McGill University, Dr. Balter completed an internship and residency in internal medicine, and was Chief Medical Resident at Montreal General Hospital. This was followed by clinical and research fellowships in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Michigan Hospital. Dr. Balter is currently a staff member in the Division of Respiratory Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital and University Health Network. Dr. Balter has won numerous teaching awards from Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto, and the American College of Chest Physicians. He was the recipient of the Canadian Thoracic Society Honorary Lecture in 2024. Dr Balter's professional affiliations and activities include the Ontario and Canadian Medical Associations, American College of Chest Physicians, and the American, European, and Canadian Thoracic Societies.



EATON SCHOLAR RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR (CLINICAL RESEARCH)

Laurent Brochard

Dr. Laurent Brochard is an Intensivist and Clinician-Scientist at St. Michael's Hospital (Unity Health Toronto) and has been Division Director of Critical Care, University of Toronto, since 2014. He holds the Keenan Chair in Critical Care and Acute Respiratory Failure. He trained in respirology and critical care, obtained his MD degree in Paris, and worked in Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris (Hôpital Henri Mondor, Creteil), moved to Geneva University Hospital, Switzerland (2010-2013) before being recruited in Toronto. He has been Editor-in-Chief of Intensive Care Medicine and is currently Deputy Editor of the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Brochard created a research network on mechanical ventilation REVA. He leads an international group on respiratory physiology (PLUG) and leads the Centre of Excellence in Mechanical Ventilation in Toronto (CoEMV). He has mentored and directed numerous trainees, many being leaders in Critical Care. He has also published over 750 peer-reviewed publications (H-index 132).



EATON SCHOLAR RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR (BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE)

Mario Masellis

Dr. Mario Masellis is a Clinician-Scientist and professor within the Division of Neurology. Clinically, he is a neurologist with expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of early-onset dementias and those dementias associated with movement disorders. Dr. Masellis has training in four main research areas: cognitive and movement disorders, neurology, pharmacology, and genomics and neuroimaging. His current research focus is on the characterization of the genetics, neuropsychological, neuroimaging and pathological features of atypical neurodegenerative dementias. He is also studying the pharmacogenomics of cholinesterase inhibitors in patients who have dementia associated with Parkinson's disease and Lewy bodies. Additionally, he is looking at the use of anti-parkinsonian medications to treat symptoms of Parkinson's disease. He has established an "omics" research platform using longitudinal clinical, neuropsychological and neuroimaging data to define biomarkers of drug responses, and of neurodegenerative disease.



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Liesly Lee

Dr. Liesly Lee is a consultant neurologist in the Department of Medicine at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He completed his training in Neurology at the University of Toronto in 1997 and completed one year of Fellowship training in multiple sclerosis. Academically, he has been actively involved in the Neurology teaching program in both the undergraduate and graduate levels at the university for the past two decades. He has been the director of the Sunnybrook MS Clinic since 2000. His interests include clinical phenomenology in neurology, advancing treatments in multiple sclerosis and developing neurology care in the developing world, especially in Africa. His mentors have included Drs. John Wherrett and Trevor Gray, who have been role models for dedicated and astute patient care and the art of practicing neurology in a thoughtful and compassionate manner.



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE MID-CAREER TEACHING AWARD

Alberto Goffi

Dr. Alberto Goffi is a Staff Physician at St. Michael's Hospital and an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and the Interdepartmental Division of Critical Care Medicine (IDCCM) at the University of Toronto. Originally from Italy, he graduated from the University of Torino, where he also completed his training in internal and emergency medicine. In 2010, he moved to Toronto to pursue a fellowship in adult critical care medicine. Dr. Goffi's clinical and academic interests include neurocritical care and critical care ultrasound, with a particular focus on lung ultrasound and effective strategies for teaching and assessing ultrasound competency. He is the Co-Director of the St. Michael's Hospital Adult Critical Care Medicine International Fellowship and serves as the lead for the IDCCM BASIC Critical Care Ultrasound Curriculum. Dr. Goffi loves travelling for teaching; he has taught ultrasound and neurocritical care across five continents. He was awarded the Young Lecturer Award by the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine in 2015, and in 2019, he received the Frank S. Rutledge Award of Excellence in Critical Care Teaching. In recent years, Dr. Goffi has discovered that nothing is more rewarding - or exhausting - than playing with Sofia and Oliver, his two children.



ROBERT HYLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP (LATE CAREER)

Helen MacKay

Dr. Helen MacKay is a Medical Oncologist and Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. She is Head of the Division of Medical Oncology and Malignant Hematology at the Odette Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and Senior Scientist at the Sunnybrook Research Institute. Her research involves collaborating with translational and basic scientists in the development and validation of novel therapeutic strategies. She is the former President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology of Canada (GOC). She co-chairs the National Cancer Institute (NCI), US, Ovarian Cancer Task Force. Dr. Mackay was also appointed to the NCTN Core Correlative Sciences Committee of the NCI (US) in June 2022. She is the past chair of the Ovarian Group and sits on the executive of the Gyne committee of the Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG), and represents CCTG at the Gynecologic Cancer Intergroup. She is a past chair of both the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Scientific Committees for the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).



ROBERT HYLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP (MID-CAREER)

Lorraine Lipscombe

Dr. Lorraine Lipscombe is an endocrinologist and Clinician-Scientist at Women's College Hospital and a Department of Medicine Professor. In 2021, she was appointed the director of the University of Toronto's Novo Nordisk Network for Healthy Populations, a U of T research network aimed at reducing the burden and risk of type 2 diabetes. Dr. Lipscombe's research program focuses on the epidemiology and health services for diabetes, with a particular focus on the risk and consequences of diabetes in women. As a senior adjunct scientist at ICES, she has extensive experience with healthcare database research. She is also leading a CIHR-funded research program evaluating a type 2 diabetes prevention program for women who have had gestational diabetes.



