



Fall Newsletter 2018

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## A message from the Physician-in-Chief, Dr. Kevin Imrie



Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over. I hope that you have managed to get some time to recharge before the Hospital and University get back to business as usual (not that we got much of a break on occupancy this summer). As things ramp back up, I wanted to share a few items with you and remind you of some upcoming events.

**DOM Award Dinner:** October 4<sup>th</sup> is our annual award dinner. I hope that you will all be able to attend. This is our major opportunity in the year to gather as a department, network and socialize, and celebrate

our members who won awards, were promoted or had other important milestones or accomplishments. The Dinner will be held at the Sunnybrook Estates from 5:30-9:00pm and as always will be preceded by our Education Symposium organized by Dr. Gemini Tanna. This year's topic is "Patient Engagement and Person Centered Care" and features keynote speakers: Drs. Arno Kumagai, Andreas Laupacis, Mireille Norris and Dominique Piquette. I do hope you will come out.

**DOM awards:** Speaking of awards, this is my chance to announce this year's winners of the DOM awards. The winners are:

- **Junior Investigator Award - Dr. Mark Boulos**
- **Senior Investigator Award - Dr. Jill Tinmouth**
- **Young Teacher Award - Dr. Matthew Godleski**
- **In-Patient Teaching Award - Dr. Sharron Sandhu**
- **Pre-Clerkship Teaching Award - Dr. Mark Hansen**
- **Ambulatory Teaching Award - Dr. Alireza Zahirieh**
- **Part-Time Teaching Award - Dr. Lee Mozessohn**
- **Continuing Education Award - Dr. Shaheeda Ahmed**
- **Quality Award - Dr. Adina Weinerman**
- **Humanitarian Award - Dr. Liesly Lee**
- **Leadership Award - Dr. Lynfa Stroud**
- **William J. Sibbald Faculty Mentorship Award - Dr. Brian Gilbert**

Please join me in congratulating them.

**Other important recognition:**

The summer is not usually a busy time for external award announcements but I wanted to highlight a couple of important ones:

- a. Dr. Steve Shadowitz won this year's Osler award from the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine
- b. Dr. Mark Boulos was awarded a Canadian Partnership for Stroke Recovery innovation grant for his project, "*Strengthening Oropharyngeal Muscles as a Novel Approach to Treat Obstructive Sleep Apnea after Stroke: A Randomized Feasibility Study*"

**AFP Innovation Grant LOIs due:** Just a quick reminder to encourage you to consider submitting an AFP innovation grant LOI. The initial LOIs are due Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. You can find further information: [Sunnynet.ca/AFPinnovation](http://Sunnynet.ca/AFPinnovation).

**Sunnybrook Strategic Plan:** This fall, the hospital will continue to operationalize its new strategic plan, *“Inventing The Future Of Health Care For Ontario And Beyond”*. A particular area of emphasis that will impact virtually all of our divisions is the formation of the new Integrated Community Program (better name to follow). Dan Cass will be leading a process to seek input on how to leverage this new structure to provide better and more integrated care within our community. I encourage you to share your thoughts with him and with me on how to take advantage of this opportunity. You can read more details here: [Sunnybrook.ca/content/?page=strategic-plan-2018-21](http://Sunnybrook.ca/content/?page=strategic-plan-2018-21).

**New Faculty:** I would like to welcome Drs. Nisha Andany, Lee Mozessohn and Signy Chow to the Department of Medicine. Please read on to learn more about them.

## Welcome to new members of staff



The **Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases** welcomes **Dr. Nisha Andany**.

Dr. Andany is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and subsequently completed residency training General Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, also at the University of Toronto. Following her residency, she completed a CIHR-Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN) Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship at Women’s College Hospital (supervised by Dr. Mona Loutfy) and has also recently fulfilled degree requirements for a Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Andany has been a Clinical Associate in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre for the past 2 years, and

has also provided Infectious Diseases consultations and part-time coverage (with Courtesy Privileges) at various community hospitals including William Osler Health System, Mackenzie Health, and Grand River Hospital

Dr. Andany is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-teacher. Her area of academic interest is undergraduate and post-graduate education in regards to Infectious Diseases, specifically HIV. She will be acting as the rotation coordinator for medical students and residents rotating through the Infectious Diseases service at Sunnybrook. Dr. Andany will also function as the primary site-investigator for HIV-related clinical trials and research studies performed at Sunnybrook.

