



# Newsletter

Spring/Summer Issue 2021

## Chair's Message...



Thank you to all of our faculty, residents, fellows, administrative staff, hospital and university leadership for your perseverance, help and guidance through the pandemic. A warm welcome to our incoming PGY1s and fellows. It looks like there is some light at the end of the tunnel as the pandemic continues to settle and vaccination rates continue to grow. Hopefully we can get back to a “new normal” in the fall - obviously all of us will keep a close eye on this but so far I am encouraged.

After looking through this newsletter, which highlights some of our accomplishments over the last 6 months, I hope you will agree that our department continues to excel in education and research. Our residents continue to receive awards and highly coveted fellowships, we attract exceptional medical students to our residency program as well as excellent fellows from around

the world into our fellowship programs. Our faculty continue to receive external education and research awards/grants and are invited virtually around the globe to scientific meetings. We organize scientific events, lead provincial, national and international organizations, contribute to humanitarian missions and improve the lives of the patients we treat. I am so proud to be a part of this department and the amazing collection of individuals which is certainly “greater than the sum of its parts”.

We were able to hold a successful Percy Ireland Academic Day this year with the *Oration* from our alumnus, Dean John Yoo (Western University) and Dr. Peter Adamson as the *Guest of Honour*. It was humbling to see the incredible depth and variety of research that our residents and fellows carried out under the expert guidance of so many faculty mentors despite the pandemic. Congratulations to all of the award winners!

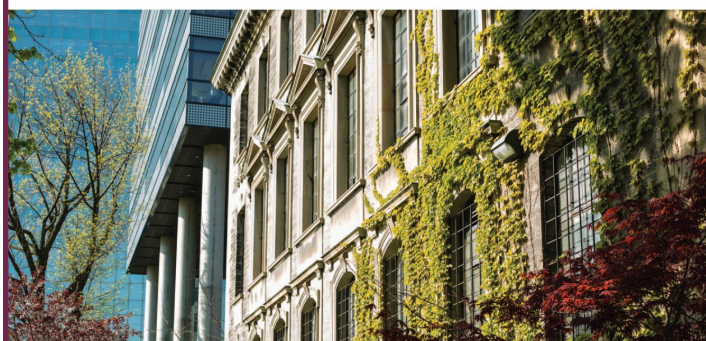
I want to give a special shout out to four of our faculty who will be promoted on July 1, 2021 - Drs. Danny Enepekides, David Goldstein and Vincent Lin to Full Professor and Dr. Eric Monteiro to Associate Professor. These four faculty members help form the backbone of our department and are so deserving of this recognition. I hope we can hold an in person celebration with our department and their families in the fall – stay tuned. Thank you to Dr. Jennifer Anderson for her years of service as the Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at St. Michael's Hospital, now part of Unity Health. Dr. Yvonne Chan was selected as the new Chief - thank you and congratulations to both of these leaders.

We are coming up to my last year as Chair of this wonderful department. We are preparing all of the documentation for the external review on September 30-October 1, 2021 by Drs. Maie St. John (UCLA) and Kevin Fung (Western University). The review will be held virtually and many in the department will be asked to participate, I hope you will be able to spare some time to help look at our strengths and opportunities.

## Chair's Message Continued...

We completed a new strategic plan for 2021-2024 titled *Professionalism, Partnership & Equity: Transforming the Pathway to Academic Excellence*. I am indebted to all in the department who led and participated in this document. I hope you have a chance to look at it as we start to implement our strategic goals. To view, click the image below.

**PROFESSIONALISM,  
PARTNERSHIP & EQUITY:  
TRANSFORMING THE PATHWAY  
TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**



The virtual annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery is September 17 – 19, 2021. I would very much appreciate it if you would consider joining us.

The stresses placed on all of us over the last 16+ months have been formidable. Please take time off and get some rest and relaxation over the summer – we all need it. My best wishes to all of you for a safe and quiet summer.

Thank you!

*Ian*



Congratulations to our world class Skull Base Team at the University of Toronto.

The Multidisciplinary Team of Distinction designation is based on meeting North American Skull Base Society (NASBS) membership criteria and may not be construed as a Medical Referral.

# Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2021

Our newsletter is published twice annually in June and December.

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The administrative staff continue to work from home during the COVID-19 pandemic

*Keep in touch!*

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# Temerty Faculty of Medicine



## Glen Bandiera

Effective August 30, 2021 Prof. Glen Bandiera will join the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in the role of Executive Director, Office of Education of Specialty.

Prof. Bandiera currently serves as Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, where he holds the rank of full professor.



## Patricia Houston

The Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Prof. Patricia Houston as Acting Dean of the Temerty Faculty of Medicine as of July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.



## Marcus Law

The Agenda Committee of the Academic Board has approved the appointment of Dr. Marcus Law as Associate Dean, MD Program effective July 1, 2021.



## Trevor Young

The Governing Council has approved the appointment of Prof. Trevor Young as Acting Vice President and Provost as of July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

# Announcements

## Congratulations to Jun Lin

on successfully completing her final  
Continuing Academic Review.



## Promotions effective July 1, 2021

**Promoted to  
Full Professor**

**Promoted to  
Associate Professor**



**Danny Enepekides**

**David Goldstein**

**Vincent Lin**

**Eric Monteiro**



**Congratulations to our Education Coordinator**

## Andrea Donovan

for being selected as the winner of the 2021 Positive  
Achievement and Appreciation Certificate for QI/Innovation!

This award is for an individual who has developed an innovative new method, technology or system to improve on current practices; made innovative improvements to an existing technology or system; or created an innovative solution to a problem. Andrea, we are incredibly grateful to have you on our team and appreciate all of the support you provide to all members of our department.

