



# Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2017

## Chair's Message...



We had another very successful first half of the 2017-18 academic year with lots of activity in the department.

I would like to welcome our three new full time faculty; Tony Eskander at Sunnybrook, Jun Lin at St. Michael's and Nik Wolter at SickKids. In addition we had four new community academic faculty appointments: Jerry Naiberg, Dupe Oyewumi, Tulika Shinghal and Ian Syrett.

A retirement celebration for Arnold Noyek took place at Baycrest on December 1, 2017 after 51+ years of clinical practice. There was a large gathering of friends, family and colleagues showering Arnold with accolades – a truly amazing individual who is “Always moving forward!”. There is a nice “My Hero Story” about Arnold and CISEPO at [https://www.myhero.com/Dr\\_Arnold\\_Noyek\\_2010](https://www.myhero.com/Dr_Arnold_Noyek_2010).

A warm welcome to Dan Enepekides who has taken over from Joe Chen as Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. We had a celebration of the ten year term of Joe as Chief at Sunnybrook in my back yard on September 7, 2017. So many friends, family, colleagues and members of our department came out to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Joe – an amazing and talented surgeon, educator and leader.

On December 13, 2017, Trillium Health Partners announced the appointment of Yvonne Chan to the role of Division Head for Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. Congratulations Yvonne and thank you to Lorne Segall as he steps down from this role. Yvonne also continues to engineer an inspiring array of CPD programs and visiting professors for our department.

Jon Irish has taken over as Head of the Division of Head and Neck Oncology. Thank you to Ralph Gilbert for serving as Head of this Division for the last ten years. Kevin Higgins has taken over from Jon Irish as Chair of our Departmental Appointments Committee. Thank you Jon for your years of service on this most important committee.

Our regular internal review by the PGME office went very well on November 16, 2017; we had an amazing turnout of community and full-time faculty supporting this effort. Thank you to all who participated. Competency by Design is going well with a few minor growing pains. Paolo Campisi has done a remarkable job in putting our department at the forefront of CBD in Canada with the support of the PGME office which has been outstanding. Special thanks to Susan Glover-Takahashi, Glen Bandiera and

## *Chair's Message continued...*

Sal Spadafora in PGME for their tremendous support in helping our department discover how to make CBD work.

UME has a large number of changes with the new curriculum in years 1 and 2 and the longitudinal integrated clerkship for some clerks in year 3. Allan Vescan, John Lee and Brad Hubbard along with the hospital UME reps have spent countless hours designing new cases for discussion and online learning material. My sincere thanks to these individuals and the number of faculty who give so willingly of their time to teach our medical students. There has been a significant jump in excellent medical students interested in our specialty at UofT and across the country.

For the first time we participated with the Departments of Surgery and Anesthesia in a Faculty Development Day on the morning of November 13, 2017. There were a variety of interesting workshops to attend, several led by our faculty (Yvonne Chan & Eric Monteiro). This was followed by own departmental mini-retreat in the afternoon and then a promotion celebration for Sharon Cushing, Adrian James and Evan Propst (Congratulations !).

I hope everyone can attend the Joseph K.H. Wong/Smile Chine Lecture on Friday January 12, 2018 from 7:30-8:30 am in the Astellas Conference Room at TGH. The lecture will be given by Dr. Khaled Almilaji, a remarkable humanitarian who was featured in an article and front cover of the September 2017 issue of *Toronto Life* magazine.

I hope everyone has a fantastic and restful holiday! Wishing you health, happiness and good fortune.

Ian



*Executive  
Committee  
Holiday  
Dinner  
Dec 5, 2017  
McLean House,  
Estates of  
Sunnybrook*

# *Newsletter*

**Fall/Winter 2017**

Our newsletter is published biannually in June and December.

Please send us any items you would like included in subsequent issues to [sonia.valente@utoronto.ca](mailto:sonia.valente@utoronto.ca)

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*The university office will be closed for the holidays for the period December 21, 2017 to January 2, 2018*

*We will reopen on Wednesday January 3, 2018  
Office hours: 8.30-4.30pm*

*Keep in touch !*

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Your University in the news....

