



Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2015

...Chair's Message

First of all, I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a great New Year!

We have had another fantastic start to the 2015-16 academic year. There are new faculty, promoted faculty and a host of bright and engaging new residents and fellows in the department.

The education team, led by Vice-Chair Education Dr. Paolo Campisi with Drs. Vescan (Director UME), John Lee (Assistant Director UME), Brad Hubbard (Assistant Director UME) and Yvonne Chan (Director CPD) are doing an amazing job!

Drs. Campisi, Holler and Zirkle organized a well-attended and engaging faculty development event on Saturday November 28, 2015 focused around the *Competency by Design* initiative of the Royal College. This new program has a planned start date for all otolaryngology-head & neck surgery programs across Canada in the 2016-17 academic year. Dr. Campisi and colleagues led a most engaging series of talks and small group discussions about this important new initiative and surgical teaching. Thank you to all of the faculty who attended. A summary report is available by link on page 7 of this newsletter.



We also had a very successful *Research Evening* on November 25, 2015 at the Sick Kids Research and Learning Tower organized by our Vice-Chair Research, Dr. Robert Harrison. The excellent research and multiple teams of researchers and collaborators was remarkable. The depth and breadth of research in the department was most impressive and I extend my sincere thanks to all of the presenters for their interesting presentations and the time and energy they devoted to the evening.

We had a record number of continuing education courses and visiting professors this year which have all been very successful and added significantly to the profile of our department. There is a great lineup of events planned for the second half of this academic year highlighted by *OtoUpdate* on Saturday February 6, 2016 and the *Alumni and Friends Dinner* later that evening at the Faculty Club where we will be honouring the residency class of 1990 (Drs. Mayer Adler, Nabil Al-Zaher, Judy Chauvin [deceased], Elizabeth Jeney and Jerry Naiberg). I hope you will consider coming to *OtoUpdate* featuring superb education and our alumni dinner where you can see old friends and colleagues and meet new ones.

We also had a great *Alumni Reception* at the AAO-HNS meeting in Dallas on September 27, 2015 at the SODA Bar Lounge inside the NYLO hotel. In addition to the *Alumni and Friends Dinner* on February 6th in Toronto, we will have our *Annual Percy Ireland Dinner* on Thursday May 12, 2016 and the *Percy Ireland Academic Day* on Friday May 13, 2016. Dr. Mark Wax (a former resident and fellow alumnus) will be our *Visiting Professor* and Dr. K.Y. Chow will be our *Guest of Honour*. We are also planning an *Alumni Reception* at the CSO-HNS meeting in PEI in

Chair's Message continued...

June 2016. I hope many of you will be able to attend one or more of these events.

On January 15, 2016 Dr. Jonathan Sykes will give the inaugural Joseph K.H. Wong/Smile China Lecture in honour of our friend and colleague, Dr. Joseph K.H. Wong. The Smile China Foundation created an endowed fund to support an annual lecture as well as humanitarian missions. We are indebted to Dr. Wong's family and the Smile China Foundation for the creation of this endowed fund at the University of Toronto. There will be a special dinner on January 14, 2016 to celebrate this event and Dr. Wong's life and humanitarian achievements.

We are blessed with wonderful faculty, residents and fellows who bring such talent, clinical acumen and research excellence to our department and University. You really make me so proud of our department.

Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday and a happy, healthy and incredibly fulfilling New Year!

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P.S. If anyone missed our 2014-15 Annual Report, it is available electronically on our website, or [CLICK HERE](#) to be redirected.



*Executive Committee Holiday Dinner, December 1, 2015
McLean House, Estates of Sunnybrook*

Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2015

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

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The University office will be closed for the Holidays for the period December 23, 2015 to January 1, 2016

We will reopen on Monday January 4, 2016

Office hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

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Facts

The latest rankings from the *Times Higher Education* magazine which ranked the **University of Toronto** as the top university in Canada and 19th globally in 2015-16 (out of 800 universities examined).

Ranking	U of T Medicine's Rank
Times Higher Education	11 (in Clinical, Pre-clinical & Health)
National Taiwan University	3 (in Clinical Medicine)
QS World University Ranking	13 (tied with Duke University; in Medicine)
Academic Ranking of World Universities	28 (in Clinical Medicine and Pharmacy)

excerpt from Oct 21, 2015 article by Dear Trevor Young "Measuring our Place in the World"

"These latest rankings are consistent with U of T's best-in-class performance in other international rankings such as the *Academic Ranking of World Universities* by Shanghai Jiao Tong University, where it ranks 25th, *US News & World Report's* Best Global Universities Rankings, where it ranks 14th, and National Taiwan University rankings where the University of Toronto ranks 3rd in the world."

See full story at:

http://news.utoronto.ca/u-t-ranks-no-1-canada-19th-globally-times-higher-education?utm_source=Bulletin&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=News

Departmental Academic Appointments

A {Warm Welcome}

to our newest faculty

Assistant Professor

Eric Monteiro

Clinical Adjunct Lecturer

Michael Chang

Artur Gevorgyan

Victor Toran

Sandra Vojvodich

Status Only Lecturer

Lora Carinci

{Reminder}

Grand Rounds
will not be held on
December 18

2015-16 Journal Club Dates

December 15 April 19

February 16 June 14

thank{you}

**Dr. Adrian James for coordinating
bi-monthly Journal Clubs!**



Celebrating our Faculty

A reception was held on November 10, 2015 in honour of our promoted faculty.

This event was held at the University of Toronto's Faculty Club.

