

The Laboratory Report

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Faculty and Staff Update:

The Discipline of Laboratory Medicine extends congratulations to Dr. Andrea Simmonds. Dr. Simmonds has been recommended to the role of Interim Assistant Program Director. The Discipline also has a new Resident Research Director and Faculty Research Director. Dr. Polycarp Erivwo will be taking over the role of Resident Research Director from Dr. Ken Kao. As a discipline we have grown during Dr. Kao's tenure. This progress was well demonstrated during the fantastic research day we held in September 2019. Thank you to Dr. Ed Randell for his contribution as Discipline Research Director for the past three years. Your knowledge and expertise has been greatly appreciated. Dr. Pierre Mallet has stepped up as our new Faculty Research Director.

Achievements & Activities:

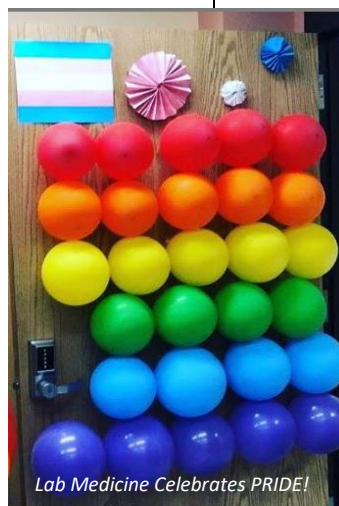


PGY5 Resident, Dr. Sara Afraz received the Award of Best Poster Presentation at the June 2019 Canadian Association of Pathology Conference.

PGY4

Resident, Dr. Robyn Ndikumana, had her article "Concurrent Kaposi Sarcoma & Primary Effusion Lymphoma in a Patient with HIV" published in the Canadian Journal of Pathology.

In June 2019, Dr. George Zahariadis chaired the 5th Annual International Conference on Public Health in Athens, Greece. The conference held sessions on Urban Health: Metabolic



Syndrome and Diabetes, Child and Adolescent Health and Pharmaceuticals.

Our Discipline Chair, Dr. Jane Barron published a collaborative article in June 2019 in the CMAJ titled "Intramedullary cervical spinal mass after stem cell transplantation using an olfactory mucosal cell autograft." Dr. Polycarp Erivwo is currently attending the University of Toronto for training in breast pathology with an emphasis on biomarker reporting. Our Vice-Chair, Dr Edward Randell travelled to India in fall 2019 as an invited IFCC visiting lecturer at the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI).

Dr. Simon Kirby became Co-Associate Editor (outreach and diversity) for the Canadian Journal of OtoHNS. Dr. Kirby supervised a successful PhD candidate defense



and has also been invited to Western University on May 1, 2020 for the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery's 46th Annual Resident Research Day as a Distinguished Guest Alumnus.

Discipline Events & Activities:

The Discipline of Laboratory Medicine celebrated Pride week during July 2019 and decorated the academic office door in the official pride colors. The discipline's "pride door" was MUNMED's biggest social media hit in July 2019 and was reposted on St. John's Pride social media.

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The Discipline of Laboratory Medicine participated in the Faculty of Medicine's annual Open House on November 17, 2020.



Dr. Barron, Dr. Pirzada & Kristen at the FoM Open House

The discipline set up an interactive booth where adults and children of all ages could view various slides and guess what tissue was on the slide. Also during July 2019, faculty members, residents, staff and Eastern Health pathology lab staff also donated women's personal care products to the St. John's Status of Women's Council for their women's centre. The women's centre is dedicated to providing women-centered, community-based programs delivered within a safe, non-judgmental, open and caring environment.

Dr. Simon Kirby and our Discipline APA, Amanda Mullett travelled to Ottawa in September 2019 to attend The International Conference on Residency

Education. ICRE hosted sessions on topics such as transitioning to CBD, Canadian Excellence in Residency Accreditation and resident wellness. Dr. Jane Barron attended the CAP-ACP Annual Chair's Meeting in Niagara Falls in June 2019. The meeting



included discussions with invited guest speakers on topics such as APC in molecular pathology and entry-routes. As well updates on a national hematopathology survey and PA certification were given.

Several faculty members, including Drs. Barron, Kirby and Simmonds as well Kristen Rose attended the FoM Strategic Update and Planning Day on November 29, 2019. Break sessions were held throughout the day to promote discussions on project team activities and to provide feedback to those project teams.

Residents of the Discipline of Laboratory Medicine attended Eastern Health's annual Christmas dinner in December at the Sheraton hotel.



Dr. Barron, husband Marty and residents posing for a picture during EH's xmas party

Holiday festivities continued with the Discipline of Laboratory Medicine hosting their Annual Christmas Potluck with Eastern Health Pathology Lab Staff.



The Discipline and Eastern Health also hosted a CBD Educational event in the department during December 2019. Visiting guest speaker, Dr. Marcio Gomes from the University of Ottawa, hosted several CBME workshops on Workplace-Based

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Instruction: the RX-OCR Coaching model and Workplace-based Assessment: EPAs and Entrustment Scales and also presented during Provincial Laboratory Medicine Rounds.



Dr. Simon Kirby & Dr. Gomes

On the First Friday of every month, starting February 2020 there will be pediatric pathology teaching rounds held with The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. A different pediatric pathologist from The Hospital for Sick Children will be responsible for the rounds. They will show images and the session is to be interactive.

A flyer for the Pediatric Pathology Teaching Ontario-Newfoundland Network Inaugural event. The flyer features the logos of Memorial University and The Hospital for Sick Children. The text includes the date and time: FRIDAY 7 February 2020, 7:45 - 8:45 am EST, 9:15 - 10:15 am AST. The presenter is Dr. Rose Chami, MD, FRCPC, Assistant Professor of Pathology, University of Toronto- Hospital for Sick Children. The title is Wilms tumour (nephroblastoma). Learning objectives are listed: Describe the gross and microscopic pathologic features of nephroblastoma, Describe the histopathologic features that are important to recognize in determining prognosis, Recognize the "nephrogenic rests", and Become familiar with some chromosomal abnormalities reported in Wilms tumour and their prognostic significance. Contact information for Zoom and local coordinators is provided.

Discipline of Laboratory Medicine faculty, resident or staff accomplishments and upcoming events can be shared with our discipline administrative staff members for publishing in future newsletters.