**Thank you for all your hard work!**

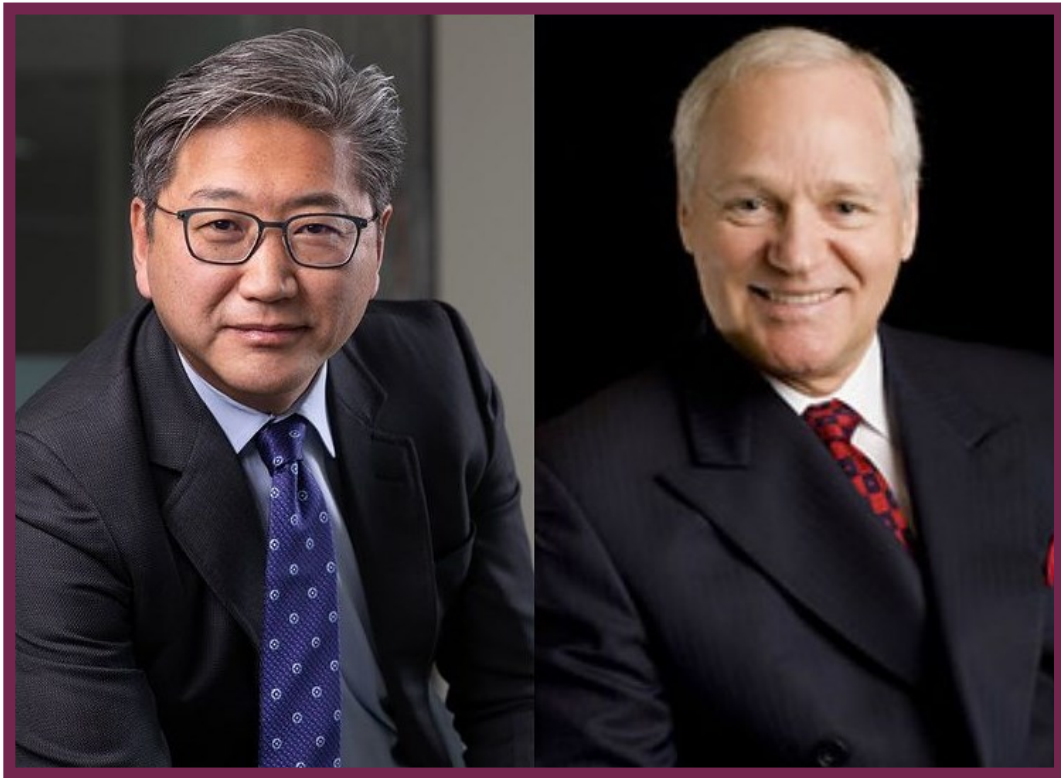
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# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Percy Ireland Academic Day

**This year our academic day was held virtually on May 7-8, 2021.**

Our Visiting Professor Dean John Yoo gave the Percy Ireland Oration on Friday May 7, 2021.

Our Guest of Honour was Professor Peter Adamson.

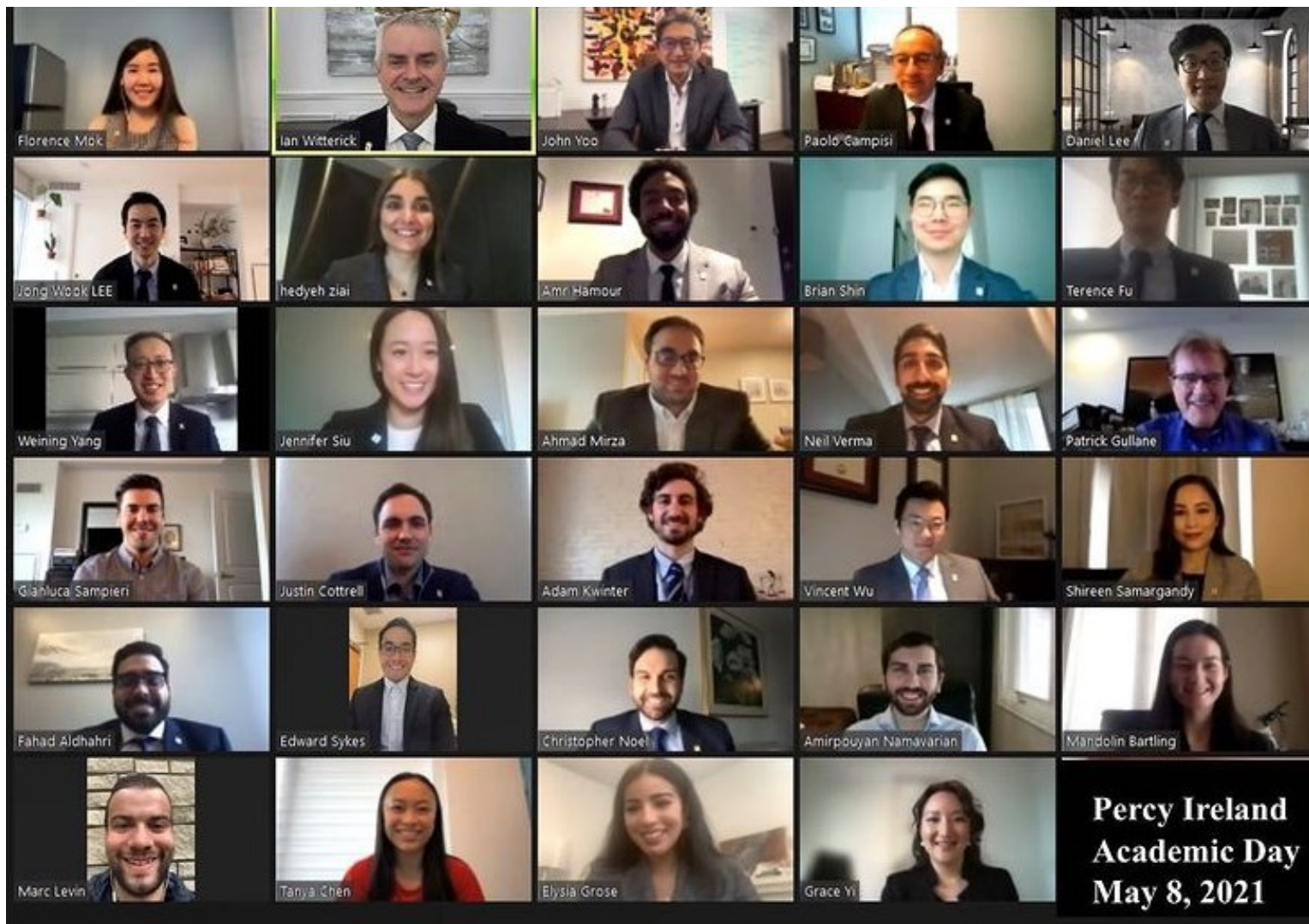


[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a recording of their presentations.