**U of T is world's top public university, 4<sup>th</sup> overall:  
National Taiwan University Ranking**

*The University of Toronto continues to be the highest-ranked Canadian University and one of the top-ranked public universities in the five most prestigious international rankings.*

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

**University of Toronto ranked top in Canada:  
Times Higher Education**

*U of T also remained the top Canadian university for the eighth year in a row and in the top 10 of publicly funded universities worldwide.*

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.



**University of Toronto is best in Canada, 20th in world: U.S. News & World Report**

“A top-notch reputation for research and prolific academic output has propelled the University of Toronto into the top 20 of global universities, according to the latest U.S. News & World Report ranking.

The 2018 Best Global Universities rankings, released today by the Washington, D.C.-based news and information company, placed U of T in the top 10 of public universities and 20th in the world overall – up one spot from last year. Among North America’s public universities, U of T ranked seventh.

That places U of T in a rarefied group of American and British universities, which, along with U of T, represent the very best of 1,250 schools ranked this year across 74 countries.”

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

# Celebrating our Faculty

A reception was held on November 13, 2017 in honour of our promoted faculty. This event was held at the University of Toronto's 89 Chestnut Residence and Conference Centre.

## Adrian James

Promoted to **Full Professor**



## Sharon Cushing & Evan Propst Promoted to Associate Professor





## Dr. Yvonne Chan

Yvonne has been appointed the role of Division Head, Otolaryngology at Trillium Health Partners effective December 13, 2017.

*Congratulations !!!*

## Dr. Joseph Chen

A wonderful celebration was held for Dr. Chen on September 7, 2017

Thank you for your years of superb service to the university department & as Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre



*Drs. Arnold Noyek (left) & Joseph Chen*



*Above:  
L to R: Drs. Alain Dabdoub,  
Trung Le & Andrew  
Dimitrijevic*

*Right: Drs. Jim Haight  
(left) & Everton Gooden*



*Above:  
Drs. Vincent Lin (left)  
& Michael Chang*

*Left: L to R: Drs.  
Danny Enepekides,  
Mark Korman  
& Ralph Gilbert*

## Departmental Academic Appointments

### Assistant Professors



Antoine  
(Tony) Eskander



Jun Lin



Nikolaus  
(Nik) Wolter

A {Warm Welcome}

to our newest faculty members

### Lecturers



Jerry Naiberg



Modupe (Dupe)  
Oyewumi



Dupe was featured  
in the Metro News,  
Toronto.  
[CLICK HERE](#)  
to read  
the article



Tulika Shinghal



Ian Syrett  
(Audiologist)

[CLICK HERE](#)

to read our

**2016-17 Annual Report**

## Faculty News, Honours and Awards

### Peter Adamson & Andres Gantous



Dr. Peter Adamson along with Dr. Andres Gantous represented our department and U of T at the European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery meeting held in Lisbon September 28-30, 2017.



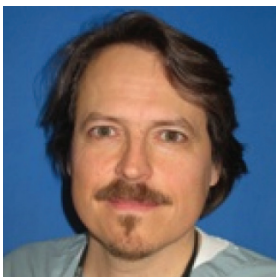
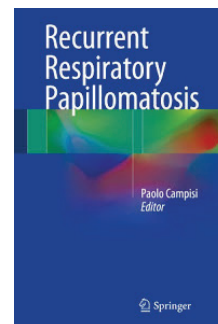
### Jean Davidson

Dr. Jean Davidson was granted the status of Professor Emeritus, effective July 1, 2018. Dr. Davidson is practicing part-time at St. Michael's Hospital.



### Paolo Campisi

Dr. Campisi recently published a textbook titled "Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis"



### Douglas Chepeha

Dr. Douglas Chepeha has assumed the mantle of Co-Editor of the CSO-HNS Journal of Otolaryngology-HNS.

## Andrew Dimitrijevic & Trung Le



Drs. Dimitrijevic and Le (Sunnybrook) were successful in receiving Associate Member status with the Institute of Medical Science.



## David Ellis

Dr. David Ellis was the recipient of the CSO-HNS 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Ellis has distinguished himself with a long and illustrious career in academic facial plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Congratulations All!!!