L to R: Drs. Ian Witterick, Vincent Lin, Alain Dabdoub, Jennifer Anderson, Paolo Campisi and Andres Gantous



Congratulations

Promoted to Associate Professor

Jennifer Anderson
Andres Gantous
Alain Dabdoub
Vincent Lin



Promoted to Full Professor

Paolo Campisi



Faculty News, Honours & Awards



Sharon Abel

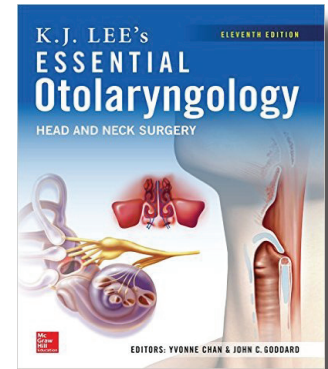
Retired from Defence Research and Development Canada on September 14, 2015.

Joseph Chen



Yvonne Chan

The latest edition of THE manual for otolaryngology now in stores!



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A lightning strike caused a patient of Dr. Chen's to lose all hearing in one ear, and 90% in the other.

*Dr. Chen and patient Tim Gibson*

Read the story of how his hearing was restored by Dr. Chen...

<http://health.sunnybrook.ca/patient-stories/cochlear-implant-hearing-lightning-strike/>



### Vito Forte

A lovely reception was held at Dr. Witterick's home on September 3, 2015 to thank Dr. Forte for his many years of spectacular commitment to the specialty, for his friendship and to wish him well in the next chapter of his career.

*L to R: Drs. Xiao Zhao (front), Stephen Chen, Andrew Ma, Christopher Yao, Vito Forte, Tony Eskander, Michael Au, Jason Xu*

*Fantastic*

**AND !!**

....he was awarded the 2015 Ernest C. Manning Foundation Innovation Award for developing and successfully commercializing OtoSim™ (along with Dr. Paolo Campisi and others). This award was established 34 years ago and is Canada's largest prize for innovation.

Click [HERE](#) to read the Faculty of Medicine article.

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**Al Chiodo** ...gave a talk on medicine as a career path to Upper Canada College students in October 2015.... *"Your sessions were a HUGE hit. I think you were our most popular speaker!" ~Lindsay Tarvit, Associate Director, Alumni Relations, Upper Canada College*

## Jonathan Irish

...recently received a \$250,000 PMCF Innovation Accelerator Fund for his Porphysome project.

## John de Almeida

...was recently appointed to the Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation (iHPME).

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## Fei-Fei Liu

... received funding for a CCSRI Innovation Grant written by **Dr. Xiao Zhao (PGY4)** earlier this year titled "Epigenetic re-programming of radiation fibrosis using adipose-derived stromal cells".



A total of 29 Canadian Cancer Society Innovation Grants have been approved – a 16% success rate. All grants have been awarded to a maximum budget of \$200,000 with a maximum 3 year term.

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**Blake Papsin** ...has received the 2015 Sylvan Stool Teaching Award.

This award is administered through SENTAC (Society for Ear Nose and Throat Advances in Children) and is given for outstanding teaching and mentorship. He will receive the award and give the associated address at the SENTAC meeting in December 2015 in San Antonio. Sylvan Stool is a name that is synonymous with excellence and paediatric otolaryngology as well as teaching and mentorship, he had an immense impact on our field. Dr. Jack Friedberg won this award as well in 2003.



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## Molly Zirkle

Dr. Zirkle has been reappointed for a second 5-year term as Academy Director, FitzGerald Academy, effective July 1, 2015.

A most important position in the Faculty of Medicine. Molly has done an amazing job in this role over the last five years and is viewed as an education authority in the Faculty of Medicine.





# Faculty Development Session

## The New Competency by Design Residency Curriculum

Saturday November 28, 2015, Princess Margaret Auditorium

“Surgical Conversations - Teaching and Assessment.”

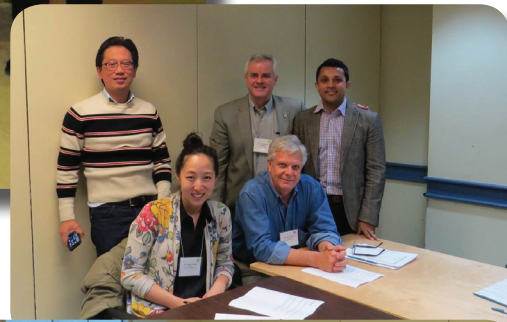
This half day faculty development session covered the topic of competency based framework — the view from 30,000 feet, how competency will impact our postgraduate training program and tips for being an excellent teacher in both clinical and operative settings.

Guest Speaker: Susan Glover Takahashi, PhD

Director, Education & Research, Postgraduate Medical Education, U of T



[CLICK HERE  
for summary of  
the session](#)



# Robert Harrison

# Part 6 of the Garden Railway

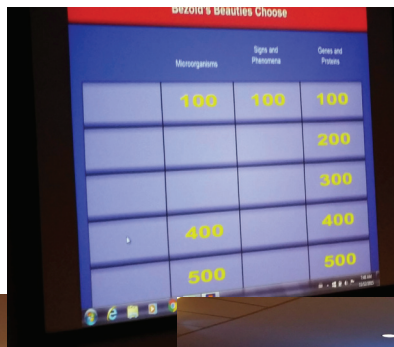
Indoors for Winter, eh?  
Enjoy the video!

<https://youtu.be/KXQnUP-GE9cQ>



# OTOLARYNGOLOGY JEOPARDY!

Friday December 11, 2015



*Winning Team: The Great Wall of Chandler!  
L to R: Drs. Christopher Yao, Jonathan Yip,  
Weibo Hao, with Dr. Edward Park (aka Alex Trebek)*

Join us for  
trivia, food and fun



Wed January 13, 2016 @ 7pm  
Foggy Dew Irish  
Alehouse & Pub, Kilkenny Room  
803 King Street West, Toronto



# Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi MSc, MD, FRCSC, FAAP

July 1, 2015 saw the start of a new life for **PGY1 Residents & Fellows** in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

*Welcome...*

## PGY1s



Joel Davies



Frédérick  
Laliberté



Mirko  
Manojlovic Kolarski



Sunita Rai



Josie Xu

## FELLOWS

### Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Yazeed Alghonaim Andrew Courson Jeffrey Jumaily



