Message from the Physician-in-Chief,
Dr. Kevin Imrie

Dear Colleagues,

I have really enjoyed the last few weeks. Over this time, I've had a chance to meet with many of you and I've been reflecting on what I've heard. You've told me of the pride you have in the high quality of patient care the department provides as well as our commitment to research and education. I've also heard about your desire to maintain the unique culture here at Sunnybrook; one I take great pride in.

My first priorities over the next few months are to strongly represent your interests at the Hospital and University levels and to strengthen cohesion within our department. I will be working intently over the next few weeks with Chris Morgan and the economics committee to seek alternatives to our current financial management structure, with Denise Campbell and David Watson in the Departmental office to improve our business processes, and with the departmental executive to enhance the role of the division heads.

Over the next few weeks, I will be continuing to meet with as many of you as I can and I am hoping to come to each of your divisional meetings to hear about your plans and how I can best support you in reaching your strategic goals. In addition, if you have an suggestions or ideas or would like to discuss any issues, please drop by my office, Room D474 or e-mail me at kevin.imrie@sunnybrook.ca.

The next few months will be challenging ones as we deal with constraints in the hospital budget, increasing pressure to improve patient flow, and the need to review our financial management structure. I am confident that we will be able to deal with these challenges while continuing to grow and strengthen our academic profile.

- Kevin

Our Executive Team

Back row l-r – Dr. A Simor, Dr. J. Perry, Dr. D Naimark, Dr. N Shear, Dr. D. Berbrayer, Dr. R. Mehta, Dr. J. Allard
Front row l-r – Dr. S. Shadowitz, Dr. I. Fettes, Dr. K. Imrie, Dr. M. Trudeau, Dr. B. Gilbert
Missing – Dr. K. Sivjee, Dr. I. Dwosh, Dr. D. Juurlink, Dr. C. Morgan
My principal area of research is in the prevention of gastrointestinal malignancy – I have a particular interest in anal and colorectal cancers. Anal cancer is rare in the general population but it is common in HIV-infected persons, regardless of sexual orientation. HIV-infected men who have sex with men (MSM) are at highest risk for anal cancer with rates comparable to the rates of cervical cancer in women prior to the use of screening. Because of the strong pathophysiologic parallels to cervical cancer, it is logical to use similar strategies to screen for anal cancer. I have collaborated closely with Dr. Irving Salit at the University Health Network to assemble a large cohort of HIV-infected MSM. Using this cohort, we have examined the test characteristics of anal cytology ("anal Pap smears") and human papillomavirus (HPV) testing (an important causative agent) for the detection of anal cancer precursors. We have recently received funding from the National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC) to study the progression and regression of these precursor lesions and the transmission of HPV between sexual partners.

I am also involved in research to prevent colorectal malignancy. I am currently conducting policy-relevant research with Cancer Care Ontario that assists with the development of their initiatives to increase colorectal screening compliance in Ontario. I am also leading an NCIC-funded validation project at the Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences which will identify accurate strategies to measure the quality of colonoscopy using administrative data. For both these projects, I work closely with Drs. Linda Rabeneck and Larry Paszat. I am particularly excited about this research given its relevance to Ontario’s new provincial colorectal cancer screening program.

Dr. Jill Tinmouth is a Clinician Scientist and an Assistant Professor in the Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Medicine at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and the University of Toronto as well as being an Adjunct Scientist at the Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences. She obtained her medical degree from New York University in 1995, did her internal medicine (1999) and gastroenterology (2000) residencies at U of T as well as her PhD in Clinical Epidemiology (2004). She joined the Sunnybrook staff in 2004.

**Selected Publications**


17. Nadkarni NK, Zabjek K, Lee B, McLlroy WE, Black SE. Effect of Working Memory and Spatial Attention Tasks on Gait in Healthy Young and Older Adults. *Motor Control* (in press June 2009) MT-13129


### Grants

**Neurology**

Dr. Sandra Black:

- Krista Lanctot (PI) was awarded $1,770,123 for 2 years for an NIH grant entitled "Apathy in Alzheimer’s Disease Methylphenidate Trial (ADMET). Sandra Black – Co-I
- Brian Levine (PI) was awarded $853,770 for 5 years for a CIHR grant entitled “Diffuse Brain Damage Effects on Distributed Systems: Multimodal Brain Imaging and Rehabilitation”. Sandra Black – Co-I

### Honours and Awards

**2008-2009 Sunnybrook Department of Medicine Awards**

**William J Sibbald Faculty Mentorship Award**
Don Redelmeier

**Inpatient Teaching Award**
Mark Cheung

**Pre-clerkship Teaching Award**
David Berbrayer

**Ambulatory Teaching Award**
Rajin Mehta

**Young Teacher Award**
Sunil Verma
**Junior Investigator Award**
David Gladstone

**Senior Investigator Award**
David Juurlink

**Leadership Award**
Steven Shadowitz

**Part-time Teaching Award**
Ali Zahirieh

### Nephrology

**Dr. Sheldon Tobe:**
- Received the ACE Teaching Award from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine for his teachings in 2008/2009.