## Patrick Gullane



Dr. Jon Irish interviewed Dr. Patrick Gullane for a Princess Margaret Cancer Centre promotional item.  
View the interview here:  
<https://youtu.be/jT8qhu6aTUI>



## Alma Smitheringale

Dr. Alma Smitheringale retired from active practice (North York General Hospital) and the university this past June 2017. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.



## Paul Walfish

Dr. Paul Walfish retired this past June 2017. Dr. Walfish was a clinician and researcher at Mount Sinai Hospital and cross appointed to our department. We wish him all the best in the next chapter of his life.





# Dr. Arnold Noyek

A retirement tea was held for Dr. Noyek  
on December 1, 2017  
at Baycrest Health Sciences Centre.



Dr. Arnold Noyek has retired after 51 years of faithful and dedicated service to Baycrest, chiefly as an otolaryngology specialist in their Ambulatory clinic where he established the otolaryngology clinic and helped establish the audiology service. Dr. Noyek is an Officer of the Order of Canada, the Founder of the Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO), and the Director of International Continuing Education in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, as well as a Professor of Otolaryngology and Medical Imaging and Public Health. He remains a champion to the Baycrest Audiology Department and an outstanding teacher and mentor to scores of trainees and junior faculty.

His wisdom and cheery wit will keep legions of colleagues and patients always moving forward!

Thank you for your tireless commitment to and support of the University Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery.



## Monday November 13, 2017 89 Chestnut Residence and Conference Centre, Toronto

On Monday November 13, 2017 our department collaborated with the Departments of Anesthesia and Surgery to host a half day of faculty development workshops. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jason Frank, Director of Specialty Education, Policy and Standards in the Office of Education at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



### **The topics of the workshops were:**

#### **Topic:**

Competency by Design

Physician Health and Wellness (Staff and Resident)

Succeeding at UG Medical Education

Perioperative DNR

Healthcare Communication and Social Media:

The Ethics of Privacy in an Electronic World

Beyond the Checklist: A culture of safety in the OR

Financial Planning & Management:

Fiscal and pragmatic considerations

Innovative Job Models

Teaching Tips: Engaging your learner

Negotiating the Non Negotiable:

Transforming conflicts into opportunity

#### **Led by:**

Jason Frank

Julie Maggi, Guiseppe Papai, Alex Effer

Stacey Bernstein, Ahtsham Niazi

Richard Mimeault (CMPA)

Clyde Matava, Dennis Desai (CMPA)

Carol-Anne Moulton, Eric Monteiro

Zane Cohen, Yvonne Chan, Barry Rubin

Danielle Bischof, Hans Kreder

Debbie Kwan, Brenda Mori, Raed Hawa,  
Zoe Unger

John Oesch

# Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi  
MSc, MD, FRCSC

## Welcome BBQ for the 2017-18 Academic Year

Thank you once again to Dr. Paolo and Susan Campisi for hosting the annual Welcome BBQ for the incoming PGY1s. It was another wonderful evening of socializing, good food and great entertainment with a western twist.



**Royal College Exams**  
*(for PGY5s)*  
**Written: March 27-28, 2018**  
**Oral: April 13, 2018**

# Congratulations !!



**PGY1 PREP Camp 2017**  
**Terence Fu** (left) won the fourth round suturing competition & **Daniel Lee** (right) won the second round!



**Christopher Hong** (PGY2) was selected to receive a PGME *Chisholm Memorial Fellowship Award* for his future research.

**Jonathan Yip** (PGY5) was awarded the *Mount Sinai Bernard Ghert Award* for commitment to patient care.



## Baseball in Chicago - September 9, 2017

White Sox 13, Giants 1



*Front to Back: Drs. Ian Witterick, Yelda Jozaghi, Christopher Yao & Paolo Campisi*



*L to R: Drs. Jonathan Yip, Christopher Yao, Paolo Campisi, Patrick Scheffler, Weibo Hao & Yelda Jozaghi*

## Raptors Game - December 1, 2017

Raptors 120, Pacers 115



*Front to Back: Drs. Joel Davies, Yelda Jozaghi, Jay Wong & Ian Witterick*

## Events

We held a number of successful events including:

