



December 2018 Newsletter

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



Dear Colleagues,

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all happy holidays. I hope that you all get at least some time to rest and recharge the batteries over the next couple of weeks after a very eventful fall. This last month alone, Sunnybrook opened the Reactivation Care Center at the Church street site and moved over 40 patients in a single day from our campuses, closing our hallway beds behind them for good. This was a big step for our patients and our staff alike. We also saw the opening of the Complex Malignant Hematology ward on D4 which in January 2nd will be open to new leukemia referrals from Critical.

The new year promises to be no less busy. The Department is undergoing its five-year review on January 10th. Most of you have received or should be receiving a hard copy of the five-year report shortly, however I have attached the [PDF version](#) and an overview [infographic](#) for your reference. I encourage you to contribute to the review by sharing your thoughts regarding the Department and what you would like to see in the future.

Best wishes for the Holidays

Kevin

## Welcome to new members of staff



The **Department of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology/Hematology** welcomes **Dr. Ines Menjak**.

Dr. Menjak is a graduate of the University of Toronto who subsequently did specialty training in medical oncology in Toronto with further fellowship training at Sunnybrook in the area of breast and melanoma, with a focus on geriatric oncology and immunotherapy.

Dr. Menjak is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto and functions as a clinician-investigator. Her area of academic interest is primarily geriatric oncology, studying the impact of *geriatric assessment tools on clinical decision making, tolerance of chemotherapy and other outcomes*. *She plans to develop a geriatric oncology clinic at Sunnybrook. She also has an interest in immunotherapy, will continue building on her work looking at the effects of combining immunotherapy and radiation.*



Clinically, Dr. Menjak serves as a medical oncology consultant and has regular outpatient clinics Mondays and Thursdays for GI and lung cancer patients. She has a special clinical interest in treating older patients.

Dr. Menjak is located in Room T2-213 and can be reached at extension **5248**.

## Honours & awards

### Awards

The following members received teaching excellence awards from the University of Toronto MD program: **Ed Etchells, Gemini Tanna, & Perla Lansang**. The MD Program Teaching Award for Excellence is a new initiative introduced by the University of Toronto medical students. The award recognizes faculty in the MD Program that have attained Teaching Evaluation Scores in the top 10% in one or more of the teaching activities to which they have contributed.

#### **Dr. Michelle Hladunewich**

- Recipient of the 2019 Council Awards from the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. This award honours outstanding Ontario physicians and also recognizes physicians' broad range of diverse roles and abilities.

#### **Dr. Umberin Najeeb**

- Received the Dr. Herbert HoPingKong Teacher of the Year Award from the U of T Division of GIM. This inaugural award requires nomination by trainees, and recognizes excellence in teaching in GIM.
- Received the CAME certificate of Merit for U of T 2018

- Had two presentations at The Association of Medical Education in Europe [AMEE], Basel, Switzerland August 2018:
  - 1. Poster Presentation:  
Clinical Teaching Practicum: An Important Learning Methodology for Instructional Development: Dr. Danny Panisko and Dr. Umberin Najeeb
  - 2. Short Communication:  
Using Reflection to be an Effective Communicator : Dr. Umberin Najeeb, Dr. Malika Sharma, and Dr. Ayelet Kuper

## Grants and Publications

[View the full list of Grants and Publications](#)

***Please note that the DOM Administration Offices will be closed,  
December 24, 2018 to January 1, 2019.***

**Merry Christmas**

**Happy Holidays**

**Happy New Year**



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