### Rhinology, Skull Base, H&N Oncology

Christopher Chin



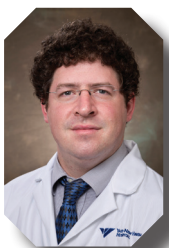
### Laryngology

Dulani Mendis



### Head & Neck Surgical Oncology

Jeffrey Blumberg Caitlin McCullen Matthew Mifsud



### Otology - Skull Base

George Kurien



*Photo Not Available:*

**Otology/  
Neurotology**  
Thomas  
Mawaby

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**Head & Neck  
Surgical  
Oncology**  
Mohammed  
Bu Abbas

## Returning fellows:

### Head & Neck Surgical Oncology

Jonathan Bernstein, Gilad Horowitz,  
Nidal Muhanna

**Medical & Surgical  
Otology/Neurotology**  
Ophir Ilan

**Rhinology, Skull Base, &  
H&N Oncology**  
Elhamy Samak

**Otology - Skull Base**  
Euna Hwang

**Pediatric Otolaryngology**  
William Parkes

## Events

We held a number of successful events including:

- October 15, 2015  
6th Toronto International Pediatric Endoscopic Course
- October 16, 2015  
2nd Toronto International Pediatric Open Airway Surgery Course
- October 16-17, 2015  
Sialendoscopy Course, Toronto
- October 24, 2015  
Current Management of Sleep Disorders
- November 6, 2015  
ACS Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course, Toronto
- November 7-8, 2015  
Current Concepts in Head and Neck Surgery Toronto

## Visiting Professors:

- October 9, 2015 Dr. Roy Casiano
- October 16, 2015 Dr. Michael Rutter
- November 6, 2015 Dr. Russell Smith & Dr. David Goldberg
- Nov 20, 2015 Dr. Michael Ruckenstein

## Upcoming

- January 15, 2016 Dr. Jonathan Sykes  
*Inaugural Joseph K.H. Wong/ Smile China Lecture*
- January 29, 2016 Dr. Terry Day  
*Annual Bulhoes Lecture*
- February 19, 2016 Dr. Bryan McIver  
*Annual Binstock Lecture*
- February 26, 2016 Dr. Kathy Cullen  
*Annual Tomlinson Lecture*
- March 4, 2016 Dr. Martyn Hyde  
*Annual Krista Riko Lecture*
- March 18, 2016 Dr. Ted Teknos  
*Annual Gullane/O'Neil Lecture*
- April 1, 2016 Dr. Abi Sriharan
- April 8, 2016 Dr. Bruce Gantz
- April 15, 2016 Dr. Dan Fliss  
*Annual Grimm Lecture*
- April 29, 2016 Dr. Richard Hayden
- May 6, 2016 Dr. Gresham Richter



**CaRMS INTERVIEWS  
JANUARY 29, 2016**

**ROYAL COLLEGE EXAMS  
(for PGY5s)  
WRITTEN: APRIL 5-6, 2016  
& ORAL: APRIL 15, 2016**



## Visiting Professors:



**Drs. Jennifer Anderson  
(left) with Roy Casiano**



**Drs. Russell Smith (right)  
and David Goldberg**



**Dr. Michael Rutter**



**L to R: Drs. Joseph Chen,  
Michael Ruckenstein  
and Ian Witterick**

## SAVE THE DATES

**Septorhinoplasty Update 2016:  
Consensus and Controversies**  
Friday February 5, 2016  
MSH 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium

**14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY UPDATE**  
Saturday February 6, 2016  
Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute  
Main Auditorium, St. Michael's Hospital

**ANNUAL ALUMNI & FRIENDS DINNER**  
Saturday February 6, 2016  
University of Toronto's  
Faculty Club

**25<sup>th</sup> PERCY IRELAND ACADEMIC DAY**  
Friday May 13, 2016  
University of Toronto's Hart House

**Visiting Professor Dr. Mark Wax**  
Director, Residency Program, Otolaryngology  
Director, Microvascular Fellowship Program  
Oregon Health & Science University  
&

**Guest of Honour: Dr. K.Y. Chow**  
Percy Ireland Dinner - May 12, 2016

**18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WHARTON/ELIA DAY**  
May 27, 2016  
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Auditorium  
Wharton, Elia and Sullivan Lecturers  
to be announced in 2016

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## International Paediatric Open Airway Surgery and Endoscopy Courses Toronto, October 15-16, 2015



*Course participants*



*L to R: Drs. Gabe Fuoco (Peterborough), Justin Poirier (Newfoundland), Anne Conlin (Peterborough)*



*L to R: Drs. Jack Friedberg, Matthew Bromwich (CHEO, in background), Jonathan MacClean (Hamilton, in background), Ricardo D'Eredita (Italy), Steve Sobol (Philadelphia)*



## Sialendoscopy Course October 16-17, 2015



*Front Row: Drs. Philippe Katz (left)  
and Allison Ogden*

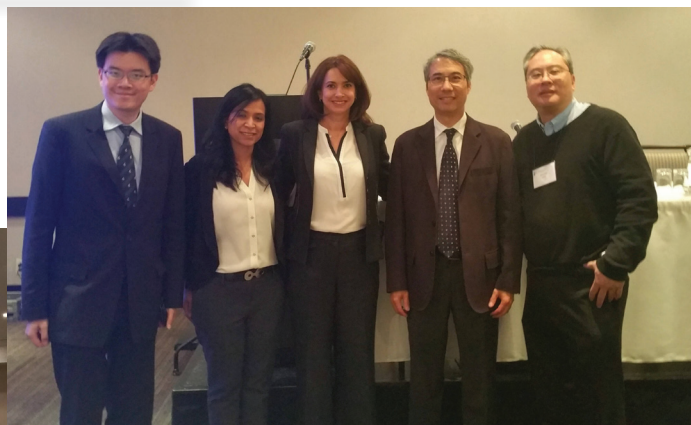
*Back Row L to R: Drs Rohan Walvekar, Jack Kolenda, Michael Turner, David Cognetti*

