

DISCIPLINE OF MEDICINE

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Fardy, Professor of Medicine (GI), has retired from his full-time position as of December 31st, 2022. Dr. Fardy has been a member of the Discipline for 32 years. During that time he made immense contributions to undergraduate and postgraduate education. In addition to his own research, he taught research methodology to graduate students in clinical epidemiology for many years and supervised the research projects of a great number of trainees. We wish him all the best.

Welcome to the newest member of the Discipline office staff, Ms. Tiffany Rotchford. Ms. Rotchford joined us in the role of Academic Program Assistant (APA) on January 9th, 2022

Congratulations to Dr. Kayleigh Maxwell, IM resident, for winning first place in the faculty-wide resident research symposium held on January 30th, 2023. Dr. M. Almutawa, Dr. K. Babb and Dr. P. Daley supervised her project. Well done!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Neurology CaRMS interviews February 6th -7th, 2023
- Resident Wellness Day February 10th, 2023
- Internal Medicine CaRMS interviews February 17th- 18th, 2023
- Neurology Accreditation (Internal Review) February 28th, 2023

Medical Grand Rounds for January 2023

February	3 rd	Gastroenterology – Professor David Jones Professor of Liver Immunology, Newcastle University, United Kingdom <i>“Personalized Medicine in Primary Biliary Cholangitis”</i>
February	10 th	Nephrology – Dr. Michael Davis, Clinical Assistant Professor, MUN <i>“Home Dialysis: A Framework for Growth in Newfoundland and Labrador”</i>
February	17 th	Cardiology – Dr. Anne Williams, Clinical Associate Professor, MUN <i>“Update on Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy”</i>
February	24 th	Respirology - Dr. Shawn Aaron, Professor, University of Ottawa <i>“Prevention of COPD Exacerbations and COPD Morality: A Review of the Evidence”</i>

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY FACULTY AND RESIDENTS

Jean Claude Tardif, Marc A Pfeffer, *et al.* for the dal-GenE Investigators, Pharmacogenetics-guided dalcetrapib therapy after an acute coronary syndrome: the dal-GenE trial, *European Heart Journal*, Volume 43, Issue 39, 14 October 2022, Pages 3947–3956, <https://doi.org/10.1093/eurheartj/ehac374> (**Dr. Sahar Iqbal** is a member of the dal-GenE Investigators)

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INVITED LECTURES

Dr. Christopher Kovacs was invited to present at Endocrine Grand Rounds at the University of Texas, Southwestern in Dallas on January 20th, on the topic "*The Impact of Pregnancy and Lactation on Skeletal Health and Disorders of Mineral Metabolism.*"



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MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Dr. Sean Hamilton who received the CRA Master Award (*the Rheumatology equivalent of lifetime achievement award*) at the Canadian Rheumatology Association conference in Quebec City.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Internal Medicine and Neurology CaRMS Match Day March 22, 2023

Medical Grand Rounds for March 2023

March	17th	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation – Dr. Jason McCarthy, MD, MBA, CCFP Associate Professor of Medicine (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) Clinical Chief, Rehabilitation, Geriatrics and Palliative Care Program <i>“VBHC –Stroke Mapping Update. Customer Identification via Engineering & Computer Science Collaboration”</i>
March	24th	Medical Education – Jill Allison, PhD, Community Health and Humanities and Katrin Zipperlen. M.Sc., Education Specialist (Assessment) <i>“Incorporating Social Determinants of Health into the Entrustable Professional Activities framework for clerkship”</i>
March	31st	Medical Ethics - Dr. Amol Verma, Physician, Scientist and Assistant Professor (General Internal Medicine) St. Michael’s Hospital and University of Toronto <i>“Can Artificial Intelligence lead to more compassionate healthcare for all?”</i>