Clinically, Dr. Andany will serve as an Infectious Diseases consultant. She will continue to attend on the inpatient consultation service and contribute to staffing the Intravenous Antibiotic Therapy (IVAT) clinic. She will also have regular outpatient clinics focused on both HIV (H266) and General Infectious Diseases (E209). Clinical referrals can be faxed to extension **6739** (general ID) or **4268** (HIV).

Dr. Andany will be located in Room H-211 and can be reached at extension **2399**.

The **Department of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology and Hematology**



welcomes **Dr. Lee Mozessohn.**

Dr. Mozessohn is a graduate of McGill University who subsequently did specialty training in Internal Medicine and Hematology at the University of Toronto with further fellowship training at the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre in lymphoma and myelodysplastic syndromes. He also completed a fellowship in the Department of Veterans Affairs Quality Scholars program and is presently completing a Master of Public Health at the T.H. Chan School of Public Health at Harvard University.

Dr. Mozessohn is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and will function as a clinician-investigator. His area of academic interest is in health services and outcomes research in myeloid malignancies.

Clinically, Dr. Mozessohn will serve as a hematology consultant and will have a regular outpatient clinic for patients with hematologic malignancies. He has a special clinical interest in complex malignant hematology (acute leukemia and myelodysplastic syndromes).

Dr. Mozessohn will be located in Room T2-052 and can be reached at extension **5847.**

The **Department of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology and Hematology** welcomes **Dr. Signy Chow.**



Dr. Chow obtained her medical degree from the University of Alberta in 2008. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at Western University and her Hematology residency at the University of Toronto. She went on to obtain further fellowship training in malignant hematology at the Odette Cancer Centre before joining the Division of Medical Oncology & Hematology as a Clinical Associate in 2014. She recently completed a Master of Science in the Department of Medical Biophysics at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Dr. Trevor Pugh, where she focused on using targeted next generation sequencing and cell free DNA markers to enable minimal residual disease detection in multiple myeloma.

Dr. Chow is an Assistant Professor and will function as a Clinician-Investigator with a focus in complex malignant hematology. Her research interests involve the study and development of biomarkers in hematologic disease and the translation of novel technologies to clinical practice.

## Honours & awards

**Congratulations to the following recipient of the 2018 Sunnybrook Department of Medicine Awards.**

- **Junior Investigator Award - Dr. Mark Boulos**
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### **Dr. Mark Boulos**

- July 2018 - Appointed to the University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies as an Associate Member (Institute of Medical Science)

**Trainee Awards** Received by the MSc candidate he is supervising (David Colelli):

- 2018 Sep - 2019 Aug **Queen Elizabeth II/Paul and Adelle Deacon Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology**, MSc candidate, Awardee Name: David Colelli. University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Total Amount: 15,000 CAD
- 2018 Sep - 2019 Aug **Ontario Graduate Scholarship**, MSc candidate, Awardee Name: David Colelli. University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
*Total Amount: 15,000 CAD*

*Received by other trainees:*

- 2018 May - 2018 Aug **Comprehensive Research Experience for Medical Students (CREMS) Summer Studentship**, CREMS Summer Student, Awardee Name: Laavanya Dharmakulaseelan, Medical Student, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
*Summer Studentship - funded by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Total Amount: 5,000 CAD*
- 2018 May - 2018 Aug **Hurvitz Brain Sciences Research Program**

**Summer Studentship**, Research Assistant, Awardee Name: Nardin Kirolos, Undergraduate Student, Sunnybrook Research Institute, Ontario, Canada

*Summer Studentship. Total Amount: 3,200 CAD*

#### **Dr. Jerome Leis**

- Received the **WILLIAM GOLDIE PRIZE AND TRAVEL AWARD IN QUALITY & INNOVATION**, University of Toronto.

#### **Dr. Barbara Liu**

- The Dr. Barbara Liu Geriatric Medicine Resident Research and Education Award was established to honour the exemplary work and leadership that Dr. Liu has exemplified as Program Director, and also to support resident research opportunities and resident education activities in the UofT, Division of Geriatrics. It is aligned with the University's Department of Medicine's Pay it Forward campaign, whereby each Division was challenged to raise funds for trainees.

#### **Dr. Brian Murray**

- Elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology (FAAN) in recognition of his "valuable contributions to the Academy and to the neurology community at large".

#### **Dr. Idan Roifman**

- Was awarded the 18/19 National New Investigator and Clinician Scientist Phase 1 awards from the Heart and Stroke Foundation

#### **Dr. Steve Shadowitz**

- Was awarded the CSIM Osler Award this year. The Osler Award is



presented annually to an individual demonstrating excellence in achievement in the field of General Internal Medicine in either clinical practice, research, medical education or specialty development.

## Grants and Publications

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