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## Current Management of Sleep Disorders October 24, 2015



*Dr. Raymond Ng presenting*



*L to R: Drs. Alan Fung - Psychiatry &  
Sleep Medicine, Purti Papneja, Family  
Practice & Sleep Medicine, Tina Mei-  
sami, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon,  
Raymond Ng, and Alan Lowe, Psychia-  
try & Sleep Medicine*

*Missing from photo: Dr. Stephen Glazer,  
Internal Medicine, Bariatric Medicine &  
Sleep Medicine*

# ACS Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course Toronto, November 6, 2015

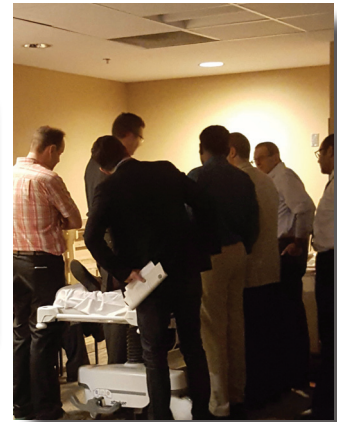
*Visiting Professor Russell Smith presenting*



*Visiting Professor David Goldberg presenting*

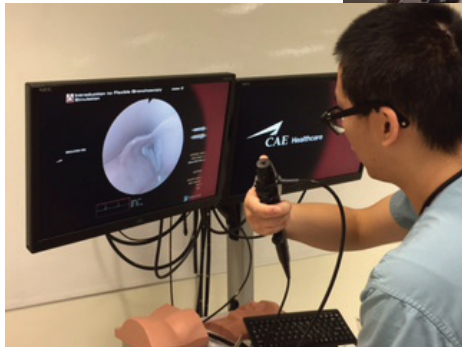
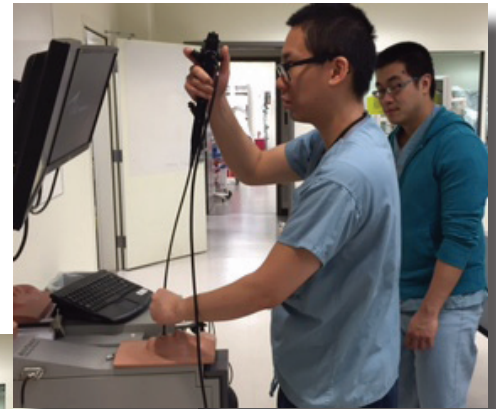
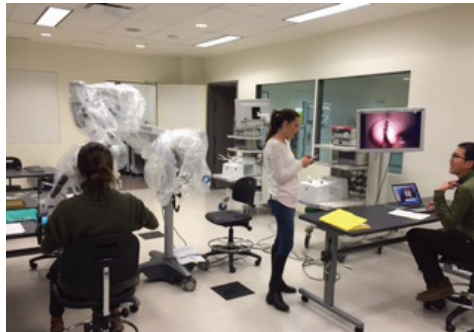


*Participants partaking in the hands-on portion of the course*



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## Voice Lab/Stroboscopy Simulation Session November 27, 2015





**Current Concepts in Head and Neck Surgery  
Toronto, November 7-8, 2015**



*Management of Thyroid Panel*



*Salivary Gland Disease panel*



*L to R:  
Drs. Jeremy Freeman,  
Jatin Shah  
and Randy Weber*



*L to R: Drs. Doug Chepeha,  
Yvonne Chan and  
Danny Enepekides (back)*



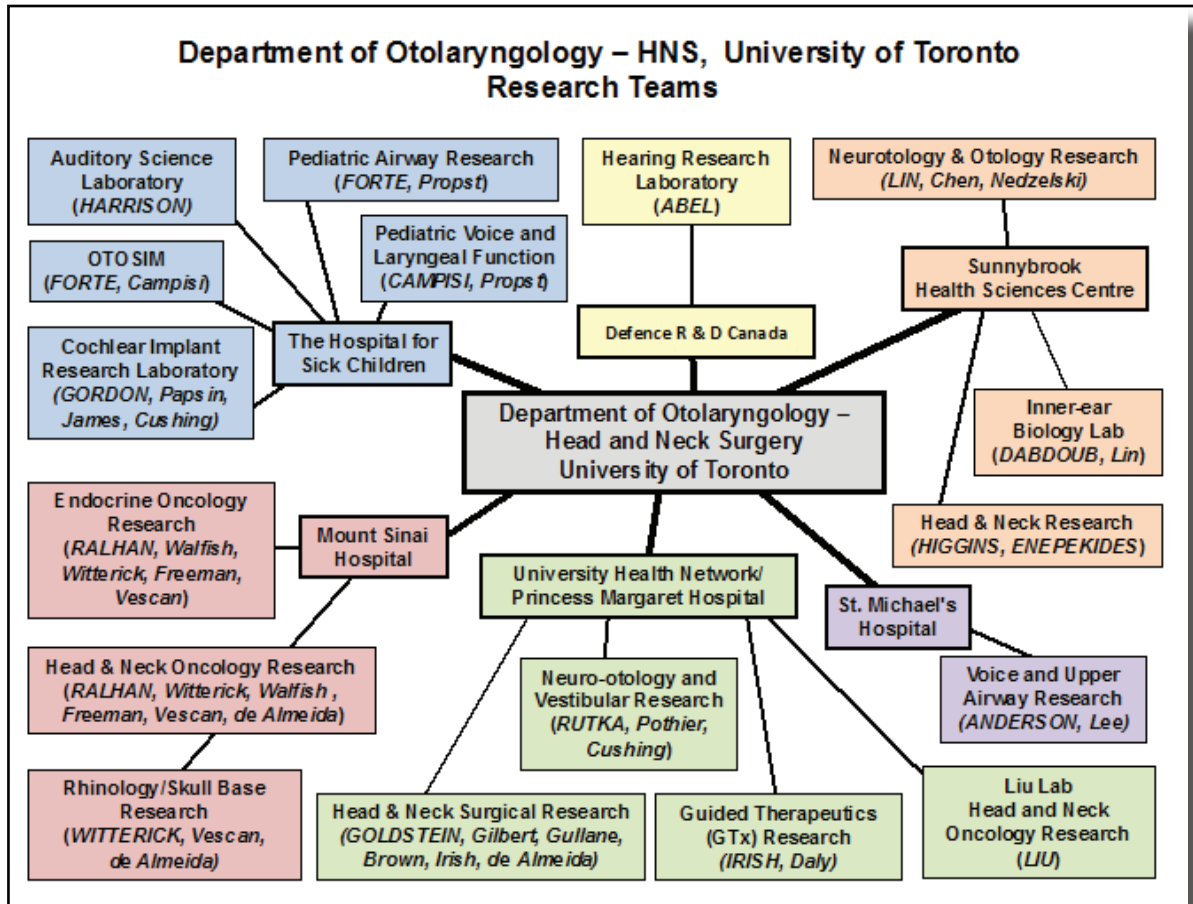
*Drs. Dominique Dorion (left)  
and Patrick Gullane*