*Thank  
you!* **For Joining Us!**

Wonderful research presentations by our residents and graduate students.  
 Interesting lines of research in all domains of OHNS.

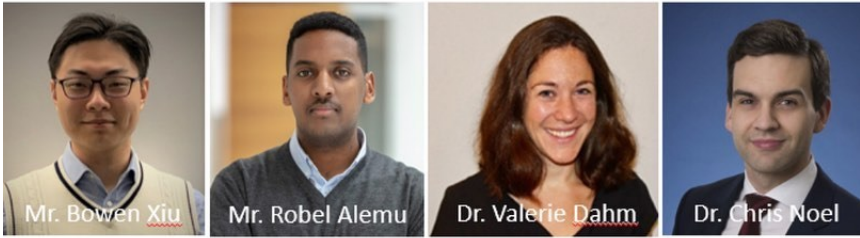
**THANK YOU** for all of your hard work, intelligence and ability to carry out your research  
 under adverse conditions. We were all very impressed!



**Acknowledging  
 our  
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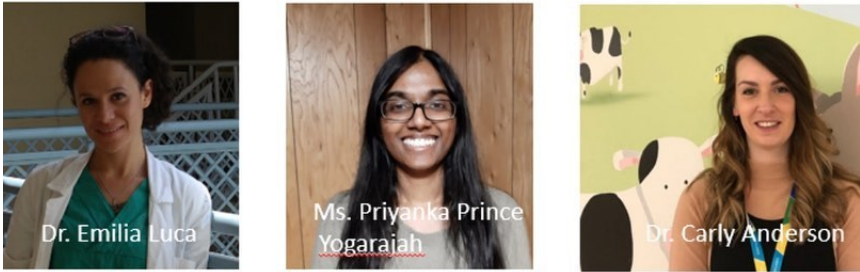
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 Southmedic Inc.  
 Stryker  
 Viatrix  
 Zimmer Biomet



Category 1: Research Fellows, Graduate Degree Students, Postdoctoral Fellows

*Congratulations*



Category 2 Presenters – PGY2s



Category 3 Presenters – PGY3s



Category 4 Presenters – PGY4s

Congratulations to all residents, graduate students, fellows and faculty mentors who participated.

A special **congratulations** to our award winners:

**Category 1 - Work undertaken by Post-Residency Research Fellows/Graduate Degree Students/ Post Doctoral Fellows:** Awarded to **Christopher Noel** for his project: *“Patient-Reported Symptom Burden as a Predictor of Emergency Department Use and Unplanned Hospitalization in Head and Neck Cancer: A Longitudinal Population-Based Study”*. Mentors: Drs. Drs. Tony Eskander & Natalie Coburn.

**Category 2 - Work undertaken by PGY2 residents during clinical rotation:** Awarded to **Edward Sykes** for his project: *“Evaluation of Nanoparticle Ototoxicity”*. Mentors: Drs. Trung Le, Warren Chan, & Gang Zheng.

and  
**Adam Kwinter** for his project: *“Quantifying Cutaneous Neck Fibrosis: Development and Validation of a Patient Reported Outcome Measure”*. Mentor: Dr. David Goldstein.



**Category 3 - Work undertaken by PGY3 residents during clinical rotation:** Awarded to **Hedyeh Ziai** for her project: *“Evaluation of Machine Learning, Statistical Predictive Tools, and the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program Surgical Risk Calculations for Predicting Hospital Length of Stay in Patients Undergoing Major Surgery for Oral Cavity Cancer”*. Mentor: Dr. John de Almeida.

**Category 4 - Work undertaken by PGY4 residents during clinical rotation:** Awarded to **Jennifer Siu** for her project: *“Development of a Neural Network Model to Predict Long-Term Mortality in Patients Eligible for tracheostomy in the ICU”*. Mentor: Dr. Leo Celi.

**Best Overall Paper Presented:** Awarded to **Amr Hamour and Jong Wook (John) Lee** for their project: *“Development of a Murine Model for Chronic Rhinosinusitis”*. Mentors: Drs. Allan Vescan, Eric Monteiro & John Lee.



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# Departmental Awards

This year our awards were presented at a virtual celebration on Friday June 11, 2021.  
Recipients for the 2020-21 academic year are:

## Undergraduate Awards

Hugh Barber Scholarship in Otolaryngology Award...*Gianluca Sampieri*

## Resident Awards

Freda Noyek Otolaryngology Merit Award....*Jong Wook (John) Lee*

Shiley E. O. Pelausa Awards....*Vincent Wu*

Dr. Ian Witterick Excellence in Mentorship Award...*Justin Cottrell*

Judy Chauvin Otolaryngology Resident Award....*Edward Sykes*

Chapnik, Freeman & Friedberg Clinician Scientist Program Award....*Justin Cottrell*

Wharton Head & Neck Research Award....*Hedyeh Ziai*

## Fellow Awards

Kris Conrad Merit Award in Facial Plastic Surgery....*Giriraj Sharma*

## Teaching Awards

Alma Smitheringale Undergraduate Teaching Awards....*Modupe (Dupe) Oyewumi*

Resident Teacher of the Year Awards....*Neil Arnstead*

Fellow Teacher of the Year Award....*Justin Lui*

Faculty Teacher of the Year Award....*Joseph Chen*

Resident Advocate Award....*Eric Monteiro*

Distinguished Alumnus Award....*David Goldfarb*

## Research Awards

Raymond H.W. Ng Graduate Award....*Justin Cottrell*

Raymond H.W. Ng PhD Award....*Christopher Noel*

*Congratulations*

# Faculty Spotlight



## Yvonne Chan

The Board of Unity Health has approved the appointment of **Dr. Yvonne Chan** as the new **Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at St. Michael's Hospital (SMH)** effective April 1, 2021. Yvonne was the Division Head for OHNS at THP and is the Director of CPD and Lead for our Community Academic Faculty for the university department. She leads CPD/CME for the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery and has shown strong leadership in clinical care and education at all levels.



## Joseph Chen

is a tireless advocate for the hearing impaired and performed his 1,000<sup>th</sup> cochlear implant in March 2021.

Congratulations Joe!



