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## **In the Gazette**

Memorial researchers receive \$11.5 million in federal funding to explore diverse new ideas

<https://gazette.mun.ca/research/understanding-our-world/>

'Touching lives'

<https://gazette.mun.ca/research/touching-lives/>

Combatting diabetes and non-alcoholic fatty liver and cardiovascular diseases

<https://gazette.mun.ca/research/dietary-strategies/>

## **Leadership appointments**

The Faculty of Medicine is pleased to announce the following leadership appointments:

- Dr. Rod Russell, Vice Dean, Research and Graduate Studies. Dr. Russell is a professor of Virology and Immunology. Read more about Dr. Russell <https://bit.ly/467afZj>
- Dr. Danielle O'Keefe, Acting Vice Dean, Education and Faculty Affairs. Dr. O'Keefe is an associate professor of Family Medicine. Read more about Dr. O'Keefe <https://bit.ly/46al6la>
- Dr. Susan MacDonald, Assistant Dean of Admissions, July 1, 2023 for a one-year term. Dr. MacDonald is an associate professor of Medicine and Family Medicine.
- Dr. Geoff Zbitnew, Discipline Chair of Anesthesia, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Dr. Zbitnew, an associate professor of Anesthesia, has been acting/interim chair since January 2019.
- Dr. Craig Stone, Medical Director, Clinical Learning and Simulation Centre (CLSC), Sept. 1, 2023 for a three-year term. Dr. Stone is an Associate Professor and Discipline Chair of Surgery.

- Dr. Jeff Flemming Acting Discipline Chair of Radiology, Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024. Dr. Flemming is an Assistant Professor of Nuclear Medicine. The Dean's Office will be forming a committee for a permanent replacement.

## Announcements

Dr. Aleisha Murnaghan is the medical program development consultant for the University of Prince Edward Island's new Faculty of Medicine, effective Sept. 12, 2023. Dr. Murnaghan holds a Doctor of Medicine (2007) from Memorial University. [Read more](#)

## Passings

Dr. Atamjit S. Gill, associate professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology (NTV story <https://ntv.ca/champion-for-womens-health-dr-atamjit-gill-passes-away/>)

Dr. Verna Skanes Robbins, a retiree from BioMedical Sciences ([Obituary](#))

Dr. Bodil Astrid Larson, a retiree from BioMedical Sciences ([Obituary](#))

## Welcome Kelly Foss

Kelly Foss has joined the Faculty of Medicine's Communications Office. She has been an employee of Memorial University since 2007 and has previously spent most of that time as the communications advisor in the Faculty of Science. She can be reached at [kfoss@mun.ca](mailto:kfoss@mun.ca) or 864-6358.

## MUN Med Gateway

The MUN Med Gateway Program was one of nine Canadian programs featured in [Innovation in Primary Care: Social Accountability in Action](#), a College of Family Physicians of Canada document.

## New annual report

Our [2022/2023 annual report](#) highlights many achievements and advancements in medical education, research and social accountability from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

This report details how the faculty supports our communities, particularly through education excellence. We also continue to work towards the goals and objectives outlined in our strategic plan, *Destination Excellence*, and with the University of Prince Edward Island in developing a joint Doctor of Medicine Degree. [Read the annual report available on the Faculty of Medicine website.](#)

## Flag lowering

Memorial University observes declared provincial and/or national periods of mourning, as well as the deaths of members of the University community, by half-masting all flags during these periods.

To ensure multiple requests to lower the flags are not submitted to Marcomm by the Faculty of Medicine, please contact [medcomms@mun.ca](mailto:medcomms@mun.ca) to request a submission be made. Please note, a link to an obituary is required with information about a funeral or memorial service. In addition to the lowering of flags, the information may be used to arrange other observances; in the case of a death this may include messages of condolence, university procession at a funeral, etc. For more information, please consult the University's [Flags Policy and Procedures](#).

## New Policies and Procedures repository

The Faculty of Medicine's new Policies and Procedures Repository is now live. Find it at <https://bit.ly/3QQHHWG>

## Learner news

### Conference Presentation

Krista King, a nurse practitioner and PhD student in clinical epidemiology presented preliminary results from her ongoing research study “*Studying the social and workplace experiences of individuals with a history of cancer in Newfoundland and Labrador*” at the 2023 Canadian Centre for Applied Research in Cancer Control Conference on September 14-15, 2023. The study is led by her supervisor, Dr. Sevtap Savas.

### Explore Your Future in Tech

Think the tech sector isn't for you? Think again! [CareerTech](#) is a new program to help students at Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic find their place in the thriving technology sector. This series of free workshops exposes students to the types of skills and career paths that are needed right now in the tech sector. [Register today!](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Music for MS Research

Featuring Ryan Baxter Norman, Catalyst and Bucket o'Beef; Shenanigans, CBS; \$5 cover. Oct. 14, 2023 at 8 p.m.

### 2023 Science, Health and Research (SHARE) Summit,

Nov. 10, 2023

Registration is now open! For information visit: <https://mailchi.mp/qualityofcarenl/register-for-share-summit-17077613>

### Food as Medicine Update 2023: Nutrition, Functional Foods and Supplements for Health Optimization,

Nov. 17, 2023

Program and registration information available at: <https://foodasmedicineupdate.ca>

### Save the Date – *Destination Excellence*

Strategic planning event – All faculty, learners and staff are invited to attend a strategic planning event. The focus will be on strategic opportunities, challenges and priorities for the coming years. This will be an opportunity for dialogue, collaboration, reflection and learning. Monday, Dec. 11, 12:30-4:30 p.m. in 1M102.