MICHAEL GORDON AWARD FOR HUMANISM IN MEDICINE

Mena Gewarges

Dr. Mena Gewarges completed her Internal Medicine (2019) and Adult Cardiology (2022) postgraduate residency training at the University of Toronto and is certified by the Royal College of Physician and Surgeons in Internal Medicine and Adult Cardiology. She completed fellowship training in advanced heart failure, cardiac transplantation and mechanical circulatory support (2023), and then in cardiac critical care (2024) at Toronto General Hospital. Dr. Gewarges has additionally trained in delivering outreach cardiovascular care to the Moose Factory, Moosonee, Peawanuck, and Attawapiskat Cree First Nations communities within the Weeneebayko Health Authority, both virtually and on reserve. Her unique training pathway and dedicated graduate work in sociology inspired Dr. Gewarges to co-develop the Diversity and Inclusion in Cardiology Education (DICE) program, a mentorship program for Black and Indigenous learners.



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AWARD IN QUALITY AND INNOVATION

Amir Ginzburg

Dr. Amir Ginzburg is a General Internist and Trillium Health Partners' Executive Vice President, Quality, Risk and Practice. His portfolio also includes Medical Affairs, IPAC, ethics, clinical systems and clinical informatics. He previously served as Trillium's Chief of Quality and also the Chief of Medicine. Dr. Ginzburg is a nationally-respected educator in the quality improvement and patient safety field and is a featured speaker for the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and the Centre for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at the University of Toronto. He participated in the 2015 redesign of the CanMEDS framework that incorporated quality improvement and patient safety competencies and milestones, and he helped to develop curricula at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for faculty development in quality improvement and patient safety. Dr. Ginzburg helped to design the Canadian Incident Management Toolkit and was a Master Facilitator for the Patient Safety Education Program Canada. He currently supports design and delivery of Canada's only national patient safety officer training curriculum.



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AWARD IN QUALITY AND INNOVATION

Jerome Leis

Dr. Jerome Leis is an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Medical Director of Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC) at Sunnybrook. His QI focus is on infection prevention using evaluative designs ranging from local time series studies to multicentre cluster randomized trials. Examples include models of care promoting judicious use of medical devices, antibiotics and diagnostic testing, and using technology to support hand hygiene improvement. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Leis and his team simultaneously implemented and evaluated hospital-based protocols while supporting disproportionately affected long-term care homes (LTCH). This crisis gave rise to regional collaboration with LTCHs dedicated to improving IPAC infrastructure, as well as an Ethical Framework to support complex IPAC decisions. Many such practice improvements are incorporated into guidance by the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology (SHEA), Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC).



WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP & INNOVATION

Zachary Feilchenfeld

Dr. Zachary Feilchenfeld completed his medical degree at the University of Toronto in 2011, and subsequently completed his post-graduate training at the University of Toronto in Internal Medicine, specializing in General Internal Medicine. He obtained a Master of Health Professions Education at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. He has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the role of a Clinician Teacher, based at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in the Division of General Internal Medicine. He has been the Site Program Director for the Core Internal Medicine training program at Sunnybrook since 2020 and Co-Director of the Hospitalist Training Program at Sunnybrook since 2024.



WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN TEACHING

William Kingston

Dr. William Kingston is originally from Moncton, New Brunswick. He is currently a full-time academic headache neurologist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. He is the founder of the headache medicine fellowship at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, as well as the founder and Director of the headache and pregnancy clinic at Sunnybrook, which is the first of its kind in the world. He is a board member of the Canadian Headache Society where he chairs their educational webinar series and Migraine Canada. His major clinical and research interests are in headache in pregnancy and cluster headache.



WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN RESEARCH

Aaron Drucker

Dr. Aaron Drucker is a dermatologist and Clinician Scientist at Women's College Hospital focused on the epidemiology and evidence-based treatment of skin diseases. He uses population-based pharmacoepidemiology studies and advanced evidence synthesis to study the efficacy and safety of medications used to treat skin conditions, particularly atopic dermatitis. His research is used to directly support international clinical practice guidelines and to inform treatment decisions for clinicians and people with skin disease.



WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN QUALITY & INNOVATION

Charles Kassardjian

Dr. Charles Kassardjian is a neurologist with a clinical focus in the area of peripheral neurological diseases and neurophysiology, and a special interest in genetic myopathies. His research and educational interests are in the area of quality improvement and patient safety. A major focus is medication safety and standardization of practice for neuromuscular patients treated with immunosuppressive medications. He is interested in the way that we create and use guidelines in practice, especially when evidence is lacking, and recently led the development of the first international consensus guidance on the management of glucocorticoid related complications in neuromuscular disorders.



WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN QUALITY & INNOVATION

Houman Khosravani

Dr. Houman Khosravani is a stroke physician at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and a practicing Intensivist. He is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Neurology, Department of Medicine, where he is appointed as a Clinician in Quality and Innovation. His interests include improving quality and patient safety in stroke care pathways during the hyperacute and inpatient phases of care, advanced care planning in stroke care, neurocritical care of neurovascular patients peri-TPA/EVT, ICU EEG, and leveraging computation and machine learning to undertake solutions in these domains.