September 23, 2017

What's New in Office-based Procedures in Oto-HNS

October 21, 2017

Toronto Voice Conference

November 10, 2017

Otology Update

## Upcoming

January 12, 2018

Dr. Khaled Almilaji

Joseph K. H. Wong/Smile China Lecture

January 13, 2018

Current Topics in Thyroid Cancer  
Diagnosis and Management

January 26, 2018

Dr. Robert V. Harrison  
Tomlinson Lecture

February 2, 2018

Quality & Safety Primer

February 3, 2018

Otolaryngology Update

June 15, 2018

Wharton/Elia Day

## Upcoming Visiting Professors:

Mar 2, 2018

Dr. Ari Bitnun  
Krista Riko Lecture

Mar 9, 2018

Dr. Eitan Prisman  
Connery Lecture

Mar 16, 2018

Dr. Allan Detsky &  
Dr. Christopher Wallis

Mar 23, 2018

Dr. Lawrence Lustig

Apr 6, 2018

Dr. David Kennedy

Apr 20, 2018

Dr. Robert Hart  
Head & Neck Cancer  
Foundation Lecture

May 11, 2018

Dr. Rodney Schlosser  
Percy Ireland Day

May 18, 2018

Dr. Rick Pillsbury

May 25, 2018

Dr. Bryan Haugen  
Binstock Lecture

June 1, 2018

Dr. Brent Senior

June 22, 2018

Dr. Christine Gourin  
Bulhoes Lecture



**CaRMS Interviews  
January 26, 2018**

**Journal Club**  
held on September 18, 2017



*A slightly different format was tried out this year at the first Journal Club. The residents were asked to pick their 2 favorite articles from the last two volumes of a journal assigned to them. They were then asked their thoughts on the methods, statistics & design of the articles as well as the main findings. This generated great discussion!*

**Journal Club**  
held on November 21, 2017



Grand Rounds will not be held on  
December 22 nor 29, 2017  
and not on January 5, 2018

Grand Rounds will resume on  
January 12, 2018

**SAVE THE DATES**

**HALF DAY SYMPOSIUM ON CURRENT  
TOPICS IN THYROID CANCER  
DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT**

Saturday January 13, 2018

Main Auditorium, SickKids Peter Gilgan Centre  
for Research & Learning (686 Bay Street)

**QUALITY AND SAFETY PRIMER**

Friday February 2, 2018

18th floor Auditorium, MSH

**ANNUAL ALUMNI & FRIENDS DINNER**

Friday February 2, 2018

Gallery Grill, Hart House

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY UPDATE**

Saturday February 3, 2018

Main Auditorium, SickKids Peter Gilgan Centre for  
Research & Learning (686 Bay Street)

**DERMATOLOGY/HEAD & NECK SURGERY UPDATE**

Saturday March 14, 2018

Venue TBC

**RHINOLOGY UPDATE**

Friday & Saturday April 6-7, 2018

18th Floor Auditorium, MSH

**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PERCY IRELAND ACADEMIC DAY**

Friday May 11, 2018

University of Toronto's Hart House

Percy Ireland Dinner - May 10, 2018

# Events

## 2017 Golf Day

August 13, 2017  
at Lionhead Golf Club  
in Mississauga.

Thank you to Dr. Yvonne Chan for organizing the event.



**Congratulations  
team  
Vescan !!**



*Front L to R: Drs. Andrew Ma, Jon Yip, Yvonne Chan, Stephen Chen  
Back L to R: Drs. John Lee, Eric Monteiro, Chris Noel*

## Resident's Holiday Party

December 8, 2017  
at Kinka Izakaya  
in Toronto





## Joseph K. H. Wong/Smile China Lecture



I am pleased to announce that Dr. Khaled Almilaji will be this year's Joseph K.H. Wong/Smile China Lecturer. He will give the lecture on Friday January 12, 2018 during our regularly scheduled Grand Rounds.

Dr. Almilaji arrived in Toronto in June 2017 and is currently a graduate student at the UofT's Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. He finished medical school in Syria in 2005 and started working for a pharmaceutical company while completing his residency in OHNS. He planned to do a head and neck fellowship but in 2011 the Syrian revolution started. He worked as a physician during the Syrian Civil war, treating wounded protesters, soldiers (secret hospitals were setup by physicians) and vaccinating children. He was arrested in Damascus for treating protesters. He endured torture, deprivation of food and water and unsanitary conditions including bug infested cells. He was released after 6 months.