### Faculty Development

#### Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDI-AR) Lecture Series

The Faculty of Medicine Equality, Diversity Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDI-AR) [lecture series](#) will begin in September 2023 and run for six weeks, from September 14 to October 19, 2023. Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei, the Interim Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Research) at Memorial University, will facilitate the lecture series.

At the end of these six sessions, the participant will understand the concepts of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism as it applies to the Canadian Health care system. The sessions are being held from **Thursday, Sept 14 to Thursday, October 19, 2023** (6 sessions)

Location: Online, Via WebEx

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Registration fees: \$0.00. Registration and more Info:

<https://www.med.mun.ca/oped/programs/4651>

Space is limited and is allocated on a first-come basis. Registration closes once spaces are filled

### **Call for Abstract: Health Professions Educational Scholarship Forum, November 1, 2023**

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Health Professions Educational Scholarship Forum, scheduled for November 1, 2023, at the Faculty of Medicine.

This one-day event aims to showcase research and innovation in health professions education, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, allied health, and social work.

We are honored to have Dr. Jonathan Sherbino, the Meridith Marks Mentorship Award 2022 winner, present a lecture titled "Hacking Education: Myths vs Evidence in Teaching and Learning."

### **Call for Abstracts**

We invite you to [submit abstracts](#) for consideration for oral and poster presentations during the forum. This is an excellent opportunity to share your research, insights, and innovations with a diverse audience of healthcare professionals and educators.

#### *Topics of Interest*

- Medical Education Innovations
- Nursing Education Research
- Allied Health Training Methods
- Social Work Education
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Health Education

#### *Submission Guidelines*

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words.
- Include the title, authors, affiliations, and contact information.
- Clearly state the objectives, methods, results, and conclusions of your study.
- Deadline for submission: Extended to September 29, 2023

#### *How to Submit*

Please submit your abstracts at <https://www.med.mun.ca/OPED/HEALTH-PROFESSIONS-EDUCATIONAL-SCHOLARSHIP-FORUM/> by September 29, 2023. Successful applicants will be notified by October 13, 2023.

### **Live CPD**

#### **MUNMed Reunion – Oct. 13-14, 2023**

This year's is a significant one for the Faculty of Medicine, as it marks the 50th anniversary of the convocation of our first graduating MD class! Our alumni from 1973 are the first graduating class to reach this milestone, but they will not be the last. We look forward celebrating a milestone anniversary of their accomplishment and setting the stage for all of the 50th reunions to come.

For our 2023 reunion, MD alumni from the classes of 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2018 will join us in St. John's to reconnect with classmates and the Faculty of Medicine. At the same time, alumni from any year are welcome to attend reunion. Mark your calendars for October 13-14, 2023! The Faculty of Medicine Development Office and the Office of Professional and Educational Development (OPED) look forward to working with you to make this a great reunion!

Registration: <https://www.med.mun.ca/oped/programs/4670>

For more information or to get involved in planning, please reach out to Carol Ann Walker, Development Associate, at [meddevelopment@mun.ca](mailto:meddevelopment@mun.ca)

### **MDCme (Online Virtual CPD)**

#### **Earn Mainpro+ Self-Learning and Maintenance of Certification (Section 3 - Self Assessment) credits.**

- [Recognizing and Preventing Child Abuse for Health Professionals](#) - The purpose of this online course is to train health-care professionals to recognize, assess and document the signs and symptoms of suspected child abuse.
- [After Cancer Care](#) - Advances in the detection and treatment of cancer have resulted in more cancer patients surviving and thriving. This module examines some of the considerations for managing cancer survivors in your primary care practice.
- [Physician Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry \(PTCAP\) Series](#) - The PTCAP program aims to improve the health outcomes of children and adolescents with mental health problems in Canada by improving primary care practitioners' (PCPs) knowledge, recognition, assessment and management of child and youth mental health problems.
- [The Blood Transfusion Series](#) - A series of online educational programs to provide up-to-date professional education for transfusion prescribers, transfusionists, nurses and medical laboratory technologists in NL.
- [Professionalism in Practice](#) – The purpose of this online course is to explore the concept of professionalism, how professionalism impacts both medical education and the modern practice of medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador, what behaviours are typically considered professional and which are perceived as unprofessional, and outline the regulatory and policy framework governing medicine and medical education.

### **Research Week**

Mark your calendars. Memorial's sixth annual Research Week celebrations will take place Nov. 20-24. Researchers, staff, students, postdoctoral fellows and community partners are invited to organize and host sessions – either individually or as a unit. Visit the Research Week [website](#) for more details as they become available.

### **From Newsline**

#### **Public Engagement Framework Renewal**

Memorial University is updating [the plan](#) that guides how we collaborate with the public. It's a key strength of this university (did you know that more than 40 per cent of Memorial research is publicly engaged?) and part of Memorial's special obligation to Newfoundland and Labrador. Of course, a strategy focused on public partnerships and collaboration needs to be shaped in an engaged way! This fall, the Office of Public Engagement is hosting dialogue sessions to better understand challenges, opportunities, and ideas related to public engagement at Memorial. Learn more and register to share your thoughts at a session [here](#).

#### **Convocation - Call for faculty and staff participants**

[Fall convocation](#) in St. John's is around the corner and our campus will see the joy of achievement, family celebrations and capturing of priceless memories. On Thursday, Oct. 19, faculty and staff are encouraged to take part to help make this day special for our graduates and their families. Faculty and staff can participate in the procession and sit on stage. There are a limited number of gowns and hoods, so please respond by Friday, Oct. 13, through the [faculty and staff RSVP form](#). Faculty and staff can also participate as greeters, welcoming graduates and their guests during the 90 minutes before each session begins. To participate as a greeter,

please submit the [faculty and staff RSVP form](#) by Friday, Oct. 13. The full degree schedule can be found on the [convocation website](#).