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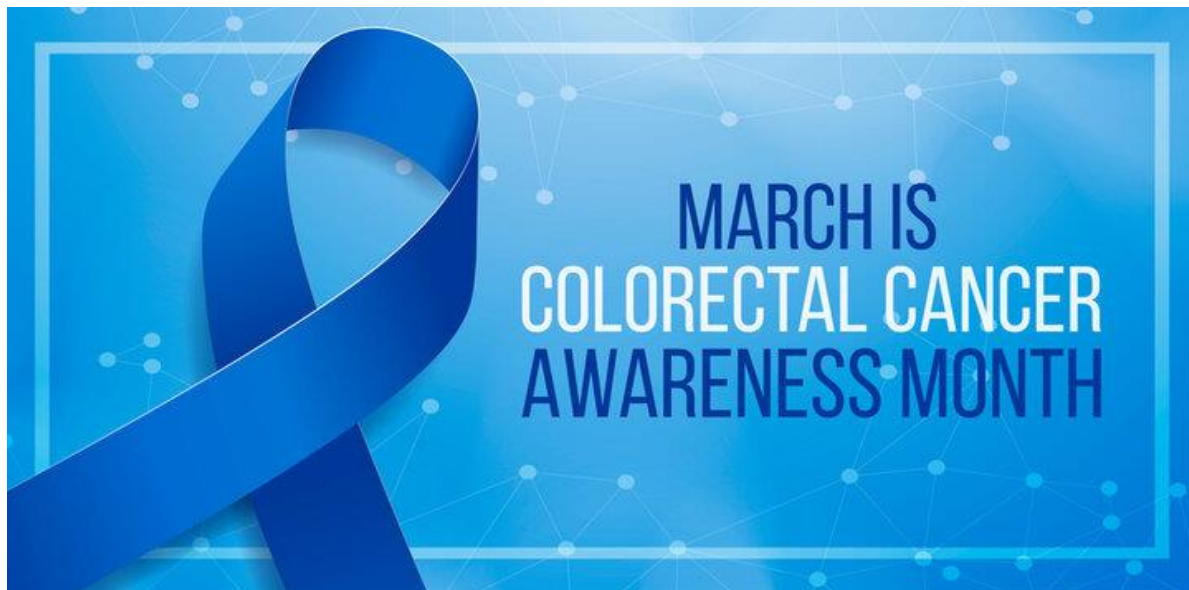
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Marc Ruel, MD, MPH, **Anne Williams, MD**, Maral Ouzounian, MD, PhD, Louise Sun, MD, SM, Jean-Francois Legar, MD, Paul Poirier, MD, Tarek Malas, MD, MPH, Michael E. Farkouh, MD, Edgar Chedrawy, MD, MSc, Ansar Hassan, MD, PhD, Jennifer Higgins, MD, Kim Connelly, MBBS, PhD, R. Scott McClure, MD, David Bewick, MD, Richard Whitlock, MD, PhD, Michelle Graham, MD, and Rakesh C. Arora, MD *Canadian Journal Cardiology* 38 (2022) 705-708 - Missing the Goal with the 021ACC/AHA/SCAI Guideline for Coronary Artery Revascularization <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cjca.2022.03.13>

Marc Ruel, MD, MPH and **Anne Williams, MD** *Circulation American Heart Association - a New Effect Modifier of the Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Versus Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Decision: Physical and Mental functioning* <https://doi.org/10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.122.05931>

Anne Williams, MD – (P043) Canadian Cardiology Congress CCS Oct 2022 Ottawa, Adult Congenital Heart Disease Health Services Canada – Where have we come in the Past 15 Years

Anne Williams, MD – (P052) Canadian Cardiology Congress CCS Oct 2022 Ottawa, The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic Restrictions on the Provision of ACHD Care across Canada



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APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to **Dr. Jacqueline Mouris** (*Allergy & Immunology, Gander*), **Dr. Jason Woodfine** (*General Internal Medicine, Clarenville*), and **Dr. Gillian Morrison** (*Geriatrics, St. John's*), all of whom have recently been appointed to the Discipline of Medicine.

Congratulations to the **Neurology & IM training programs** for their success in the recent CaRMS match. Thank you to the PD's, office staff and faculty members who assisted with this!

A note on email: We have been made aware that there may be some changes in email addresses associated with the University upcoming. This will involve only address that use the med.mun.ca domain. These will be changed to a mun.ca format and this is part of a larger consolidation. We have not been told that any specific action is necessary, but if you use such an email address and have issues with your email you may have to seek IT support.