## Alain Dabdoub

### **DABDOUB LAB PRESENTATIONS AT ARO - February 21-23, 2021**

*Bulk and Single-Cell RNA-Seq Spotlight the Human Utricle Earliest Regenerative Response after Damage.* (Emilia Luca, Camilla Boschian, Vincent Lin, Joseph Chen, Michael Lovett, Alain Dabdoub). Podium 18: Regeneration of Hair Cells & Synapses.

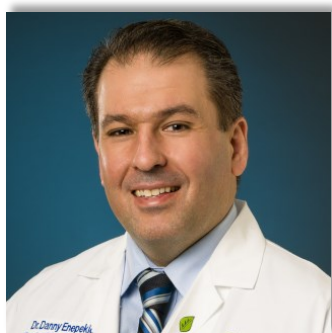
*Development of an Electrochemical Immuno-Biosensor for Rapid Detection of Circulating Inner Ear Biomarkers, Prestin and Otolin.* (Sahar Sadat Mahshid, Alain Dabdoub). Podium 19: Therapeutics Bonanza.

*Non-Invasive Delivery to the Inner Ear: Investigating Blood-Labyrinth Barrier opening using MRI-guided Focused Ultrasound combined with Microbubbles.* (Neha Chauhan, Dallan McMahon, Emilia Luca, Sophie Nyberg, Kullervo Hynynen, Alain Dabdoub). Podium 25: Inner Ear Therapeutics.

*Ccer2: A Novel Gene Upregulated in the Early Stages of Mammalian Sensory Hair Cell Differentiation.* (Emilia Luca, Joanna F. Mulvaney, Gianluca Sampieri, Alain Dabdoub). Poster Session 2.

## John de Almeida

Received a CIHR grant to support their phase III RCT for lymphatic mapping to guide treatment of the neck in oropharyngeal cancer (SELECT). The award was for \$3.2 M and will support the trial for 8 years. They have received approval from the National Cancer Institute (NCI)/Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program to move forward with concept development. This is the first Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG) in head and neck to receive NCI approval. In addition to the CIHR Grant, this approval comes with additional funding (estimated in the range of \$3-4 M). More importantly, the trial can now be opened through other cooperative groups in addition to CCTG, like NRG/ECOG. Congratulations John and team!"



## Danny Enepekides

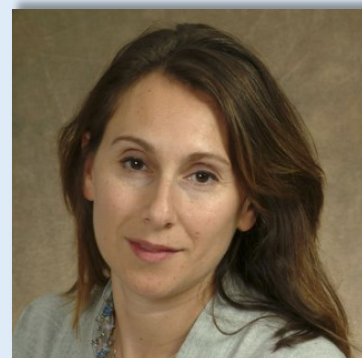
Recipient of this year's *Dr. William Dixon Sunnybrook Surgical Teaching Award*, as a result of some outstanding nomination letters from our residents.

This award honours excellence in educating surgical trainees.

## Karen Gordon

Has been reappointed for a second 5-year term as the *Cochlear Americas Chair in Auditory Development* at The Hospital for Sick Children.

Dr. Gordon has done a remarkable job in advancing research in auditory development. She is a world leader in this area with innovative and groundbreaking research. We are so fortunate to have her as a member of our department.



## Everton Gooden

Recipient of the *2021 Award for Excellence in Community-Based Teaching (Community Hospital)*. This award acknowledges extraordinary teaching at a community hospital. This honour recognizes his exemplary teaching skills, demonstrated ability to stimulate learners to think critically, analytically and independently, and commitment to the enhancement of the learner experience.

*Congratulations*

## Selected as **Feature Article** for the February 2021 issue of *Nanomedicine: NBM*:

Muhanna N, Eu D, Chan HH, **Daly M**, Fricke IB, **Douglas CM**, Townson JL, Zheng J, Allen C, Jaffray DA, **Irish JC**. Assessment of a Liposomal CT/Optical Contrast Agent for Image-Guided Head and Neck Surgery. *Nanomedicine*. 2021 Feb;32:102327. doi: 10.1016/j.nano.2020.102327. Epub 2020 Nov 19. PMID: 33220507.

**IMPACT FACTOR: 6.5**



### Jonathan Irish

Ms. Elaine Meertens (Interim Executive Lead, Clinical Institutes & Quality Programs for Ontario Health) has announced that **Dr. Jonathan Irish** will be continuing in his role as **Provincial Head, Surgical Oncology**.

"Jon has served as the Surgical Oncology Provincial Head since 2008 and has demonstrated outstanding leadership and strategic oversight in advancing access to high-quality surgical care across Ontario. Over this time, the program has had far-reaching impact such as the implementation of designated centres for complex surgery, the implementation of Cancer Surgery Quality Based Procedure funding and the development of the annual Surgical Quality Indicator (SQI) reports that drive quality improvement in every hospital cancer surgery is performed."

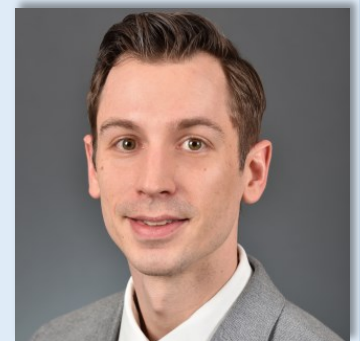


### Jun Lin & Nik Wolter

Were selected to each receive a \$25,000 Departmental Research Award.

< Computer Vision 3D Reconstruction of Subglottic Stenosis from Monocular Endoscopic Videos

Novel Targets in the PI3K and RAS Pathways for the Treatment of Lymphatic Malformation of the Head & Neck >



*Congratulations*

# Women in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery



**March 8, 2021**  
**Celebrating the awesome**  
**Women of Medicine,**  
**Temerty Faculty of Medicine,**  
**University of Toronto**



## OtoSim™



Drs. Paolo Campisi and Vito Forte hosted the first national OtoSim™ mobile simulation session for junior residents across the country Feb 11, 2021. So proud of our local talent and dedication to teaching.