*Dr. Ashok Shaha*

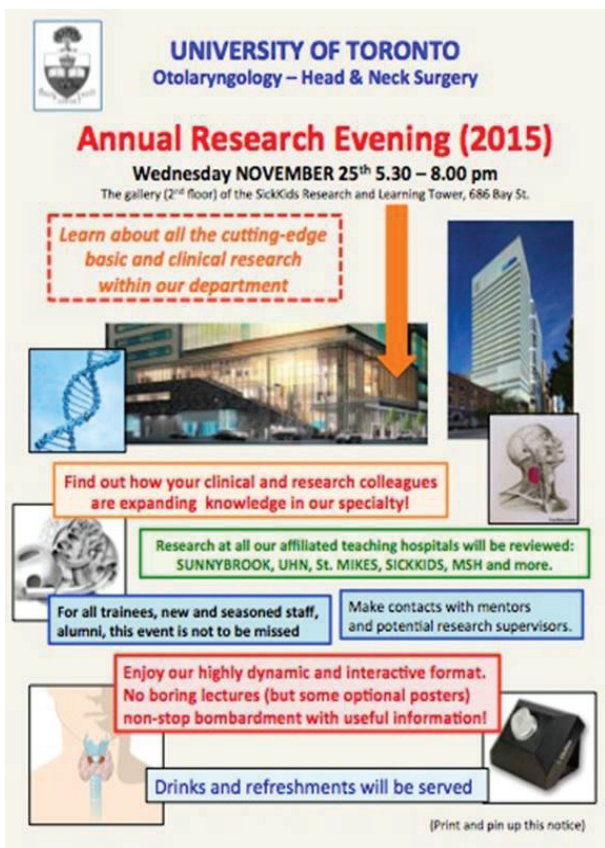


Annual Research Evening held Wednesday November 25, 2015



Another successful research evening was held on November 25, 2015 in the SickKids Research and Learning Tower. The highly dynamic format this year with research groups giving brief presentations summarizing their research provided everyone in attendance the opportunity to learn how their research colleagues are expanding knowledge in our specialty. The room was full of trainees, new and seasoned faculty and alumni - The overall evening was judged to be a success!

## 2015 Research Evening continued...



**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

### Annual Research Evening (2015)

Wednesday NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> 5.30 – 8.00 pm  
The gallery (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) of the SickKids Research and Learning Tower, 686 Bay St.

Learn about all the cutting-edge basic and clinical research within our department

Find out how your clinical and research colleagues are expanding knowledge in our specialty!

Research at all our affiliated teaching hospitals will be reviewed: SUNNYBROOK, UHN, ST. MIKES, SICKKIDS, MSH and more.

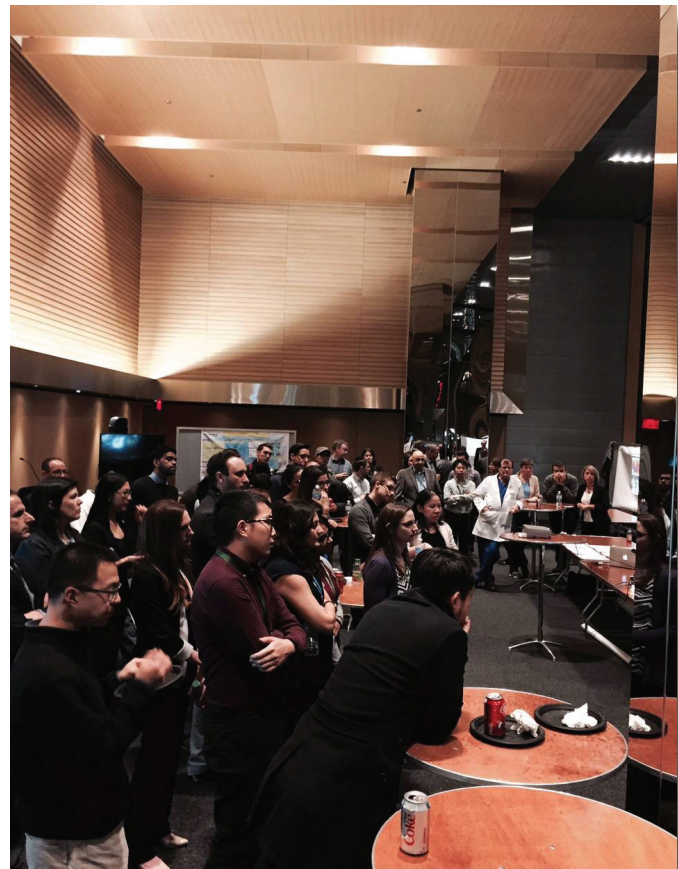
For all trainees, new and seasoned staff, alumni, this event is not to be missed

Make contacts with mentors and potential research supervisors.