In 2013 the first case of polio was found in eastern Syria. There was no single group in that part of Syria that could organize mass vaccinations so he and his colleagues pulled together 8,500 volunteers and figured out all of the logistics including obtaining equipment and supplies. After obtaining approval from the WHO, he and his colleagues vaccinated approximately 1.2 million children over an eight day period. Initially they did not have funding and used money set aside for food to fund the efforts. By the fourth round of vaccinations they had full funding from the Gates Foundation.

In 2016 he applied for a Master's in Public Health at Brown University in Rhode Island (USA). He was accepted with full scholarship and moved to Providence with his new bride and found out she was pregnant in December 2016.

In January 2017 he went to Turkey for a one week visit. He was supposed to be home by January 8th and was initially told there was a 'problem' with his visa. When he returned to the airport a few days later, he was then told that his visa had been revoked. While stranded in Turkey, he continued his humanitarian work.

His dilemma reached both Brown University and UofT's Dalla Lana School of Public Health. They suggested he be considered for and subsequently was successful in being accepted in the UofT's Executive Master of Health Informatics program. He received assistance from Canadian humanitarian leaders, private support and UofT funding. In June 2017 he was able to leave Turkey for Toronto and he and his wife now live on campus in student housing. Some of his Canadian friends drove down to Rhode Island to pack up his apartment and drive his wife to Toronto.

We look forward to hearing more from this remarkable man who has already achieved more humanitarian feats than most of us could dream of.

# Holiday Party for the "Kids in Otolaryngology"

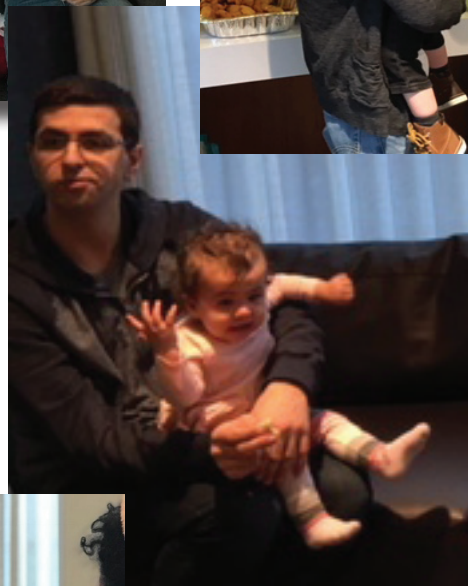
December 16, 2017

Tulika Shinghal and Yael Bensoussan organized a wonderful "Santa Party" on the afternoon of December 16<sup>th</sup>...

*Thank you  
Tulika  
& Yael*



*...with time with Santa*



*...and face painting too!*



*So much fun!!*

# Announcements

From  
**Chair to Sheriff**  
for the next five years!



## Bundles of Joy !!



**Mila**  
Proud parents **John de Almeida**  
& Vandna  
Born on November 3, 2017  
Weighing 7lbs 6oz



**Elliott**  
Proud parents **Adrienne Wong &**  
**Randy Leung**  
Born on September 10, 2017  
Weighing 7lbs 15oz



Don't forget to check out  
our new website:

[www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca](http://www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca)

# Where are they now...What are they up to... Graduating class of 2017



*Michael with his wife Stephanie*

## Michael Au

Since graduation, Michael has started his practice in Peterborough, Ontario. He already believes the stories about all the crazy cases that graduates see in their first year of practice!

He looks forward to catching up with all his friends and mentors at future departmental events.

## Gavin le Nobel

Gavin is currently doing a Clinical and Research fellowship in Paediatric Otolaryngology at SickKids.

*Gavin with other past SickKids fellows*



## Gordon Tsang

Gordon is currently enjoying his fellowship year in otology & neurotology at UHN and is getting his fill of dizzy patients and some pretty exciting travel.

*Gordon with his wife Melissa and pooch Kato (greyhound)*

## Jenny Wang

Jenny is happy to report that she survived hurricane Harvey and is enjoying her fellowship at MD Anderson in head and neck surgical oncology.

*Jenny (second from the right) with her colleagues at MD Anderson*





## Ben McArdle

We have been good, the boys are getting bigger, and Jack just started walking a fortnight ago.