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IGNATIUS FONG Infectious Diseases

DAFNA GLADMAN Rheumatology

MICHAEL HUTCHEON Respiriology

ROBERT JOSSE Endocrinology & Metabolism

MAUREEN SHANDLING Neurology

RACHEL SHUPAK Rheumatology

ARTHUR SLUTSKY Critical Care

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
SENIOR PROMOTIONS**

Full Professor



Clare Atzema

Emergency Medicine

Dr. Clare Atzema is an emergency physician at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and a Senior Scientist at Sunnybrook Research Institute (SRI) and ICES. She is also the Research Program Director of the Integrated Community Program at SRI. She completed her medical degree at the University of British Columbia, which was followed by a year at UCLA as a Visiting Scholar. She completed the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Emergency Medicine residency training program as well as an MSc in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease in the emergency department setting and subsequent follow-up care. As a health services researcher, she uses linked province-wide databases to examine the relationship between care in the emergency department and outcomes in patients with chronic cardiovascular diseases, such as atrial fibrillation. Her work has been funded by grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. She has been a Decision Editor at emergency medicine's highest impact factor journal, *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, for over a decade, and in 2022, she won the CIHR-ICRH/CAEP Mid-Career Lecturer Award in Emergency Medicine, which recognizes outstanding mid-career investigators in circulatory and respiratory sciences.



Isaac Bogoch

Infectious Diseases

Dr. Isaac Bogoch completed medical school and internal medicine residency training at the University of Toronto. He then pursued an Infectious Diseases fellowship through the Harvard Partners program, and an HIV fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He holds a Master's degree in Clinical Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health, and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Gorgas Memorial Institute and the Instituto de Medicina Tropical in Lima, Peru. Dr. Bogoch's clinical and research interests are in tropical diseases, global health and HIV prevention. He works with an international and interdisciplinary team that models emerging and re-emerging infectious global health threats. Additionally, he develops and implements innovative and simple diagnostic solutions to improve the quality of care in resource-constrained settings. Dr. Bogoch is also a Clinician-Investigator in the HIV Prevention Unit, with a focus on non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis delivery models.



Ryan Brydges

Dr. Ryan Brydges is an Education Scientist and Director of Medical Education Scholarship (MEdS) in the DoM. He holds the Professorship in Technology-Enabled Education, which supports his work as the Research Director at the Allan Waters Family Simulation Centre, and as the Director of the Applied Education Research Operatives, both at St. Michael's Hospital. His research focuses on how healthcare trainees, professionals, and the teams they form support each other to maximize how they learn from their clinical practice and training throughout their careers. He regularly tests the claims that current training systems prepare professionals for their future lifelong learning. His recent research focuses on how to improve the ways technologies and their ever-increasing data streams can help healthcare professionals become effective self-regulated learners. He enjoys supervising graduate trainees and medical students/residents, who help shape and challenge his thinking daily.



Rena Buckstein

Hematology

Dr. Rena Buckstein is a clinician investigator at the Odette Cancer Centre who specializes in malignant hematology. She chaired the hematology site group for 15 years and currently leads the hematology clinical trials program at the Odette Cancer Center. Dr. Buckstein founded and chairs a national registry for myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS-CAN) of more than 1400 patients and is an affiliate scientist of Sunnybrook Research Institute. She is a member of the International MDS Foundation scientific advisory board, the Canadian Cancer Society hematology clinical trials sub-committee, a co-chair of an international MDS Guidelines panel for MDS-RIGHT and has chaired national clinical trials in lymphoma and MDS. She has authored and co-authored 155 publications and holds peer reviewed grants from the Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute (CCSRI), Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) and the Leukemia Lymphoma Society of Canada (LLSC).



Vinod Chandran

Rheumatology

Dr. Vinod Chandran is a rheumatologist at University Health Network (UHN) and Sinai Health System, a scientist at the Krembil Research Institute and a graduate faculty member at the Institute of Medical Science and the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology. Dr. Chandran holds the Dr. Dafna D. Gladman Chair in Psoriatic Arthritis Research at UHN and directs the Gladman Krembil Psoriatic Arthritis Research Program at the Schroeder Arthritis Institute. His research interests lie in the genetic and molecular epidemiology of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. Dr. Chandran's current translational research program is focused on developing a proteomic and metabolomics-based screening and prognostic tool for psoriatic arthritis - a potentially debilitating inflammatory arthritis - as well as identifying and reducing barriers to multidisciplinary care of patients with psoriatic disease.



Martin Chasen

Palliative Medicine

Dr. Martin Chasen completed his undergraduate training at the University of Pretoria, later obtaining a specialist degree in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, and a Master of Philosophy (Palliative Medicine) at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He is a founding member of the palliative care working group, European Society of Medical Oncology, and faculty member of ESMO education. He is currently the Medical Director of Palliative Care at William Osler Health System in Brampton. He was previously the Medical Director of Palliative Care at The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre and the Palliative Rehabilitation Program at Élisabeth Bruyère in Ottawa. Dr. Chasen currently holds professorships at the University of Toronto, McMaster, Ottawa and McGill. He has lectured internationally and nationally, and appeared in media, including as an invited speaker on palliative care in the Canadian House of Commons.



Vijay Chauhan

Cardiology

Dr. Vijay Chauhan is a Clinician-Scientist in the Division of Cardiology and Senior Scientist at Toronto General Hospital Research Institute. He practices interventional cardiac electrophysiology, including atrial fibrillation catheter ablation and defibrillator/cardiac resynchronization therapy implantation. His translational research program investigates mechanisms of atrial fibrillation, sudden cardiac death and electrical dyssynchrony in patients with cardiomyopathy and inherited arrhythmias. The studies characterize abnormal electrical substrate using high-resolution electrocardiography, intracardiac mapping and cardiac imaging along with custom signal processing and machine learning. The findings have provided novel insights into arrhythmia vulnerability that have led to tailored atrial fibrillation ablation and improved patient selection for defibrillator/cardiac resynchronization therapy.