# Undergraduate Education

Allan Vescan MD, MSc, FRCSC  
Director of UME



**A shout out of gratitude to all our faculty and residents for helping teach our medical students and supporting our departmental teaching mandate.**

## **A special thanks to faculty who taught our 2020-21 UME courses:**

Dale Brown  
Deron Brown  
Paolo Campisi  
Yvonne Chan  
Michael Chang  
Al Chiodo  
Sharon Cushing  
Taryn Davids  
Susan Druker  
Vito Forte

Ralph Gilbert  
Aman Grewal  
Kevin Higgins  
Brad Hubbard  
Adrian James  
Robert Josephson  
Brenda Kou  
Ambrose Lee  
Annesse Lee  
John Lee

Jeff Mendelsohn  
Lorna Minz  
Florence Mok  
Eric Monteiro  
Sharon Morong  
Blake Papsin  
Evan Propst  
Raewyn Seaberg  
Tulika Shinghal  
Allan Vescan

**[CLICK HERE](#)** to watch a heartwarming thank you video from the second year medical students!

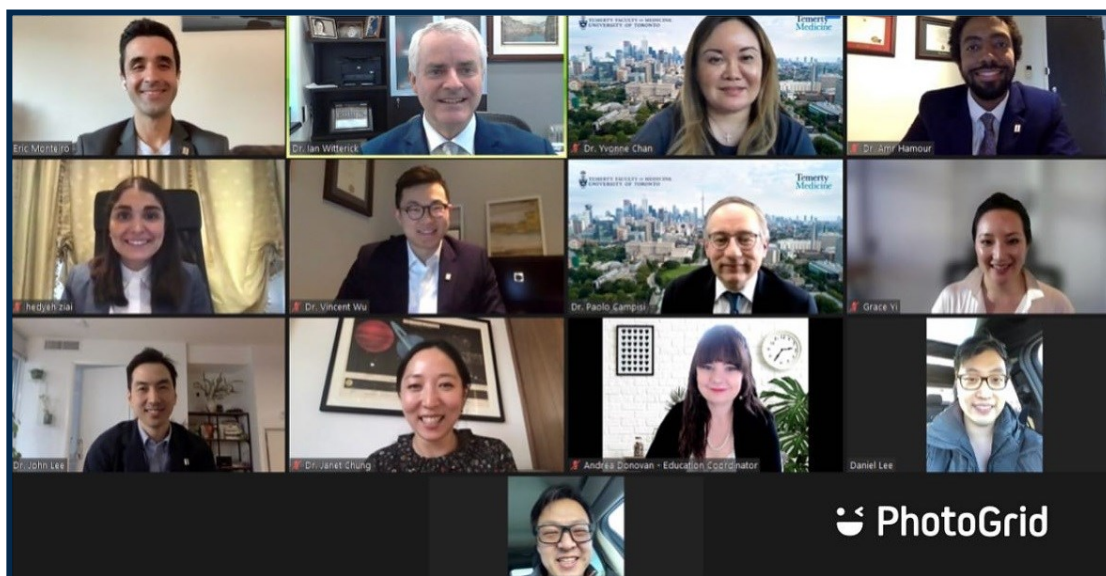


# Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi MSc, MD, FRCSC

Vice Chair of Education  
and Program Director

We had a successful CaRMS interview day on March 19, 2021. Thank you so much to all of our faculty, residents, and fellows who generously gave their time to mentor medical students throughout the year. A special thank you to all of the individuals who helped on the CaRMS Selection Committee (Drs. Ian Witterick, Eric Monteiro, Janet Chung, Yvonne Chan, Vincent Lin, Hedyeh Ziai, Daniel Lee, Amr Hamour, Vincent Wu, Grace Yi, John Lee), to Chantal Li for helping to organize the social event and, of course, Andrea, Audrea, and Safia for keeping us all organized.



## Incoming PGY1 Residents as of July 1, 2021



**Mandolin  
Bartling**  
Western  
University



**Tian (Tanya)  
Chen**  
McGill  
University



**Elysia Grose**  
University of  
Ottawa



**Ahmed Mirza**  
Umm Al-Qura  
University



**Amirpouyan  
(Pouyan)  
Namavarian**  
University of  
Toronto



**Gianluca  
Sampieri**  
University of  
Toronto

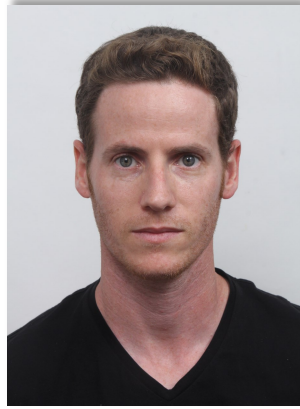
*Welcome* to the department!

# Incoming Fellows

## Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery



**Zachary Farhood**  
Saint Louis University



**Eran Glickson**  
Tel Aviv University



**Rehab Simsim**  
King Abdullah Medical City



**Dianne Valenzuela**  
University of British Columbia

## Head and Neck Surgical Oncology



**Abdulrahman Alenazi**  
University of Alberta



**Timothy Eviston**  
University of  
New South Wales



**Leonardo Franz**  
University of Padua



**Shayanne Lajud Guerrero**  
University of Puerto Rico



**Mohammed Mamdani**  
University of North  
Carolina Hospitals



**Sharon Tzelnick**  
Tel-Aviv University  
& Rabin Medical Center

*Welcome*

**to the department!**



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**Medical and Surgical  
Otology/Neurotology**



**Fatemeh Hassan Nia**  
Iran University of  
Medical Sciences

**Rhinology, Skull Base and  
Head & Neck Oncology**



**Maru Gete**  
Shaare Zedek  
Medical Center



**Neil Arnstead**  
University of Toronto

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**Laryngology**



**Zainab Bakhsh**  
Paris-Est Créteil University

**Otology - Skull Base Surgery**



**Demir Bajin**  
Hacettepe University

*Welcome*

**to the department!**



**Congratulations Neil Arnstead (left) and Peter Dixon** who have both been awarded COHNS Fund Fellowship Grants (\$25K each) from the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery.

Peter will be undertaking an Otology/Neurotology fellowship at UC San Diego and Neil will be doing the Rhinology/Skull Base/H&N Oncology fellowship at the University of Toronto.

Two future leaders in our specialty! Very proud of both of you.