The Discipline sends all communications to faculty exclusively via email and **it is essential that we have an address on file that you check regularly**. If your email address changes or we are not using the correct one now, please make sure that you send your preferred address to us.

University Phone numbers will be changing to 10 digits soon. Please make sure that fax number, etc. are updated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Internal Medicine CaRMS second iteration interviews will take place on April 10th.

We are still looking for more interviewers for to help out with this process. If you can be of assistance, please let Jill Colbourne know Jill.Colbourne@med.mun.ca

The **Internal Medicine OSCE** will take place on April 27, 2023

Medical Grand Rounds for April 2023

April	07th	Cancelled – Good Friday
April	14th	Rheumatology – Dr. Proton Rahman, Clinical Research Professor <i>“Precision Medicine in Rheumatic Disease – Where are we now?”</i>
April	21st	Infectious Diseases – Dr. Brad Spellberg MD, FIDSA, FACP

Professor of Clinical Medicine and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at
the Keck School of Medicine at USC. Topic TBA

April 28th

Cardiology – Dr. Marc Ruel, Ottawa Heart Institute
*“The Partnership between Eastern Health and the UOHI Division of Cardiac
Surgery”*

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None received this month.



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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to **Dr. Shane Arsenault** (Neurology), who was selected as only one of ten adult Neurology Residents in North America to receive the “Enhanced Resident Leadership Award” that was presented at the American Academy of Neurology Conference in Boston in April. Well done!

Congratulations to **Dr. Christopher Kovacs**, who has been asked to produce a second edition of his textbook *Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Endocrinology: Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Clinical Management*. This textbook was conceived by Dr. Kovacs and co-edited by Dr. Cheri L. Deal, a pediatric endocrinologist from McGill University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Medical Grand Rounds for May 2023

May	05th	Dermatology – Dr. John Elliott, Professor Emeritus, University of Alberta <i>“Could it be contact dermatitis? Some noteworthy cases from the Edmonton allergy patch test Clinic”</i>
May	12th	Hematology – Dr. Lynda Foltz, Co-Head, Division of Hematology, St. Paul’s Hospital & Chair, Myeloid Tumour Group, BC Cancer <i>“Update in Myeloproliferative Neoplasms”</i>
May	19th	Intensive Care – Dr. Sharon Peters Professor of Medicine (Topic TBA)
May	26th	Nephrology – Dr. Pierre Brown, University of Ottawa (Topic TBA)

The NL Insulin Pump Program Committee (NLIPP) is advocating for provincial coverage of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) for adults with diabetes on insulin. Please contact Dr. Zaina Albalawi if you are interested in being involved zalbalawi@mun.ca

The Office of Professional and Education Development (OPED) announced a funding opportunity for the Medical Education Research Fund (MERF) for Scholarly Projects in Medical Education. This grant is designed to support innovative research projects that aim to advance medical students' and educators' knowledge, skills, and professionalism. The deadline for the submission of proposals is May 26th, 2023 and information can be found at <https://www.med.mun.ca/oped/merf/>

The FoM will hold a strategic planning event on May 25th from 9:00-1:00. This session will be instrumental in identifying key opportunities and challenges facing our Faculty and helping set priorities for us in the coming years. The Discipline of Medicine is able to send two delegates to this event. If you are interested, please email Dr. Murphy (chairofmedicine@mun.ca)

INVITED LECTURES

Dr. **Zaina Albalawi** has been invited to give a lecture May 25-28th at the Shijiazhuang International Diabetes scientific meeting in Shijiazhuang, China. She also recently co-chaired the 10th Diabetes Update meeting held in Toronto and presented a plenary session on renal updates in diabetes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Medical Grand Rounds for June 2023