Enjoy our highly dynamic and interactive format. No boring lectures (but some optional posters) non-stop bombardment with useful information!

Drinks and refreshments will be served

(Print and pin up this notice)



*SickKids Research and Learning Tower  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor gallery*

Research being conducted at the following teaching hospitals was presented:

**Sunnybrook** - presented by Drs. Vincent Lin and Alain Dabdoub

**University Health Network** - presented by Drs. Doug Chepeha, Jon Irish, Rosemary Martino, and Ms. Wanda Dillon

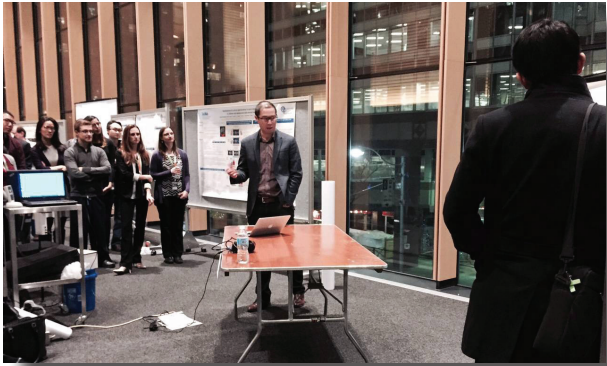
**St. Michael's** - presented by Dr. John Lee

**SickKids** - presented by Drs. Evan Propst, Bob Harrison, Vito Forte and Carmen Knight

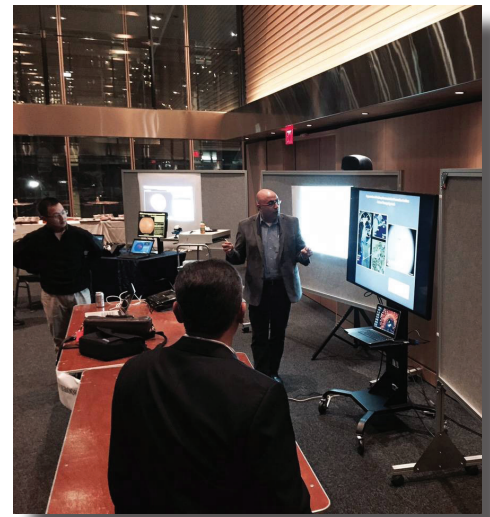
**Mt. Sinai** - presented by Drs. Allan Vescan and Eric Monteiro



## 2015 Research Evening continued...



*Dr. John Lee presenting his research*



*Dr. Alain Dabdoub presenting his research*



*The captive audience*



*Drs. Sharon Cushing and Evan Propst presenting their research*



*Dr. John de Almeida, Wanda Dillon, Rosemary Martino and Elisa Greco presenting their research*



# Announcements

## Bundles of Joy !!



↑ Benjamin Leslie Hugh Ye  
Proud parents **Sarah Hugh**  
& John Ye  
Born on July 17, 2015  
Weighing 7 lbs 2 oz



← Charlotte Kathryn Rita Chin  
Proud parents **Christopher Chin**  
& Miranda Chin  
Born on October 27, 2015  
Weighing 8 lbs 8 oz

**Congratulations!!**



→ Arpi Gevorgyan  
Proud parents  
**Artur Gevorgyan** &  
Eileen Allaverdian-Orumie  
Born on July 28, 2015  
Weighing 8 lbs 11 oz

→ Ibrahim Merdad  
Proud parents  
**Mazin Merdad** & Maysan Madani  
Born on July 8, 2015  
Weighing 6 lbs 7 oz



← Rafaël Jacob Cohen Scali  
Proud parents **Yael Bensoussan**  
& Thierry Cohen Scali  
Born on August 1, 2015  
Weighing 6 lbs 15 oz



# Alumni News

## What are they up to now ???

We have heard from a few of our most recent alumni and here is what they are up to:

### Vinay Fernandes

My wife Lembi Fernandes, son Kaius, and I have settled in to life in sunny California.

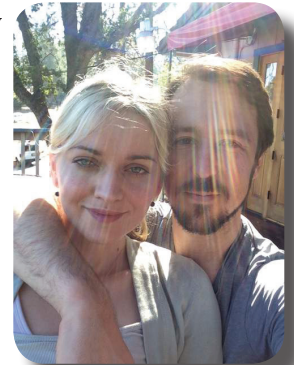


I am fully underway in my head and neck oncology / microvascular fellowship at Stanford University which is keeping me very busy. In our free time we have been exploring the Bay area, and taking weekend trips to beautiful places like Monterrey, Tahoe, and Yosemite Park.

We are also happy to announce that we are expecting twin girls in January!

### Lukas Kus

In July 2015 I started a locum in York Region with OR time at Markham-Stouffville Hospital. I am also helping to teach U of T medical students and Family Medicine residents.



My wife and I got married in August and travelled to Norway and California for a much-needed vacation.

Post-residency life is great!

### Vinita Bindlish graduating class of 2001, Rhinology Fellowship

Since 2011, Vinita has been a CPD Educator on the Royal College Region 3 Regional Advisory Committee.

### Anti Mäkitie graduating class of 2003, Head & Neck Fellowship

Dr. Mäkitie was named as Secretary General of the Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum. The Collegium is one of the most prestigious scientific organizations in our specialty.