Professionally things have been going really well, I have started at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and also doing some private work as well. I have recently done an Aid mission to the Federated States of Micronesia [Chuuk

State to be specific] which was great fun- myself, an anaesthetist and a nurse travelled from Australia to provide an Otolaryngology service to the Island [the first in about 9 years]. Saw some crazy stuff, and had a great time in the process.



## Thomas Mawby

Since leaving Toronto I returned to the UK and initially worked in London as the skull base fellow at Guy's & St. Thomas' Hospital before starting as a consultant otologist at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, UK.

*Tom with his wife Rachel and daughter Alexia*



## Caitlin McMullen

I'm enjoying life in a warmer climate (Tampa, FL) and I'm already busy at Moffitt. I get to see Dr. Matt Mifsud from time to time too. Missing my Toronto friends very much!



## Matthew Mifsud

I have started at the University of South Florida in Tampa and am rapidly developing a busy head/neck + reconstructive practice. While I miss my time in Toronto, I happen to be enjoying the warm weather and constant sunshine.



## Meirav Sokolov

Dr. Meira Sokolov is now working as a full time staff physician in Rabin Medical Center/Schneider Children's Hospital in Israel.



## Richard Townsley

Dr. Richard Townsley is working as a consultant Head and Neck / Laryngology surgeon at University Hospital Crosshouse in Scotland. Having a great time setting up the laryngology service and putting to good use lots of things I learnt whilst in Toronto. Missing lots of things about Toronto, including the people, Hockey and Creemore Springs but nice to be back in the damp and rain of home.

## Han Zhang



I am currently working as a head and neck surgical oncologist at St. Joseph's Healthcare in Hamilton, Ontario. Just spending the first little bit organizing my practice but really enjoying working with a very collegial and friendly group much like my time at the University Health Network and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

*Han with Dr. Michael Gupta (left) and with Dr. Stuart Archibald (right).*



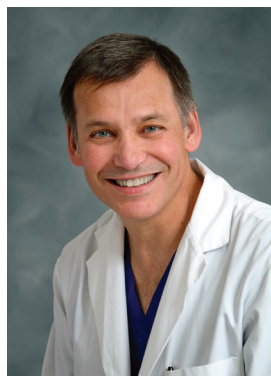
## Cam MacArthur

Dr. MacArthur (left) caught up with Dr. Robin Blair in Edinburgh in early July 2017 (both are graduates of our residency program).

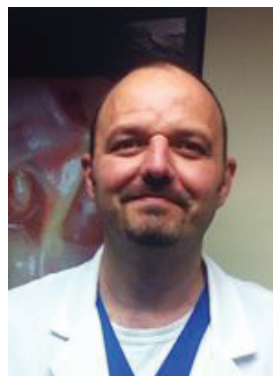
## Current Presidents of International Societies