Christine Chen

Hematology

Dr. Christine Chen is the Medical Director of the Clinical Immune Effector Cell (IEC) Program and previous Director of the Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Program at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. She is a clinical investigator and teacher with a focus on novel Implementation Sciences, in particular, cell-based therapies for the management of multiple myeloma and other lymphoproliferative disorders. Dr. Chen led the implementation of the clinical IEC program at Princess Margaret from its inception in 2018, to the largest program in Canada to date. She currently holds the Princess Margaret Bloom Chair for Research in Multiple Myeloma. After completion of internal medicine training at the University of British Columbia and hematology residency at McMaster University, she completed a clinical research fellowship in autologous transplantation at Princess Margaret, subsequently joining the faculty of the Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology and obtaining her Master's in Education from the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education at U of T.



Nigil Haroon

Rheumatology

Dr. Nigil Haroon is the Head of the Division of Rheumatology at the University Health Network and Sinai Health. He is also the Immediate Past President of the Canadian Rheumatology Association and Vice-Chair of Spondyloarthritis Research and Treatment Network. Additionally, he is a Senior Scientist at the Krembil Research Institute and the Schroeder Arthritis Institute. Dr. Haroon is an internationally renowned Clinician-Scientist in the field of Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS). He is well published in this area and has been an invited speaker in several international meetings. Dr. Haroon also serves on the board of the Arthritis Society of Canada, as well as on the Medical and Scientific Advisory Boards of the Spondylitis Association of America and the Canadian Spondylitis Association. Dr. Haroon has won several national and international awards and has a well-established translational research program at UHN, known for cutting edge work in functional genomics of Axial Spondyloarthritis.



Douglas Ing

Cardiology

Dr. Douglas Ing graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto in 1991 and completed Internal Medicine residency in Toronto before undertaking specialist training in Cardiology at Stanford University Medical Center, followed by additional subspecialty fellowships in Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology in California. He was recruited to the Division of Cardiology at the University of Toronto in 2000 in the role of Clinician-Teacher, based at Toronto General Hospital. He is active in medical education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and has been honoured with multiple teaching awards over the years.



Cheryl Jaigobin

Neurology

Dr. Cheryl Jaigobin is a University of Toronto alumna, having received her neurology training and her master's degree at the University of Toronto. Dr. Jaigobin comes with over 20 years of experience as a Clinician-Teacher in the Department of Medicine, at both undergraduate and graduate teaching levels. She has participated in educational activities in undergraduate, postgraduate and fellowship programs at a local, provincial and national level. She was a member of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Professional Education Committee and the American Academy of Neurology Guidelines Development Committee. She is currently Director of Fellowship Programs for the Department of Medicine.



Joseph Kim

Nephrology

Dr. Joseph Kim is a staff nephrologist in the Division of Nephrology and Director of the Kidney Transplant Program at Toronto General Hospital, University Health Network. Dr. Kim completed medical school, internal medicine residency, chief medical residency, and fellowships in nephrology and kidney transplantation at the University of Toronto. In 2008, he earned a PhD in epidemiology and a Master of Health Science in biostatistics at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 2020, he completed a Global Executive MBA for Healthcare and the Life Sciences at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. Dr. Kim's research interests include access to and outcomes of kidney transplantation using centre and population-based cohorts, as well as using data more effectively to inform health system improvement.



Warren Lee

Critical Care

Dr. Warren Lee received his M.D. from the University of Toronto and was awarded the Cody Gold Medal. He completed residencies in Internal Medicine, Respiriology, and Critical Care Medicine in Toronto. He then undertook research training in the Program in Cell Biology at the Hospital for Sick Children, completing a PhD in 2006. This was followed by postdoctoral training in Microbiology and Immunology at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. His research focuses on the mechanisms of endothelial permeability, with specific interest in how LDL cholesterol crosses the arterial endo-thelium by transcytosis to initiate atherosclerosis. Dr. Lee's lab was the first to identify a specific receptor involved in LDL transcytosis. His lab also investigates the contribution of endothelial paracellular leakage to acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), seeking to develop novel diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for ARDS. He holds a Canada Research Chair in Mechanisms of Endothelial Permeability.



Susanna Mak

Cardiology

Dr. Susanna Mak is the Deputy Director of Clinical Research at Sinai Health. In 2019, she became the first female Division Director of Cardiology in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Additionally, she is a Senior Clinician-Scientist at the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute (LTRI), part of Sinai Health, as well as the Director of the Anna Prosserman Heart Function Clinic and the Harold & Esther Mecklinger and the Posluns Family Cardiac Catheterization Research Laboratory at Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Mak received her PhD from the Institute of Medical Sciences at U of T and is an expert in the assessment of hemodynamics and heart chamber function in humans. Her research interests include the differences in heart function between men and women, using exercise to better understand and classify the symptoms of difficulty in breathing and high blood pressure in the lungs, and the quality of care for patients with acute and chronic heart failure.



Renato Munhoz

Neurology

Dr. Renato Munhoz is a Clinician-Scientist in the Krembil Research Institute and Co-Director of the Neuromodulation Unit and Ataxia Clinic at Toronto Western Hospital. His research program is focused on the study of neurological disorders that manifest ataxia as their main neurological feature, as well as the exploration of advanced techniques in the management of movement disorders in general using deep brain stimulation and other forms of stereotactic surgery.



Matthew Oliver

Nephrology

Dr. Matthew Oliver is the Division Head of Nephrology at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. He received his medical degree from Western University and completed his nephrology fellowship at McMaster University, and his Master's Degree in Clinical Research at Duke University. His research interests include increasing peritoneal dialysis in the home, reducing vascular access complications in hemodialysis and promoting COVID-19 vaccination in patients with kidney disease. He is a co-founder of DMAR systems and the North American PD catheter registry.