It [the Collegium] “was established on the 8th of October in 1926 in Groningen, the Netherlands. The founders were Benjamins and de Kleyn, two eminent otologists and scientists, who, after the horrors of the First World War, felt the need for a free exchange of scientific research within Europe. This could only develop within a limited group of scientists who, through their work, had shown their concern for the purely scientific aspects of the subject. The mutual respect that they derived from their work would also serve as an important basis for international understanding and friendship among the members. With this objective of the founding in mind, the Collegium has developed into the most authoritative international association of oto-rhinolaryngologists with more than 400 members in 50 countries.”  
(Source: [www.corlas.org](http://www.corlas.org))



## Alumni Events

### Alumni Reception held on September 27, 2015 in conjunction with the AAO-HNS meeting in Dallas Texas



Dr.  
Rick  
Fox

SODA Bar & Lounge



L to R: Drs. Chris Chin, Gavin  
le Nobel & Gian-Marco Busato



L to R: Drs. Esam Al-Bawardi,  
Yvonne Chan, Ian Witterick  
& Paolo Campisi



Dr. Chris Chin (left) with  
Dr. Rick Fox & Anna Fox

### In Flanders Fields: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the iconic poem by U of T Alumnus

The eloquent poem written by John McCrae, U of T alumnus and a Canadian doctor who was in the trenches during World War 1, was recently featured in *The Bulletin*.

See the full story here:

[http://news.utoronto.ca/flanders-fields-why-iconic-poem-u-t-alumnus-endures-100-years-later?utm\\_source=Bulletin&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_content=Lead](http://news.utoronto.ca/flanders-fields-why-iconic-poem-u-t-alumnus-endures-100-years-later?utm_source=Bulletin&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=Lead)

# In Memorium



*Dr. Goodman at his farm Vanaheim (above left);  
Guest of Honour at 2013 Percy Ireland Dinner  
(above right)*



*2015 Percy Ireland Dinner  
with his son Stephen*



*Program Director portrait  
which hangs in the  
University office*

Our colleague and friend **Dr. Wilfred Goodman** passed away on September 7, 2015 at the age of 93.

Dr. Goodman was the department's first Program Director (1967-88) and helped to put our program on a national and international stage. Many will know of his amazing clinical and surgical talents in all aspects of otolaryngology-head & neck surgery but in particular his popularization of open rhinoplasty. His adoption of this technique was recently acknowledged in *The Laryngoscope* (July 2015) as a historical classic article "that challenged underlying assumptions and fundamentally altered our approaches to patient care in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery". Dr. Goodman will be remembered by so many of us as a giant in our field and a person that was so deserving of our admiration, respect and thanks for his huge contributions to our department and specialty.

Our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies go out to his family. Wilf will be missed by so many.





# Departmental Advancement Campaign

In 1986, my father, Harry Barberian, was treated for cancer by Dr. Jeremy Freeman at Mount Sinai Hospital. The care he received provided him with many additional, wonderful years. Those extra years were a gift to our family. Mount Sinai's international impact in the world of cancer research has been made possible not only by the fabulous work of the medical staff at the Hospital but also by the incredibly committed work of its residents, fellows and junior faculty. Funds raised through the Harry Barberian Memorial Dinner will establish seven Barberian/MSH Education and Research Scholarships, directly impacting the next generation of physicians and scientists who are conducting research and pursuing careers in the Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery at Mount Sinai.

—ARRON BARBERIAN



## C. David Naylor Building at 6 Queen's Park Crescent unveiled

University of Toronto President Emeritus David Naylor, a distinguished medical innovator, scholar and administrator at U of T, now has a building named after him on the downtown Toronto campus.

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## International Outreach

### Canadian International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO)

**Building bridges to peace...  
through academic medicine, public health, health care science  
and international cooperation**

**Dr. Arnold Noyek**

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#### **CONTINUING OUR PEACE-BUILDING MISSION:**

#### **2015 International Pediatric Emergency Medicine (IPEME) 12th Anniversary**

Visitors to Canada have different experiences in applying for entry into the IPEME program. The selected participants of the 12th Annual International Pediatric Emergency Medicine (IPEME) of 2015 were, to say the least, very excited when they were chosen in March. Coming from both Canada and three regions in the Middle East, little did the participants imagine how meeting other medical students would affect them. The words “bringing together” as seen from the program’s web announcement, can either have a simple or challenging effect on a student, most especially if the only other nationals you know are those you hear from social media and to some extreme, those you meet at border checkpoints.

The 2015 IPEME was held from July 20 to August 14 2015. IPEME selects twelve (12) (three each) Canadian, Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian medical students to build bridges of peace through health education. The IPEME program is open to all Canadian, Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian medical students studying in their home countries. The CISEPO and IPEME team have, for many years, endeavoured to bring together these medical students to the wonderful possibilities of working and learning together.

A joint project of Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO), the Department of Pediatric Emergency Medicine of the Hospital for Sick Children, McMaster University, University of Toronto and Mount Sinai Hospital, the IPEME program builds on the CISEPO model of implementing and strengthening bridges of peace in areas of conflict by acquiring the skills and confidence to promote peace and become agents of social change in their home countries and health communities. The project facilitates cross-border initiatives and cooperation among academic medical professionals and beyond.



*The IPEME 2015 group, the CISEPO and IPEME Team at the program’s Meet and Greet session*





**2015 IPME group before saying good-bye**

*Seated First Row: Front seated: Shaker Al-Azab; Kneeling next row (l to r): Rofael Jabr, Dr. Rahim Valani-Prog Director-Curriculum, Hama Baqaeen, Michelle Gold and Emaan A I-Jarrah; Standing: (l to r) Carmel Levin, Omar Shunnar, Ditas Reyes-CISEPO Manager, Mohammad Obeidallah, Mohammed Zaanona, Dr. Shawna Novak-CISEPO Director, Yara Jeries, Nir Meller, Inbal Golomb, Tyson Savage, Jimin Lee, Dr. Harpreet Gill-Volunteer Resident Coordinator and Dr. Omar Al-Haj, visiting alumnus from IPME 2010.*

Behind the scenes, the IPME program connects at least 28 dedicated and experienced medical professors and specialists with the IPME participants. Each year, these professionals continue to heighten the students' awareness and curiosity with well-developed and relevant insights of the workings of the health care systems in both the Middle East and Canada. The IPME program curriculum directly impacts its participants through their exposure to the various aspects of emergency medicine, conflict resolutions, leadership development, global health, pediatric respiratory, haematological and neurological emergencies, children's mental health in the regions of conflict, and health in general as a vehicle to achieve peace.