### Neurology

**Dr. Sandra Black:**
- **Supervised students’ awards**
  - Alexandra Rowland, a PhD student, received an Ontario Graduate Scholarship and a U of T Peterborough K.M. Hunter Graduate Scholarship.
  - Graeme Schwindt, an MD-PhD student, received a Vanier CIHR Doctoral Research Award and was ranked top out of all the applications for Clinical Research.
  - Fahima Dossa, an SRI student supervised through CIB this summer, won first prize in the SRI Summer Research Project Poster Competition day for her poster entitled “Interactions between White Matter Hyperintensities and Hippocampal Atrophy in Alzheimer’s Disease”.

### New Faculty

The Board has approved the appointment of the following physicians to the Department of Medicine

**General Internal Medicine**

![Dr. Lynfa Stroud](image)

**Dr. Lynfa Stroud**

The Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine welcomes Dr. Lynfa Stroud. Dr. Stroud is a graduate of the University of Toronto who subsequently did specialty training in Internal Medicine. She held the position of Chief Medical Resident in the Sunnybrook Department of Medicine for the academic year.
2003-2004. She holds a Master of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto.

Dr. Stroud will be an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-educator. Her area of academic interest is in the area of medical education, focusing on post-graduate assessment. She will coordinate the annual OSCE examination for all trainees in the core internal medicine program.

Clinically, Dr. Stroud will serve as a General Internal Medicine consultant.

Dr. Stroud will be located in Room D470a and can be reached at extension 83627.

**Medical Oncology/Haematology**

Dr. Kelvin Chan

The Department of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology and Haematology welcomes Dr. Kelvin Chan. Dr. Chan is a graduate of the University of Toronto who subsequently did specialty training in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. Dr. Chan has a Master of Science in Health Administration (Clinical Epidemiology) from the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto.

Dr. Chan was appointed to the faculty at Grand River Regional Cancer Centre, Kitchener and subsequently to the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre Oshawa, where he served as the lead person of the regional gastrointestinal disease site group.

Dr. Chan is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-investigator. His research activities will focus on Pharmacoeconomics, Health Services and Statistical Methodology.

Clinically, Dr. Chan will serve as a Medical Oncology consultant and will have a regular outpatient clinic for gastrointestinal cancer.

Dr. Chan will be located in Room T2058 and can be reached at extension 83644.
Neurology

Dr. Julia Hopyan

The Department of Medicine, Division of Neurology welcomes Dr. Julia Hopyan. Dr. Hopyan is a graduate of the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. She subsequently did her specialty training in Internal Medicine and Neurology, and then completed a two year fellowship in Stroke Neurology with subspecialty expertise in the area of Neurosonology.

Dr. Hopyan will be an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-teacher. Her areas of academic interest are curriculum development, clinical trials regarding stroke and Neurosonology, and extending the indications for transcranial Doppler ultrasound. She will be the Director of Inpatient Stroke Neurology Services and will be the Co-Director of the Neurodoppler Ultrasound Laboratory. She will coordinate and participate in teaching the Stroke Seminar Series, and will also be involved in teaching the Brain and Behaviour course and ASCM for medical students.

Clinically, Dr. Hopyan will serve as a Neurology consultant and will accept referrals for the Stroke Prevention Clinic and High Risk TIA Unit. Clinical appointments can be booked at extension 4473.

Dr. Hopyan will be located in Room A233 and can be reached at extension 4473.

Dr. Rick Swartz

The Department of Medicine, Division of Neurology welcomes Dr. Richard Swartz. Dr. Swartz is a graduate of the University of Toronto MD/PhD program who subsequently did specialty training in Neurology. His graduate work focused on stroke and cognition, and his recent research has focused on neurovascular imaging to improve the diagnosis and treatment of stroke.