Jeffrey Perl

Nephrology

Dr. Jeffrey Perl is a staff nephrologist at St. Michael's Hospital. His work focuses on improving access to and outcomes in home dialysis. He has received several prestigious awards, including the J. Michael Lazarus Distinguished Award (US National Kidney Foundation), the Mid-Career Leadership Award (American Society of Nephrology), and the John Maher Young Investigator Award (International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis), as well as multiple teaching and mentorship honours. Dr. Perl is Editor-in-Chief of Peritoneal Dialysis International and co-chaired the KDIGO Home Dialysis Controversies Conference. He serves as principal investigator for the International PD Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS) and co-led the OPPUS study. He also co-chairs the ASN Home Dialysis Steering Committee and is a faculty member at Home Dialysis University, where he co-supervises the Home Dialysis Fellowship at St. Michael's Hospital.



Lisa Richardson

General Internal Medicine

Dr. Lisa Richardson practices General Internal Medicine at Toronto General Hospital and is the Vice-Dean, Strategy and Governance at the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine. She is an education researcher at the Wilson Centre with a scholarly focus on how to integrate Indigenous and critical perspectives from the social sciences into medical education. Dr. Richardson is the Strategic Lead in Indigenous Health for Women's College Hospital where she founded Ganawishkadowe – The Centre for Wise Practices in Indigenous Health. She is on Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and co-chairs the Royal College's Indigenous Health Committee. Dr. Richardson is also a founding executive member of the National Consortium for Indigenous Medical Education and belongs to the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada.



Gustavo Saposnik

Neurology

Dr. Gustavo Saposnik is a Neurologist and Senior Scientist at St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto. Dr. Saposnik holds an MD, MPH, and PhD in Decision Neuroscience-Neuroeconomics, and is the Founder of NeuroSmart Solutions and Executive Director of the World Stroke Academy. His work focuses on translating complex medical science into actionable strategies that shape education, decision-making, and organizational growth. He holds cross-appointments at ICES and the Institute of Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation at the University of Toronto, and serves as Adjunct Professor at Mahidol University. A continuous recipient of HSFC career salary awards since 2004, he has authored over 300 peer-reviewed publications, 11 clinical guidelines and led over 200 academic projects. He is committed to advancing science-driven innovation and fostering high-impact collaborations across academic and healthcare sectors.



Jeffrey Singh

Critical Care

Dr. Jeffrey Singh completed his medical training at the University of Toronto in 1999, followed by residencies in Internal Medicine and Critical Care Medicine. He received his US Neurocritical Care Certification in 2008. His research interests include mechanical ventilation in acute brain and spinal cord injuries, and he is the co-principal investigator of an ONF-RHI funded study to evaluate the use of NAVA ventilation in acute cervical spinal cord injury. He is also actively leading several quality improvement initiatives targeting various aspects of the provision of critical care to patients with acute neurological injuries. Dr. Singh is appointed as Regional Medical Lead for Donations for Trillium Gift of Life Network, Canada's largest organ donation organization. He is also active in the Neurocritical Care Society, where he has served on the Board of Directors (2019-2021), as well as several committees.



Matthew Stanbrook

Respirology

Dr. Matthew Stanbrook earned his MD, as well as a PhD in clinical epidemiology, from the University of Toronto and was the first person to complete an Editorial Fellowship at the New England Journal of Medicine. He is a staff Respirologist at the Asthma & Airway Centre of the University Health Network, a Clinician-Scientist at the Toronto General Research Institute and an Affiliate Scientist at ICES. In addition, he has served as a Deputy Editor of the Canadian Medical Association Journal since 2007 and as an Associate Editor for ACP Journal Club since 2006. His major academic interests include COPD and asthma, respiratory effects of e-cigarettes and cannabis, and the role of medical journals in the reporting and impact of research.



Laura Targownik

Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Prior to joining the Department of Medicine as Division Director for Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Dr. Laura Targownik was the Chief of the Section of Gastroenterology at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Targownik is a nationally recognized researcher in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and has held funding from Crohn's and Colitis Canada, the American College of Gastroenterology and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. She is currently an Associate Editor for the American Journal of Gastroenterology and has served on the Examiner's Board on the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for Gastroenterology. Dr. Targownik is a member of numerous research consortia, including the Canadian IBD Research Consortium, the Canadian Gastrointestinal Epidemiology Consortium and the Canadian IBD Transitions in Care Network. She is also the chair for Equity and Diversity for the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology.



Jacob Udell

Cardiology

Dr. Jacob Udell is the Division Head of Cardiology and a Clinician-Scientist at Women's College Hospital (WCH). He is cross appointed at Toronto General Hospital and is the Director of the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre's Clinical Trials and Translation Unit. Dr. Udell studies new therapies and strategies to prevent and treat coronary heart disease and heart failure. He conducts large population-based cohort studies and multicentre pragmatic CV outcome trials. Dr. Udell has been the recipient of multiple awards, and in 2023, was awarded the WCH Best Mentor Award.

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
SENIOR PROMOTIONS**

Associate Professor



Arnon Adler
Cardiology

Dr. Arnon Adler is a cardiologist who specializes in inherited cardiac disease and sudden death syndromes. Since 2018, he has been part of the Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) group at The Peter Munk Cardiac Centre, UHN. His current research focus is on the management, risk stratification and genetic underpinnings of HCM.



Jonathan Ailon
General Internal Medicine

Dr. Jonathan Ailon's academic pursuits are unified in their aim to address gaps and improve palliative care. As the Medical Director for Palliative Care at Unity Health Toronto, he has supported the development of an ambulatory palliative care service, enhanced palliative education for physicians and non-physician healthcare providers across three hospitals, participated in a multinational randomized control trial to improve palliative care for patients with cystic fibrosis, and worked on the implementation and enhancement of tools to support the early identification of patients who may benefit from palliative care using regression modeling and AI platforms.



