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Hello Clinician Teachers!

Editorial

Happy Fall to all our Clinician Teachers!

As we embark on another academic year with our students and trainees, we are thrilled to welcome our new DDD, Dr. Eitan Amir! The Division of Medical Oncology has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the growth and recognition of our clinician teachers and education committee. We're also excited to see an increase in our committee's membership with the addition of new members.

In this issue, we proudly highlight the contributions of Dr. Ron Burkes, Dr. Christine Elser, Dr. Geoff Watson, and our community teacher, Dr. Yasmin Rahim. We also introduce our new clinician teachers, Dr. Dani Cuthbert and Dr. Coralea Kappel. Additionally, we will recognize the awards and achievements of our members and share updates on our latest initiatives, including projects focused on teacher evaluation, the promotion of academic clinician teachers, potential reorganization of teaching awards, and AHD restructuring.

Our commitment to collaboration across hospitals and partnerships with community clinician teachers remains strong. We look forward to showcasing the accomplishments of our Medical Oncology Education Committee members in this and future newsletters. Together, let's continue to **Aspire to Inspire** in teaching and learning within the Division of Medical Oncology at the University of Toronto.

Sincerely,

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Teacher Evaluation Project

Objective: To Increase the number of teacher evaluations received in our Division

We have consistently faced challenges with many members of our division—both clinician teachers and investigators—regarding the collection of teacher evaluations for promotional purposes. Over the summer, Dr. Cheng, Dr. [Arman Zereshkian](#) (PGY5), Dr. Mateus Cunha (Fellow), and student Chris Cha embarked on a small study to investigate the issues surrounding teacher evaluations.

Currently, we utilize the POWER evaluation tool, which requires students to select a teacher for evaluation. We also have myTEprof.com, available since 2014, with a recent update that includes a QR code. While this tool is teacher-initiated, it can be time-consuming and is not widely known.

Our goal for this year is to actively promote the use of myTE by generating QR codes for all our teachers, making the process easily accessible and as effortless as possible. We will pilot this initiative at [Sunnybrook](#) first, with plans to expand to other [centers](#) in January 2025.

Teacher Evaluations – What is the issue?

Teacher Issues

Lack of minimum 3 student evaluations in POWER to generate a TES score

POWER may not always have staff name in drop down menu for students to choose

most staff did not know what myTE.com was

not easy to ask for evaluations using POWER or myTE.com after clinic or consult

Student Issues

Only 1/10 students knew what myTE.com

Students only evaluate teacher end of block – only do 1-2 evaluations and most often program co-ordinator only

feels not enough time, overburdened, time consuming to evaluate teacher

fear of consequences of giving negative feedback

How to promote the use of myTEprof.com and increase teacher evaluations?



Collaborations with myteprof.com

- working with Dr Esther Bui (UHN) and her IT resources
- adding a QR code format without requirement for creation of an encounter each time
- satisfaction survey for staff and students
- review the evaluations – questions asked
- usability, efficiency in clinic, memorable
- volunteers needed



myTE

Email

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Create Account](#)

Create Encounter

Evaluate Encounter

Dashboard

Portfolio

1:44
myteprof.com

Encounter Details

Encounter ID: 8458240

Topic: Clinic multiple learners
Date: 19/09/2024
Organizer: Demo myTE
Duration: 240 minutes
Location: Clinic
Skill Set: Medical Clinical Skills
Respondents: <4

Can't view evaluations with < 4 responses.

MyTE Evaluate Encoun...

Encounter Encounter

MyTE app is in beta. Evaluation for the learning encounter.

Topic: Clinic multiple learners
Organizer: Demo myTE
Date: 19/09/2024
Location: Clinic

	Medical	Pharmacology	Pharmacokinetics	Pharmacodynamics	Pharmacovigilance
Medical knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Pharmacokinetics knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacodynamics knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacovigilance knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Medical knowledge

Pharmacology

Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacodynamics

Pharmacovigilance

Challenges

Information Data

Comments

Awards Committee

Lead: Dr . Raymond Jang / **Co-leads:** Dr. Suneil Khanna & Dr. Susanna Cheng

We are actively in discussion with the restructuring of the MOTP teaching awards and creation of some new awards. Stay tune for more updates in 2025.

AHD Updates

Anthony Lott and Suneil Khanna recently started to coordinate the Academic Half-Day with the help of our Chief Residents, Coralea Kappel and David Nguyen (2023-2024) and Arman Zereskhian and Patrick Hoang (2024-2025).

We were tasked to update the AHD curriculum based on the Royal College Medical Oncology Competencies and the recently-published ESMO/ASCO Recommendations for Global Curriculum in Medical Oncology. Using these curricula as a rough guide, we've split the year into a block-based system. Within each block, we've scheduled lectures from both medical oncologists as well as lectures from colleagues in complementary specialties. We're also aiming to set up at least two multidisciplinary days, incorporating trainees across Medical Oncology, Rad Onc, and Surg Onc.

So far, we've had excellent buy in and participation from all our colleagues - we appreciate the time everybody has spent on developing their teaching materials. Huge thanks to Arman and Patrick, Walaa, and all of our lecturers. Going forward, we'll work with the Committee to develop awards for exemplary AHD teaching.