## 2021-22 Chief Resident

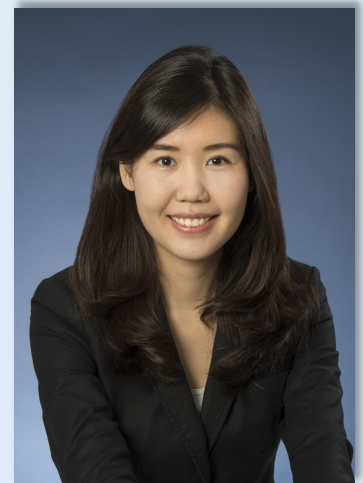


**Congratulations Jennifer!** Your strong leadership and advocacy skills have been recognized by your peers. We look forward to working with you in your new role as Chief Resident.

We would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank **Dr. Florence Mok** for her service as 2020-2021 Chief Resident.

Dr. Mok diligently and effectively served the residents and department over the past year.

Thank you Florence for your hard work and numerous contributions!



**#WhyOHNS**

"I truly believe that the diversity of practice within OHNS is unmatched. The skillset one develops is directly concordant with the breadth of the specialty. From managing complex head and neck patients to utilizing endoscopes to access the middle ear, we find ourselves in a perpetual state of self-improvement. As a resident, these daily challenges in combination with the privilege of caring for our diverse patient population makes this journey truly unique."

- Amr Hamour, PGY3



## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic



**Our PGY2 resident, Adam Kwinter**, spent a week in Northwestern Ontario in Pikangikum First Nation vaccinating community members as part of Operation Remote Immunity, a project that was launched to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to residents of First Nations elder care homes and Indigenous communities in remote areas who face a disproportionate risk from the virus. This kind of work is incredibly important and we are so proud of Adam and the rest of the team for taking on this initiative.

Thank you for all your hard work!



A huge congratulations to our PGY3 residents, **Drs. Chris Noel (left) and Weining Yang**, for each being awarded a *2020 Joseph M. West Family Memorial Fund Postgraduate Research Award!*



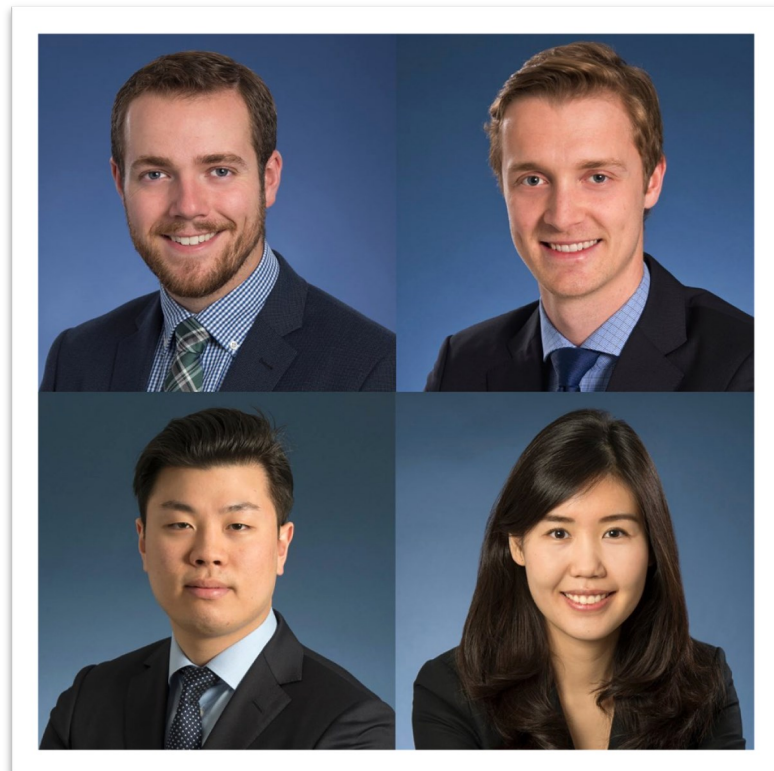
# Virtual Graduation Ceremony ~ June 11, 2021

## Congratulations to our PGY5 Residents

**Neil Arnstead, Peter Dixon, Christopher Hong & Florence Mok  
for successfully passing their Royal College Examinations!**

This is a huge accomplishment that requires a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication, and we are very proud of this important success and milestone in their careers. We would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all the faculty for their dedicated teaching during the Fellowship Study Courses and throughout residency.

Neil, Peter, Christopher and Florence – we wish you the very best as you embark on your new journey as full-fledged surgeons!



### *Their Future Plans...*

**Neil Arnstead**



Fellowship in Rhinology, Anterior Skull Base, and Head & Neck Surgery with Drs. Witterick, Vescan, and Monteiro

**Peter Dixon**



Neurotology Fellowship at University of California, San Diego

*Their Future Plans...*

**Christopher Hong**



Community practice at Humber River Hospital

**Florence Mok**



I am excited to start at Halton Healthcare as a staff otolaryngologist in July 2021!

**Congratulations to our Fellows**

*Their Future Plans...*

**Laryngology Fellowship**

**María Isabel Besserer Ochoa**



Practicing laryngology

**Otology, Skull Base Surgery Fellowship**

**Justin Lui**



Attending otology/neurotology position at the University of Calgary

# Head & Neck Surgical Oncology Fellowships

Michael Au



St. Joseph's Healthcare,  
McMaster University

Ilyes Berania



Academic Head & Neck position  
(TBD)

Michael Blasco



Academic head and neck  
oncology practice

Donovan Eu



Staff at National University  
Hospital (Singapore)

Tommaso Gualtieri



Work as an otolaryngologist and  
head and neck surgeon in Italy

Axel Sahovaler



Consultant job, London, UK



## Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowships

Ahmed Walaa Aboushelieb



Have a well established facial plastic surgery practice

Rodrigo Fernández Pellón García



Apply the skills and lessons learned in U of T to become a leader and lecturer in the field of facial plastic surgery

Giriraj Sharma



Private practice in California



## Rhinology, Skull Base and Head & Neck Oncology Fellowship

Eran Yaakov Glikson



Doing a second fellowship and then back to my institution in Israel

Congratulations!

## UHN Research Fellowship

Wael H. Hasan



Head & neck surgical oncology



## Medical and Surgical Otolaryngology/Neurotology Fellowships

Tom Brandstaetter



Completion of my residency program and chasing further training in the field of otology-neurotology

Gabriela Andrea Vergara Olmos



Going back to my beautiful city by the sea and spend time with all my family and friends I haven't seen for a long time.