Rafa Alonso-Gonzalez
Cardiology

Dr. Rafa Alonso-Gonzalez is the director of the Adult Congenital Heart Disease program at Toronto General Hospital. He completed his specialist cardiology training in Badajoz and Madrid, Spain, and his ACHD fellowship at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, UK. In 2011, he was appointed as staff cardiologist in Badajoz, Spain, where he was the Director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Unit. In 2012, he moved to the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, UK as Consultant Cardiologist in ACHD and Pulmonary Hypertension. He was the Director of the ACHD inpatient services and established the ACHD Heart Failure Unit.



Moumita Barua
Nephrology

Dr. Moumita Barua is a Clinician-Scientist at University Health Network, Senior Scientist at Toronto General Research Institute and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her transformative research program focuses on genetic causes of glomerular diseases and clinically relevant experimental models informed by her human genetic studies. Her contributions have led to over 35 peer reviewed publications including the reporting of novel kidney disease genes. The Barua Lab is supported by the Alport syndrome Foundation, Kidney Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Research.



Natasha Bollegala
Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Dr. Natasha Bollegala is a staff gastroenterologist at Women's College Hospital. She is a Clinician in Quality and Innovation in the Department of Medicine, U of T. She completed an Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital, a MSc in clinical epidemiology and healthcare research at U of T in 2016, the Eliot Phillipson Clinician Scientist Training Program and the Clinician Investigator Program at U of T. Her research focuses on pediatric to adult transition of care in inflammatory bowel disease. She is also interested in the career experiences of female gastroenterologists.



Sarah Brode
Respirology

Dr. Sarah Brode obtained her MD degree from the University of Toronto in 2007, followed by postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Respirology, and a clinical/research fellowship in Mycobacterial Diseases. She then obtained a Master of Public Health from Harvard University. She is a Staff Respirologist at the University Health Network, the physician lead of the Tuberculosis (TB) Programs at West Park Healthcare Centre and Toronto Western Hospital, and a clinician in the Nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) Program at Toronto Western Hospital. She is a Clinician-Investigator and her research is focused on prevention and treatment of TB and NTM.



Marcus Butler
Oncology

Dr. Marcus Butler is the Medical Oncology Lead for Melanoma/Skin Oncology at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. He is also a member of the Princess Margaret Tumor Immunotherapy Program and is the Clinical Head of the Immune Monitoring Team. Dr. Butler's research focus is on the development of novel therapies and clinical trials that include targeted therapy, immune modulation and adoptive T-cell therapy.



Eugene Chang
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Eugene Chang is Canada's first fellowship-trained cancer physiatrist, better known as a rehabilitation doctor, with the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. It was his own life-changing experience with cancer as a first-year resident that revealed a gap in the healthcare system around rehabilitation services for cancer patients, and inspired him to obtain special training.



John Graham
Cardiology

Dr. John Graham joined St. Michael's Hospital as an Interventional Cardiologist in 2008. He is a Clinician-Investigator in the Division of Cardiology and the Director of the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program and physician lead for the STEMI program. Dr. Graham's clinical interests include radial access percutaneous coronary intervention of chronically occluded arteries and treatment of calcified lesions. His research interests are in the field of complex coronary angioplasty, Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection and renal denervation therapy for resistant hypertension.



Katarzyna Jerzak
Oncology

Dr. Katarzyna Jerzak is a Medical Oncologist and Clinician-Investigator at the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Center. She is also an Associate Scientist at the Sunnybrook Research Institute and lead of breast oncology clinical trials at her centre. She is a member of international clinical trials organizations, including a member of the breast committee within NRG Oncology and a member of the brain metastases task force within the Breast International Group. Dr. Jerzak has over 100 peer reviewed publications, including publications in high impact journals such as Lancet Oncology, JAMA Oncology and Journal of Clinical Oncology.



Stephen Juvet
Respirology

Dr. Stephen Juvet is a Clinician-Scientist and respirologist with the Toronto Lung Transplant Program. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine (MD) and the Institute of Medical Science (PhD), and conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Oxford prior to his appointment to the U of T Department of Medicine in 2015. He conducts fundamental and translational research on lung mucosal immunology in the context of lung transplantation using animal models and human biospecimens. His clinical practice is focused on the care of patients prior to and after lung transplantation.



Yaariv Khaykin
Cardiology

Dr. Yaariv Khaykin is a cardiac electrophysiologist with more than 20 years of experience advancing arrhythmia care. He leads Newmarket Electrophysiology Research Group and acts as the Chief Medical Information Officer at the Southlake Regional Health Centre. A pioneer in intracardiac ECHO, pulsed-field ablation, conduction-system pacing, and AI-enhanced Holter monitoring, he integrates smart-textile wearables and voice AI into patient pathways to improve screening, diagnosis, and outcomes. Dr. Khaykin has a number of publications in leading journals with research interests involving multicentre controlled trials, real-world registries and health economics.



Victoria Korley
Cardiology

Dr. Victoria Korley pursued her cardiology and electrophysiology clinical and research fellowships at Harvard University in Boston. Upon completion, she joined the staff of St. Michael's Hospital as an electrophysiologist in 2001. Over the years, her academic focus has been teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has developed and continues to administer the cardiology medical curriculum for the second-year medical students at U of T. Additionally, she is the director of the cardiology residency program at St. Michael's Hospital and has been an examiner at the local and national levels.



Janice Kwan
General Internal Medicine

Dr. Janice Kwan practices general internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital. She completed a fellowship with the Veterans Affairs Quality Scholars program and earned a Master of Public Health in health policy and management at Harvard University. In 2016, Dr. Kwan was awarded the inaugural Fellowship in Diagnostic Excellence with the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine. Her scholarly work focuses broadly on improving the quality of care of internal medicine patients, and includes the study of diagnostic safety, test result follow-up, clinical informatics, and decision support tools.