**Ralph Gilbert**  
President IA00



**Jonathan Irish**  
President AHNS



**David Pothier**  
President IWGEES



**Ian Witterick**  
President NASBS

# Alumni Receptions

Saturday July 29, 2017 at the World Congress on Thyroid Cancer in Boston, MA



Sunday September 10, 2017 at the Annual Meeting of the AAO-HNS in Chicago, IL

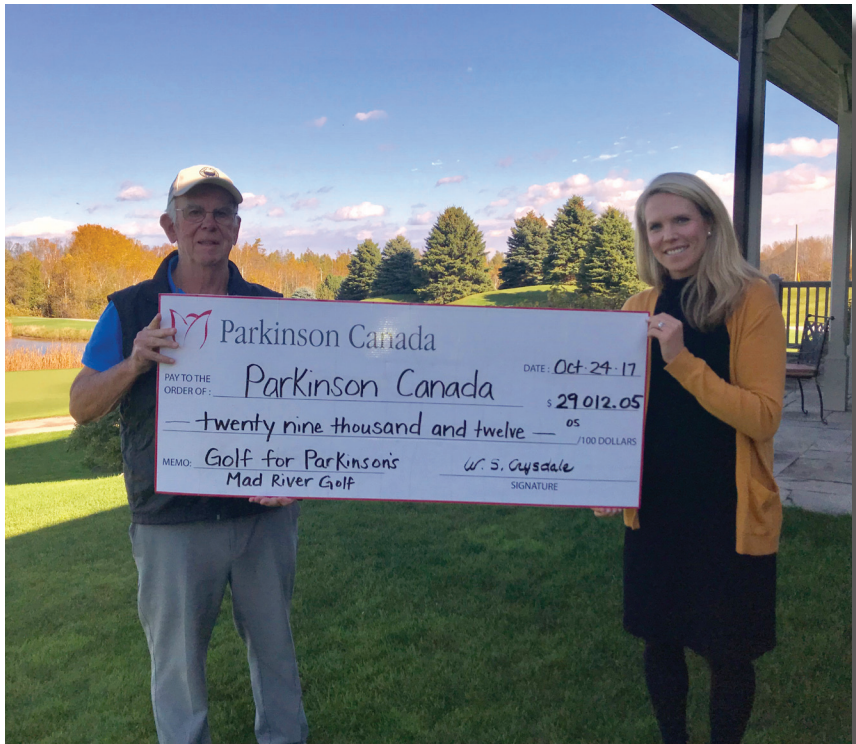




# Bill Crysedale

In the Spring/Summer 2017 Newsletter there was an item regarding a charity golf tournament held on September 27, 2017 at the Mad River Golf Club. The funds raised from this tournament were in support of research to find a cure or better management options for those with Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Bill Crysedale reports to us that the tournament was a "sell out" and "hugely successful" and sends along the photo below. Dr. Crysedale also mentioned that Parkinson's Canada stated that it was the most successful golf tournament from a financial point that they had ever been involved with.



*Dr. Bill Crysedale presenting a "cheque" to Parkinson's Canada representative Anne McNamara.*

## Patients' Choice Awards

Established in 2010, this award acknowledges the exceptional care provided by local physicians as nominated by patients in the community.

One of our Alumni - Dr. Brian Hynes - was a recipient of this award in 2017. Congratulations !

*Drs. Cynthia Arnold, Brian Hynes, William Buckton with OMA District 1 Chair Dr. Sean Peterson (Sarnia-Lambton)*



*Reproduced with permission.*

*Nov 2017 edition - OMA Medical Review*

## Departmental Advancement Campaign

On November 17, 2017 Sinai Health System honoured the Barberian Family by dedicating a room in the memory of the late Harry Barberian.

The Barberian Family has displayed wonderful generosity by hosting the Annual Harry Barberian Memorial Dinner, the proceeds of which go towards supporting young researchers in the department.



*L to R: Dr. Jeremy Freeman, Linda Rodeck (Arron's wife), Arron Barberian, Madeleine Barberian, and seated is Harry Barberian Jr.*

## Face the Future™ Foundation

**Changing the Face of the Future,  
One Child at a Time...humanitarian surgical  
missions to less developed countries**

**Dr. Peter Adamson**

More information about the Foundation can be found at: <http://www.facethefuturefoundation.com>



**F**ace the Future™ Foundation continues to advance its mission, “providing hope – one child at a time”.

During this academic year planning has moved to the final stages for surgical missions to Kigali, Rwanda and Ulyanovsk, Russia early in 2018. The former mission in February will have 16 team members providing surgical care for major head and neck tumours, traumatic maxillofacial deformities, and nasal & ear reconstruction. Several free flaps will be performed. The latter Ulyanovsk mission in March will have 9 members and will focus on facial reconstructive, pediatric urologic and pediatric general surgery.

The Foundation is also seeking to increase its international footprint, with a pilot mission already completed to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in October. There is a potential opportunity to partner with the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration Project (TAAAC). Pilot missions are confirmed for Cochabamba, Bolivia and the Dominican Republic in the first quarter of 2018.

To build on the Foundation’s success, and to move forwards to expand its missions, four new members were recently elected to its Board of Directors. Dr. Adamson, on behalf of the Foundation, continues to extend the opportunity to senior residents to participate in these missions. Funding for the residents is provided by the Department through the Joseph Wong Global Health Outreach Fund.

**Peter A. Adamson, MD, FRCSC, FACS**

*President and Founder*

*Face the Future Foundation*

*Professor and Head*

*Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*

*Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery*

*University of Toronto*



from all of us at the office



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