Dr. Swartz has recently, along with Drs. D. Gladstone, F. Silver and D. Selchen, led the creation of the University of Toronto Stroke Program (UTSP). With support from the UofT Department of Medicine, SMH and UHN AFP Innovation Funds and the Sunnybrook Brain Sciences Program, this exciting collaboration aims to combine the expertise, resources and patient populations of the three UofT teaching hospitals to establish UofT as an international leader in stroke clinical practice, research and education. Through this venture and his research projects, Dr. Swartz will continue active collaborations at both the Toronto Western Hospital and Sunnybrook.

Dr. Swartz is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-scientist. His area of academic interest is neurovascular imaging in stroke prevention and recovery. Currently he is working to validate high-
resolution MR imaging for improving the diagnosis and prognosis of intracranial vascular diseases like atherosclerosis, vasculitis and arterial dissection. He is also investigating other diseases affecting the intracranial vasculature including pre-eclampsia/eclampsia and PRES.

Clinically, Dr. Swartz will serve as a Neurology consultant and will see outpatients regularly in the Stroke Prevention Clinic. Clinical appointments can be booked at extension 4866. He will have a special clinical interest in young patients with stroke, patients with intracranial vascular disease, and stroke / Neurology in pregnancy.

Dr. Swartz will be located in Room A452, and can be reached at extension 83715.

Respirology and Clinical Immunology

Dr. Anu Tandon

The Department of Medicine, Division of Respirology and Clinical Immunology welcomes Dr. Anu Tandon. Dr. Tandon is a graduate of the University of Toronto who subsequently did specialty training in Internal Medicine and Respirology with further fellowship training in Respirology in the area of Sleep Disordered Breathing.

Dr. Tandon will be an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-teacher. Her academic interest includes medical education where she will serve as Education Director of the Division of Respirology.

Clinically, Dr. Tandon will serve as a Respiratory and Sleep Medicine consultant and will have a regular outpatient clinic for both general respirology and sleep medicine patients. Clinical appointments can be booked at extension 4758 or faxed to extension 5153.

Dr. Tandon will be located in Room HG10 and can be reached at extension 4758.

Rheumatology

Dr. Isaac Dwosh

The Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology welcomes Dr. Isaac Dwosh, Division Head of Rheumatology at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Dr. Dwosh is a graduate of the School of Medicine, Queen's University, Kingston who subsequently did specialty training in Internal Medicine in Toronto and fellowship training in Rheumatology in Toronto and California.

Dr. Dwosh was then appointed to the teaching faculty at Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital and is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Medicine at Queen’s University School of Medicine. He was head of the Rheumatology Division from 2004-2007 and is the recipient of several education awards.
Dr. Dwosh is a Full Professor at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-teacher. His areas of academic interest are in rheumatoid arthritis drug trials, curriculum design and development of clinical teaching tools.

Clinically, Dr. Dwosh will serve as a Rheumatology consultant and will have a regular outpatient clinic. Clinic appointments can be booked at extension 4580 or fax# 416-480-4233. He will have a special clinical interest in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and connective tissue diseases such as lupus.

Dr. Dwosh will be located in Room M1 401 and can be reached at extension 4580.

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**Department News**

**DOM Annual Dinner and Awards presentation**
The annual DOM Dinner and Awards presentations will be held on Wednesday November 4th 2009, 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the Courtyard Ballroom at the Vaughan Estates. Please make every effort to attend as we will also be welcoming our new members and will have short presentations from 3 new faculty.

**ACMS Timesheets**
There has been a number of discrepancies in the authorization of timesheets for ACMS support staff. Please note that effective immediately physicians or their delegates are now required to sign (not initial) and date their support staff timesheets; support staff are not allowed to sign their own timesheets.

Please note also, ACMS does not have a formal policy on Lieu time, this is an internal matter between the physician and the support staff and should not be coded on the timesheet. Lieu hours should be tracked separately by the authorizing physician and the support staff.

**U of T Internal Grant Review Service:**
The service is directed specifically for junior faculty members at the Assistant and Lecturer ranks. It is a non-threatening review of your grant designed to help improve your odds of getting funded. All you need to do is have your grant prepared 30 days prior to the submission date to allow time for the review. As you prepare your grant, talk to your University Division Director (ie at least 6 weeks before the grant deadline). They will help you choose 2 reviewers. For more information go to the DOM web site. http://www.deptmedicine.utoronto.ca/Research/internalgrant.htm You can also call Conrad Liles (416 340 3183) conrad.liles@uhn.on.ca, Professor and Vice Chair of Medicine who has created this program. Or contact Sheldon Tobe at Sunnybrook x 6901, Sheldon.tobe@sunnybrook.ca.