Lauren Lapointe-Shaw
General Internal Medicine

Dr. Lauren Lapointe-Shaw MD PhD is a Clinician-Scientist in the Department of Medicine and a staff general internal medicine physician at the University Health Network. Her health services research was recognised with a CIHR-IHSPR Rising Star Award, and a CIHR-IHSPR Article of the Year Award, as well as a 2024 PSI Foundation Graham Farquharson Knowledge Translation Fellowship. Working closely with patients, clinicians, researchers and policymakers, she leads CIHR-funded research into the quality of physician care in and out of hospital.



Jason Lazarou
Neurology

Dr. Jason Lazarou obtained his medical degree and Fellowship in Neurology at the University of Toronto. He holds a staff appointment at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Dr. Lazarou is the Director of the Mount Sinai Hospital Neurophysiology Laboratory. He sits on the Editorial Board of the journal Neurology as a Level of Evidence reviewer and is an examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



Iliana Lega
Endocrinology & Metabolism

Dr. Iliana Lega is a staff physician in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Women's College Hospital and a Clinician-Scientist at Women's College Research Institute. Dr. Lega has more than 40 peer-reviewed publications and holds funding from the Canadian Institute of Health Research and the Canadian Menopause Society. Dr. Lega's main area of research focuses on the relationship between diabetes and other complex chronic conditions such as cancer, cognitive dysfunction and frailty in older adults.



Dawn Lim
Emergency Medicine

Dr. Dawn Lim (she/her) is a staff emergency physician at the University Health Network and associate professor at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. She is a photo essayist and life coach particularly interested in changing the culture of shame in motherhood and medicine. She uses the power of stories to work with doctors and teams facing burnout.



James Limacher
Dermatology

Dr. James Limacher joined the Division of Dermatology at Women's College Hospital in 2009 after several years as a volunteer teacher. He has led the development of the Core Dermatopathology curriculum and is the primary teacher in that discipline within the Dermatology Residency program. Dr. Limacher introduced virtual microscopy into that program, an initiative integral to sustaining it during the pandemic. In 2019, he developed a subspecialty fellowship program in Dermatopathology, uniquely designed for dual dermatologist-pathologist specialists.



Amanda Mayo
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Amanda Mayo is the Physiatrist in Chief at St. John's Rehab Hospital and Division Director of Rehabilitation Medicine at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. She subspecializes in Amputee Rehabilitation. Dr. Mayo has a MHSc in Clinical Engineering with a focus on Human Factors Engineering and Usability of Health Technology. Her research and QI work focuses on improving the continuum of care for individuals with limb loss and preventing dysvascular amputations.



Dawn Maze
Hematology

Dr. Dawn Maze is a Clinician-Investigator at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. She is a member of the Leukemia Site Group and the Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN) Program and has a clinical research interest in myeloid malignancies. Her primary research focus is in MPN, particularly risk stratification and management approaches early in the disease course and in the adolescent/young adult population. She is particularly interested in strategies to optimize pregnancy outcomes in this population. She is also actively involved in clinical trials and studies aiming to refine risk stratification in acute myeloid leukemia.



Nimish Mittal

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Nimish Mittal holds a Master's in Health Research Methodology. His clinical and research interests include developing treatment pathways and models of care for multi systemic problems in hypermobility-related complex connective tissue disorders. He is also involved in advancement of innovative best clinical practices in chronic musculoskeletal joint pains with use of image guided injections. He is an invited speaker at several international physiatry and pain conferences and has published several articles on image guided interventions in international peer-reviewed journals.



Jeffrey Mosko

Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Dr. Jeffrey Mosko is an associate professor of medicine and a Clinician in Quality and Innovation at St. Michael's Hospital and the University of Toronto. He is a co-director of both the advanced endoscopy fellowship and the International Course on Therapeutic Endoscopy. He is the chair of endoscopy for the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology. His clinical expertise is in both luminal and pancreaticobiliary advanced endoscopy. His research interests are in quality improvement in endoscopy.



Gihad Nesrallah

Nephrology

Dr. Gihad Nesrallah is a clinical nephrologist and physician leader with expertise in health research methodology, quality improvement and medical informatics. He completed his clinical training at Western University, a Master of Health Research Methodology at McMaster University and an Executive MBA at Northwestern University, and leverages this joint expertise to lead research and innovation in kidney care. His contributions include original dialysis outcomes research, knowledge synthesis, policy development, and clinical practice guidelines focused on improving the lives of people with kidney disease.



Erin O'Connor
Emergency Medicine

Dr. Erin O'Connor is the Division Director for Emergency Medicine in the Department of Medicine and the Department Head of Emergency Medicine at the University Health Network. She is a Clinician-Teacher and her academic interests revolve around improving care of palliative patients in the Emergency Department (ED). Dr. O'Connor co-founded the Palliative Medicine Committee of the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians and developed two courses that are delivered nationally to teach palliative medicine skills to paramedics and emergency physicians.



Karen Okrainec
General Internal Medicine

Dr. Karen Okrainec is an adjunct scientist at ICES, scientist at the Toronto General Hospital Research Institute, and a staff physician in the Division of General Internal Medicine at University Health Network. Her research focuses on interventions or new models of care centered around improving patient experience, health outcomes and health system use, particularly surrounding care transitions in and out of hospital.



Jennifer Rabin
Neurology

Dr. Jennifer Rabin is a registered clinical neuropsychologist and scientist at Sunnybrook Research Institute. Her research program centres on two main themes. As the Neuropsychology Lead at the Harquail Centre for Neuromodulation, she investigates cognitive, behavioural and psychosocial changes associated with novel neuromodulation therapies. Another major focus of her work integrates MRI and PET imaging with sensitive neuropsychological assessments to identify factors that may slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, with particular attention to racial/ethnic and sex disparities.