Regarding my job, there are different options for when I go back home, so I still have some decisions to make. But wherever I practice, I will certainly put all the knowledge I have received here in Toronto into my daily work and make sure to provide the best care for my patients

Sasan Dabiri



Continuing intense work in neurotology and skull base surgery by teaching and research, as well as being updated and practice

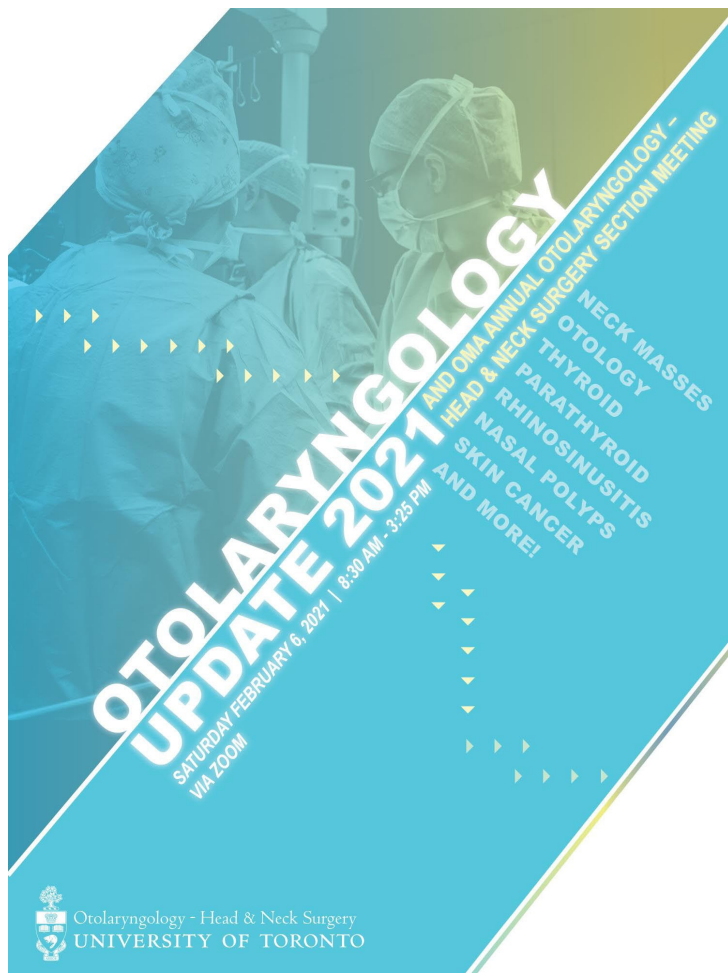
*Congratulations*



# Continuing Professional Development

Yvonne Chan MD, FRCSC, MSc, HBSc

Director of CPD



**OTOLARYNGOLOGY UPDATE 2021**  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2021 | 8:30 AM - 3:25 PM  
VIA ZOOM

AND OMA ANNUAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY - HEAD & NECK SURGERY SECTION MEETING

NECK MASSES  
OTOLOGY  
THYROID  
PARATHYROID  
RHINOSINUSITIS  
NASAL POLYPS  
SKIN CANCER  
AND MORE!

Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery  
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*Fantastic*



**OTOLARYNGOLOGIC EMERGENCIES:  
Management Tips and Pearls**

Saturday, June 19, 2021  
9:00 AM - 1:20 PM  
Via Zoom

- Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss
- Neck and Laryngeal Trauma
- Tonsillectomy Bleeding

...and more!

Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery  
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# Virtual Visiting Professors & Guest Speakers

## January 2021

8<sup>th</sup> Dr. Eric Kezirian  
University of Southern California



*The History and Future of Sleep Apnea Surgery: From UPPP to Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation and Beyond*

22<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Frédéric Triponez  
University Hospitals of Geneva Switzerland



*Intraoperative Parathyroid Autofluorescence and Angiography with Indocyanine Green for the Detection and Preservation of Parathyroid Glands*

## February 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Dr. Agnes Wong  
University of Toronto



*Building Inner Resources and System Thinking to Flourish in Healthcare*

19<sup>th</sup> Dr. Daniel G. Deschler  
Harvard Medical School



*Reflections on Parotid Surgery*

26<sup>th</sup> Dr. Hance Clarke  
University of Toronto



*Perioperative Opioid Crisis Responsiveness: Improving Post-Surgical Pain Practices and Pain Medication Prescribing at Hospital Discharge*

Did you miss any of these presentations??

A link to the recorded presentation can be found [HERE](#) for those approved for recording

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# March 2021

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5<sup>th</sup> Dr. Anand Devaiah  
Boston University School of Medicine



*Innovation, Action, and  
Mindset Shifts to Embrace  
Social Determinants of  
Health*



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# April 2021

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9<sup>th</sup> Dr. Ivan El-Sayed  
University of California San Francisco



*Virtual Reality in Skull Base  
and Endoscopic Exposure of  
the Carotid Artery in the  
Infra Temporal Fossa*

16<sup>th</sup> Dr. Yael Bensoussan  
University of Southern California



*Artificial Intelligence in  
Laryngology: When Humans  
and Robots Collaborate*

23<sup>rd</sup> Dr. Susan J. Mandel  
University of Pennsylvania



*Thyroid Nodules 2021:  
What to do in and Era of  
Multiple Diagnostic Options*

**Grand Rounds**

will resume  
September 2021

May 2021

June 2021

14<sup>th</sup> Dr. Oliver F. Adunka  
Ohio State University



*Real-Time Monitoring of Cochlear Function During Cochlear Implantation*

18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Nidal Muhanna  
Tel-Aviv University



*First Year as a Chairman in Tel-Aviv in the COVID-19 Era: Challenges & Obstacles*

## Introducing CQUIPS+

### Centre for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (CQUIPS)

A new virtual learning hub [CQUIPS+](#) is live.

Created in direct response to the pandemic when in-person events were not possible, the brainstorming began for new ways to bring quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) professionals, researchers and learners together, providing important opportunities for learning and collaboration.