Promotion of the Academic Clinician Teacher

Lead: Dr. Geoff Watson

Members: Dr. Coralea Kappel, Dr. Meredith Li, Dr. Deepra Chowdhury, Dr. Elan Panoy, Dr. Susanna Cheng

We have started a new research project into the career path of an Academic Clinician Teacher. This exciting project will be a joint venture with the Masters Teachers Program and involvement of many of our young clinician teachers and fellows.

Awards & Recognition

Dr. Geoff Watson (May 2024)

appointed co-director of the Master Teacher Program

**Dr. Ronita Lee & Dr. Lisa Hicks
(July 2024)**

received \$200 000 grant from Canadian Partnership Against Cancer for a new pilot project : Care for All: An Initiative to help marginalized patient engage with, and benefit from cancer treatment

MOTP Teaching Awards (June 2024)

- Anthony Lott
- Geoff Watson
- Raymond Jang
- Ronald Burkes
- Michelle Nadler

Faculty Division Awards: Education

- Eitan Amir



Spotlight on our Clinician Teachers!



Dr. Ron Burkes is Professor of Medicine at The University of Toronto and staff medical oncologist at Mount Sinai Hospital/Princess Margaret Cancer Centre/University Health Network in Toronto. He was on the medical oncology training committee for the University of Toronto for 23 years and the program director for the medical oncology training program from 1996 to 2005 during which time he introduced the academic half day, the longitudinal clinic experience, the annual medical oncology research day and the staff medical oncology outstanding teaching awards. He was also the director of the Clinical Teaching Unit at the PMCC from 1999 to 2005 and established the teaching curriculum for the internal medicine residents rotating through the PMCC. He is now the Medical Oncology Mentorship Facilitator for the Division of Medical Oncology, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto.

He has won numerous teaching awards including Departmental and University wide awards on 18 occasions, the Anderson Award in Program Development and the Hasselback Teaching Award at PMCC. He has presented at many local, provincial, national and international meetings.

His research interests include lung and GI malignancies with a primary interest in lung, colorectal and gastric cancers. He has numerous publications including 130 peer reviewed, 154 non-peer reviewed and 2 book chapters.



Dr. Christine Elser is an Associate Professor at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and a member of the Department of Medical Oncology at Mount Sinai Hospital. She has completed her undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in Germany, a Masters in Epidemiology at the University of Cambridge, UK and a Drug development fellowship at Princes Margaret Cancer Centre.

Dr Elser's clinical focus is the management of breast cancer and of individuals at high risk for the disease. She is leading the Familial Breast Cancer program at Mount and Breast Cancer in Pregnancy Program at Sinai and is involved in clinical research including many clinical trials in this field.

As a Clinician Teacher she is passionate about teaching and has received several undergraduate and postgraduate teaching awards for her work including the Department of Medicine Individual Teaching Award 2018, the U of T Medical Oncology Outstanding Teaching Award 2020, and the MD program Teaching Award of Excellence in 2022 and 2023. She the director of the Mount Sinai Oncology Fellowship, a member of the Medical Oncology Training Committee, and the GIM competence committee amongst other roles. Dr. Elser is developing new experiences and resources for non-oncology and allied health related to her clinical interests including pregnancy in breast cancer.



Dr. Geoffrey Watson is a Staff Medical Oncologist at Mount Sinai Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He completed his basic and specialized training in medical oncology in Dublin, Ireland. Dr. Watson joined the Drug Development and Sarcoma Programs at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre as a clinical research fellow in 2019. Dr. Watson was appointed as a staff medical oncologist at Mount Sinai Hospital and University Health Network in 2022. He is currently the Integrated Clinical Experience (ICE) Year 1 Site Coordinator at Mount Sinai Hospital and an Internal Medicine Academic Advisor and a Faculty Career Advisor in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. He has also served as Interim Clerkship Co-Director at Mount Sinai Hospital from May 2023 until March 2024. His academic interest is in patient education, and he has won several awards and grants including an American Association for Cancer Education (AACE) Grant in Research, Education, Advocacy, and Direct Service (READS), 2023 MSH Innovation in Education Award and the Pfizer Global Medical Quality Initiative Grant.



Dr. Coralea Kappel graduated as valedictorian from the University of Ottawa Medical School and completed her Internal Medicine residency at McMaster University. Following this, she completed her Medical Oncology residency at the University of Toronto where she also served as co-chief resident. Dr. Kappel is currently honing her expertise with a fellowship in breast and gastrointestinal malignancies at Princess Margaret Hospital and starting as a medical oncologist at the Hudson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie. Alongside her clinical work, she is completing the Master Teacher Program, PGME Leadership Certificate and the Global Oncology Leadership Development Program with the University of Toronto. Her research interests are in cardio-oncology and medical education. Outside of medicine, Dr. Kappel enjoys running, golfing, cycling, skiing and performing with the Huronia Symphony Orchestra.

Communication and Future Meetings



We have created a WhatsApp Chat group . It is our hope that this can facilitate rapid communication between committee members especially between our meetings. If you haven't already signed up, please use the QR code and scan on your phone to join our chat group.