Aylin Reid

Neurology

Dr. Aylin Reid is a Clinician-Scientist in the Division of Neurology. As a member of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program, she is involved in the care of patients with epilepsy in the clinic and Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Toronto Western Hospital. Dr. Reid also runs a basic science research program investigating mechanisms of epileptogenesis and potential treatment strategies. Two main areas of focus are post-traumatic epilepsy and epilepsy in neurofibromatosis type 1. Her lab is supported by funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.



Dmitry Rozenberg

Respirology

Dr. Dmitry Rozenberg is a Respirologist at the University Health Network and is affiliated with the Multi-Organ Transplant Program. His research aims to understand the impact of skeletal muscle dysfunction on daily physical function, quality of life, frailty, healthcare use, and survival before and after lung transplantation. Dr. Rozenberg is applying novel imaging techniques and non-invasive measures to quantify muscle mass, strength and physical function to gain a greater understanding of the muscular impairments experienced by these patients.



Adrian Sacher

Oncology

Dr. Adrian Sacher is a staff medical oncologist in the thoracic oncology program at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and an associate professor in the Departments of Medicine & Immunology at the University of Toronto. He is the Director of Education & the Fellowship Program in the Department of Medical Oncology & Hematology. Dr. Sacher's research focuses on novel targeted and immunotherapeutics including immune checkpoint inhibitors, immune agonists, personalized vaccines, unconventional T cell populations, direct KRAS inhibitors and adoptive cell therapy.



Harpreet Sangha
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Harp Sangha completed both his medical degree and residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Western University. He went on to complete a fellowship in Pain Medicine through the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Toronto. He is also a Diplomate of the Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists in EMG (Dip. CSCN - EMG). Dr. Sangha holds a full-time clinical appointment at the University Health Network, where his practice includes interventional musculoskeletal and pain procedures using fluoroscopy and ultrasound, electrodiagnostic testing, and inpatient consultations.



Hassan Sibai
Hematology

Dr. Hassan Sibai is a Hematologist with the Leukemia Site Group at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. He is the primary investigator or co-investigator for hematologic malignancy clinical trials. His research focuses on thrombosis in leukemia and hereditary leukemia syndromes. A dedicated educator, he coordinates oncology and leukemia training, is committed to enhancing teaching methods, has received multiple teaching awards, and has published in high-impact journals, contributing to national leukemia care initiatives.



Robert Simpson
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Robert Simpson, MD PhD, is a specialist physician in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R), fellowship trained in Integrative Medicine. Dr. Simpson provides PM&R inreach to the Barlo Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Clinic at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. His research focus is developing and evaluating complex interventions using mixed-methods to improve the wellbeing of people with MS and the healthcare providers who care for them.



Peter Tai
Neurology

Dr. Peter Tai is a staff neurologist at University Health Network (UHN), specializing in epilepsy care. He completed his medical and neurology residency training at the University of Alberta, followed by an Epilepsy Fellowship at Columbia University. Dr. Tai served as UHN Site Director for Neurology Education and was a member of the Neurology Resident Competence Committee. He continues as Course Director for the Toronto Neurology Update and is a Royal College examiner. He is also an Epic Physician Builder at UHN, developing tools to enhance data capture and clinical efficiency.



Cynthia Tsien
Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Dr. Cynthia Tsien completed her residency in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at McGill University in Montreal. She underwent training in hepatology, transplant hepatology, and research at the Toronto General Hospital and Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Tsien also obtained a Master in Public Health at John Hopkins University. Her research interests include sarcopenia, portal hypertension and education.



Jennifer Watt
Geriatric Medicine

Dr. Jennifer Watt is a Clinician-Scientist at St. Michael's Hospital. In 2021, she was awarded the Outstanding Junior Research Manuscript by the American Geriatrics Society. Her research focuses on using knowledge synthesis methods (e.g., pairwise and network meta-analysis) and health administrative data to better understand the comparative efficacy and safety of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic interventions in older adults, specifically those with geriatric syndromes such as frailty, falls and cognitive impairment.



Adina Weinerman

General Internal Medicine

Dr. Adina Weinerman is a general internist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. At Sunnybrook, she has been the Medical Director, Quality & Patient Safety since 2019 and was appointed as the inaugural Chief Patient Experience Officer in 2023. Her quality improvement work has focused on resource stewardship and she was previously the co-lead of Choosing Wisely Canada's Using Labs Wisely national collaborative. In addition, she was the co-creator of the Choosing Wisely at Sunnybrook committee and the previous chair of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine's Choosing Wisely committee.



Maria Wolfs

Endocrinology & Metabolism

Dr. Maria Wolfs is an endocrinologist and Clinician-Teacher at St. Michael's Hospital and Program Director for Adult Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of Toronto. Her clinical interests are in Medical Education and Endocrine Disorders in Pregnancy.



Harvey Wong

Respirology

Dr. Harvey Wong is a Clinician-Teacher at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre with a focus in pulmonary procedures. He has advanced training in interventional pulmonology (IP) from the University of Ottawa. He founded and currently directs the clinical IP program at Sunnybrook. As an educator, he developed Sunnybrook's IP fellowship program. He has also developed other educational content for all levels of medical education including the respirology block for the undergraduate medical school in Toronto, a popular multisite tuberculosis rotation for residents, and a longitudinal pulmonary procedure simulation curriculum for respirology subspecialty trainees.

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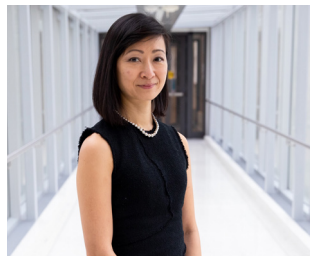
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