June	02nd	Respirology – Dr. Shane Shapera, Associate Professor of Medicine University of Toronto, <i>“Understanding & Treating Interstitial Lung Disease in connective Tissue Disease”</i>
June	09th	Neurology – Dr. Mark Stefanelli, Associate Professor of Medicine <i>“Cases of Neurological Diseases Confirmed with Genetic Testing”</i>
June	16th	Dr. Guang Sun, Professor of Medicine, <i>“The Impact of Food Intake and Calorie restriction on Human Health”</i>
June	23rd	David Hawkins Lectureship –Dr. David Huntsman, Dr. Chew Wei Memorial Professor of Gynaecologic Oncology, Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Molecular and Genomic Pathology Professor in the Departments of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of British Columbia <i>“Cell context, mutation, microenvironment and gynecologic cancer control: a multidisciplinary team effort.”</i>
June	30th	Cardiology – Dr. Sue Fagan, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine Topic TBA

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Congratulations to **Dr. Kayleigh Maxwell**. Her research project “The Impact of Frailty on Outcomes for Elderly Patients undergoing PCI, CABG, or Medical Management following ACS” was the winner of the 2023 Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation (CSCI) Resident Research Award. Her project was supervised by Drs. Almutawa, Babb, and Daley.

Faculty who intend to apply for **promotion & tenure** this academic year are reminded that they must notify the Chair of their intention to do so by **August 15th, 2023**.

Congratulations to Dr. Sean Hamilton, who has retired as of July 1, 2023. Dr. Hamilton has been a Rheumatologist at St. Clare's since 1987. He acted as Divisional Head of Rheumatology for twenty years. He has made major contributions to medical education over his career and he holds the record for the longest tenure of any Internal Medicine Residency Program Director at 99 months. He will be missed by his patients and colleagues and will be difficult to replace. We wish him all the best in the future.

Congratulations to all the residents who have finished their programs and are moving on. We appreciate all their dedicated service to patients and collegiality over the past years. Good luck in your future endeavors and we look forward to working with those that are staying here at Memorial!

Internal Medicine:

Dr. Allen Chang (going to geriatrics, Dalhousie)

Dr. Emily King (going to nephrology, MUN)

Dr. Kayla Mallery (going to oncology, Dalhousie)

Dr. Heather Perry (going to critical care, Alberta)

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald (going to GIM, MUN)

Dr. Sanam Gurm (going to GIM, MUN)

Dr. Sarah Howse (going to endocrinology, Dalhousie)

Dr. Christine Luu (going to hematology, UWO)

Dr. Rebecca Nuttall (going to geriatric, Toronto)

Dr. Alex Pupek (going to ID, Dalhousie)

Dr. Ian Short (going to GIM, MUN)

Neurology:

Dr. Bishmah Ghoari

Dr. Rick Perrier

Dr. Vijay Mahendraraj

Dr. Isaac Huges

General Internal Medicine:

Dr. Chris Grant

A warm welcome to the residents who joined our training programs as of July 1st:

Internal Medicine:

Dr. Michael Atkins (Toronto)

Dr. Paul Bissonnette (Dalhousie)

Dr. Eric Fradsham (MUN)

Dr. Yungchan Jin (Alberta)

Dr. Nessika Karsenti (UWO)

Dr. Jenna Kennelly (NOSM)

Dr. Rory Mc Kerchar (UBC)

Dr. Emma Nolan (MUN)

Dr. Steven Rowe (MUN)

Dr. Skylar Tang (MUN)

Dr. Hollie Tracey (MUN)

Dr. Olivia Tsai (UBC)

Neurology:

Dr. Mitchell Chaulk (MUN)

Dr. Natalya Patrick (Calgary)

General Internal Medicine:

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald (MUN)

Dr. Ian Short (MUN)

Dr. Sanam Gurm (MUN)

Nephrology

Dr. Emily King (MUN)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome new faculty members **Drs. Ashar Pirzada** (Cardiology), **Dr. Vijajaraj Mahendraraj** (Neurology), **Dr. Mahmud Hasan** (Gastroenterology), and **Dr. Olatunji Odumosu** (General Internal Medicine).

Congratulations to **Dr. Boluwaji Ogunyemi** who was recently awarded the “Western Science Alumni Award of Achievement” from Western University. This award acknowledges and celebrates Western Science alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their professions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Schedule for Grand Rounds for 2023-2024 was circulated to organizers within the clinical divisions in the spring. All faculty are encouraged to discuss this with their colleagues as early as possible and advise us of the planned presenters.