#### Calling all quality improvement and patient safety professionals: Become a CQUIPS+ member!

Membership (\$50/year) provide access to a Speaker Series featuring local and international QI experts, discounts to unique training opportunities and more.

Membership provides access to:

- **Seats at virtual talks and Q&As with local and international QI experts**
- **Discounts to unique QI training opportunities** including our QI fundamentals workshop, primers on topics like PDSA cycles and statistical process control, and masterclasses taught by local experts that provide a deeper dive into their areas of expertise (our first on academic writing is being run by Drs. Kaveh Shojania and Patricia Trbovich)
- **Customizable profile page** that is part of a searchable directory of CQUIPS+ members to help find others working in similar areas of interest to enable collaboration

**Opportunity to share and view work** through virtual poster competitions

[Become a member today and join the CQUIPS+ community!](#)

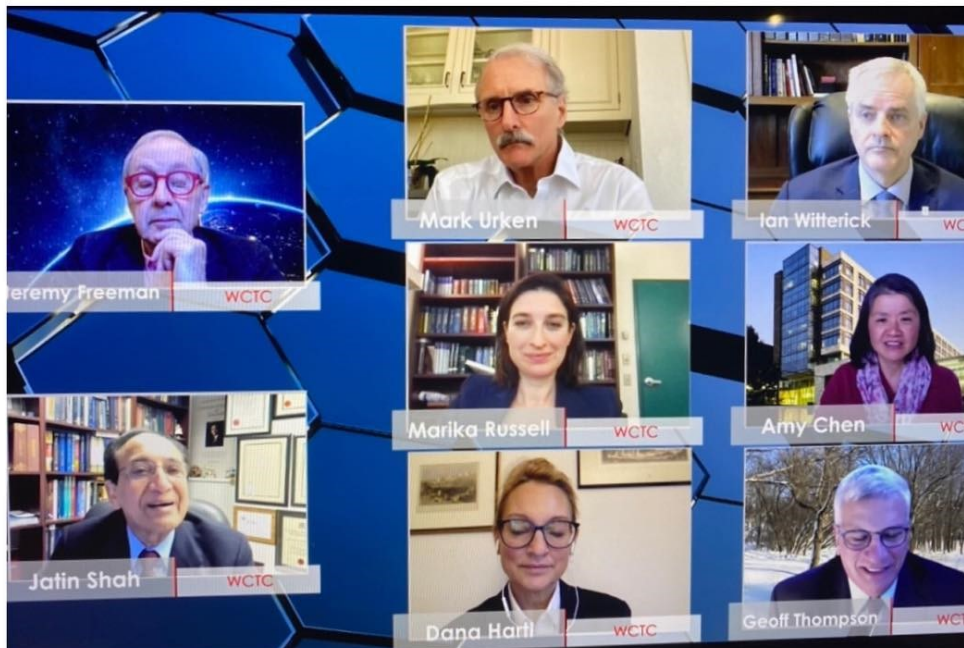
# World Congress on Thyroid Cancer 4.0

March 13 and June 5, 2021 were the first two of three virtual modules.

The third virtual module is planned for October 16, 2021.

Two of our faculty - Drs. Witterick and Freeman - are on the Steering Committee.

For more information, visit the website: [thyroidworldcongress.com/](http://thyroidworldcongress.com/)



# Alumni News

## *Newest Alumni of the Department*

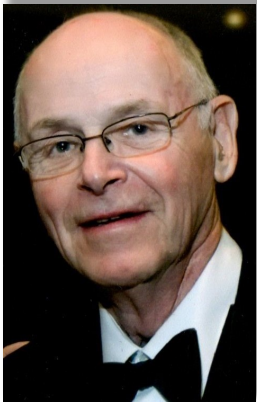
### *Residents*

Neil Arnstead  
Peter Dixon  
Christopher Hong  
Florence Mok

### *Fellows*

Ahmed Walaa Aboushelieb	Tomaso Gualtieri
Michael Au	Wael H. Hasan
Ilyes Berania	Justin Lui
Michael Blasco	María Isabel Besserer Ochoa
Tom Brandstaetter	Gabriela Andrea Vergara Olmos
Donovan Eu	Axel Sahoaler
Rodrigo Fernández Pellón García	Sasan Dabiri Satri
Eran Glickson	Giriraj Sharma

## In Memorium



### **David Briant (1930-2021)**

Dr. Thomas David Briant passed away on April 5, 2021, peacefully at home at The Briton House with his wife beside him, after several years of declining health.

Dr. Briant was a “surgeon’s surgeon” with vast experience in head & neck oncologic, endocrine, sinonasal, skull base and reconstructive procedures. He helped pioneer many approaches and techniques that we use today.



### **Simon McGrail (1931-2021)**

Dr. Simon McGrail passed away on May 24th, at home, a few days short of his 90th birthday. Simon was a faculty member at Wellesley Hospital for years and will be remembered by a generation of residents as a gentleman, raconteur and a person of many talents and interests.

All who worked with him will likely have a fond “Simon McGrail” story.



# International Outreach

*Face the Future Foundation ~ Dr. Peter Adamson*

CHRYSLIS 2021 -CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF HUMANITARIAN MEDICAL MISSIONS

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Face the Future™  
Foundation  
Providing hope – one child at a time

virtual

a transformative evening in support of humanitarian medical missions

Thursday, May 27, 2021



Dr. Peter A. Adamson launched the Face the Future Foundation in 1996 addressing the urgent medical needs of young people in developing countries who required life-altering reconstructive surgery to treat highly complex facial deformities. Many of the children treated had been abandoned by their families and were unable to obtain local medical help. 45+ missions, more than 3,400 procedures, 100's of local surgeons trained - a huge impact to so many with surgery that transforms lives.

Dr. Adamson is an amazing humanitarian, surgeon, educator and mentor.

We are in awe of your accomplishments. Thank you!

## Northern Ontario Outreach Program

Northern Ontario Outreach Program at the Sioux Lookout Meno Yan Win Health Centre led by **Drs. Paolo Campisi, Vincent Lin and Eric Monteiro** with **Dr Justin Lui** (Fellow) on this trip.

Thank you to the wonderful nurses, physicians, allied health professionals and leaders at SLMHC for being so helpful, professional and kind





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*Have a great*  
**Summer !**

Stay Safe & Stay Well.



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