All Faculty and Residents are reminded that the schedules for Clinical Skills Teaching is regularly circulated. If you not signed up for any sessions, please review the dates required, and advise us accordingly.

Upcoming Medical Grand Rounds

October	13th	Cardiology – Dr. Fred Paulin - “ <i>New Evidence for Rhythm Control of Atrial Fibrillation</i> ”
October	20th	Endocrinology- Dr. Zaina Alabalwi – Topic TBA
October	27th	Dr. Guang Sun – Topic TBA

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INVITED LECTURES

Dr. Christopher Kovac was an invited plenary speaker at the 23rd Santa Fe Bone Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he gave a talk titled "Osteoporosis Associated with Pregnancy and Lactation."



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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

I would like to thank all faculty members, staff, and residents in the Discipline of Medicine for their hard work and dedication to medical education and patient care in the past year. I sincerely hope that all of you have a restful and enjoyable holiday season!

The Discipline of Medicine office will be closed for the Holiday Season from December 22, 2023 to January 02, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the newest member of the Discipline office staff, **Mr. Cory Rankin**. Mr. Rankin joined us in the role of Academic Program Assistant (APA) on October 18, 2023.

Congratulations to **Dr. Anne Williams** who recently received the 2023 award for Exemplary Leadership in Clinical CV Medicine & Surgery Award from the Canadian Cardiovascular Society.

Resident research day took place on December 7th, 2023. Thank you to all faculty members and residents who took the time to supervise resident's projects and attend this important event. We also acknowledge Dr. Peter Daley and Jill Coulbourne for their efforts in organizing it. The winners are as follows:

Dr. Scott Bray – Dr Patrick Parfrey Outstanding Oral Presentation Award

Dr. Kieran Vasanthan – Excellence in Health Outcomes and Clinical Research

Dr. Sarah Devereaux

Honorable mentions went to:

Dr. Jessica Guy – Excellence in Medical Education Scholarship

Dr. Shane Arsenault – Excellence in Fundamental Research

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Faculty and Residents are reminded that the schedules for **Clinical Skills Teaching** are regularly circulated. If you have not signed up for any sessions, please review the dates required, and advise us accordingly.

The **Royal College** has an open consultation to provide input for the upcoming **CanMEDS 2025** iteration. The deadline is Dec 31 2023, and we encourage everyone to take part and have a say in how the future of our profession should look like. The link is <https://survey.alchemer-ca.com/s3/50210723/CanMEDS-OpenCall>

Dr. Zaina Albalawi advises that the first province-wide round table discussion to mobilize the **National Diabetes Framework** in NL occurred on Dec 7 2023, which was organized by Diabetes Canada and Public Health Agency of Canada, and co-chaired by Dr. Fred Melindy and herself. A summary document will be shared to obtain feedback to inform strategy

and advocacy for a provincial Diabetes Program. Please reach to her if you have any questions, comments, and/or would like to share any work you are undertaking in alignment with the Diabetes Framework as we build a community of practice.

The National Diabetes Framework: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/framework-diabetes-canada.html>

A reminder that **Grand Round attendance** qualifies for Section 1 credits under the RCPSC MOC program. If you wish to have a statement of attendance from our office, you can indicate your attendance using the One45 evaluation mechanism. Attendees who are not Discipline members may summarize their attendance (hours only) and forward this to us by email.

Through the initiative of the ID division, **Infectious Disease rounds** have now been accredited for Section 1 credits RCPSC MOC credits. These rounds occur Wednesdays at 1200-1300 at Theater B and a virtual option is available. Thanks to the division for their effort.

Upcoming Medical Grand Rounds

**** Please note there will be no rounds on December 22nd and December 29th ****

January	05th	Hematology- Drs. Tom Dunne and Dr. Sam Bourasa-Blanchette (Topic TBA)
January	12th	General Internal Medicine – Dr. Sahar Iqbal (Topic TBA)
January	19th	Dermatology - Dr. Robert Gniadecki (Topic TBA)
January	26th	Critical Care Medicine (Topic TBA)

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