Arranging the travel of the students between March and July was a great deal more than an administrative intent. It meant working during Middle East hours, with frequent follow-ups. To facilitate the Canadian entry visas of the medical students from Gaza, the West Bank and Amman, CISEPO teamed up for five months with the Representative Office of Canada to the Palestinian Authority located in Ramallah. A surge of telephone calls and email exchanges transpired with the immigration officials at the Cairo Canadian embassy, the Jordan Canadian embassy, the Tel Aviv Canadian embassy and its border authorities and the New York Canadian General Consul office. In June, a letter of refusal did not deter our Palestinian participant. The Representative Office accommodated CISEPO's plea for intervention and remarkably did their best to re-open the visa application in order to bring the Gaza student to Canada in time for the IPME sessions. The process was anything but simple. CISEPO is grateful for their professional and generous support during the five months of coordination with CISEPO. Though our Palestinian participant from Gaza was 3 days late into the program, it was a memorable victory both for the Gaza medical student and the program.

From April to June, Director Dr. Seetha Radhakrishnan and her staff at the Visiting Electives office of the University of Toronto had extended their faithful and patient assistance to CISEPO and the IPME

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participants in their application to the Association of Faculty of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) student portal, a brand new application process for Canadian and international students applying for visiting electives. Within the same period, the staff at the Sick Kids Hospital have diligently worked with the U of T Visiting Electives office to complete the Emergency department shift schedule for the participants and for this we express our appreciation.

CISEPO thanks University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Dean Trevor Young and the Academic and Campus Events (ACE) group, for arranging to secure a classroom for the program's entire 4-week sessions. We thank Dean Howard Hu for kindly accommodating the IPEME students at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health location and the assistance of an IT technician.

At the program's closing ceremony, Dean Howard Hu graced the occasion with his Welcome speech to the students and the program team. Before saying good-bye, Dr. Arnold Noyek delivered his heartfelt and very encouraging parting words. To the students and all of us present, he said: *"...we have learned from you and you have inspired us...."*

Inbal Golomb, an Israeli participant from the Sackler School of Medicine of Tel Aviv University, described IPEME 2015: *"I can't put into words what an incredible experience it was and I want to say thank you for everything."*

*"IPEME may be the most unique and valuable experience in my medical education to date. Despite our diverse cultural backgrounds and languages as a group, our common passion for medicine made it easy for us to relate, communicate, and learn from each other from the very moment we first met as a group. I have no doubt that we will all be better health care professionals as a result of the time we spent together in IPEME."* - Tyson Savage, Canadian participant from Queens University.

The CISEPO and IPEME teams have been renewed in their resolve to continue its mission to build a new generation of leaders in pediatric medicine and global health through the program's professional and academic solutions for peace. This year's students demonstrated their resolve to take home with them a new outlook in peace building by assuming a new posture in transforming preconceived relationships of fear to mutual respect and better understanding.

*The IPEME program is funded by the Kavelman-Fonn Foundation and other donors.*

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The Face the Future™ Foundation continued its efforts to expand its missions and increase its revenue generation in the second half of 2015.

A pilot mission to explore the opportunity to establish a new surgical mission was made to Chiclayo, Peru. This is a city of about 650,000 in the north, which has just established a Craniofacial Center. Dr. José Barrera, a facial plastic surgeon from San Antonio, Texas, who has also participated in Rwandan missions, has accepted the position of Team Leader. He joined Dr. Adamson who will act as Chef de Mission.

The two-day visit was productive, with numerous meetings with the Head of the Craniofacial Center, local doctors and hospital staff, administrators and university deans. The operating room facilities appeared satisfactory to initially perform various cleft and intermediate facial surgical procedures for children with facial deformities. The first surgical mission is being organized for the first half of 2016, following which more major cases will be planned for future missions.

Gian-Marco Busato (PGY4) will join the Foundation's annual major mission to Kigali, Rwanda in February 2016.

Two new members have been added to the Foundation's Board of Directors this Fall, and plans are underway for a major fundraising event on June 14, 2016 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Foundation and provide for future growth.

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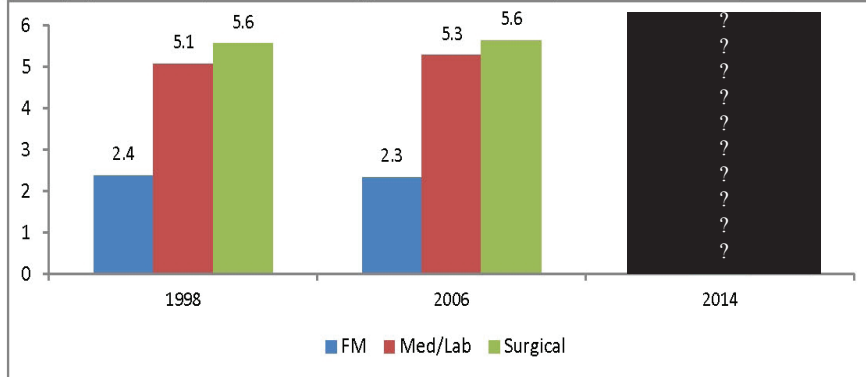


## THE NUMBERS GAME...

Can you guess the average time to completion in years of surgical residents?

*Hint: all are single digit integers with one digit after decimal*

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- her full name required for #2
- full names required, labelled A, B & C for #3

The entry with the most correct guesses wins complimentary registration to OtoUpdate2016 & a Tim Horton's Gift Card!

# Number 2:



## THE MASKED SURGEON...

Can you guess who's behind the mask?

*Hint: It is a female faculty member*

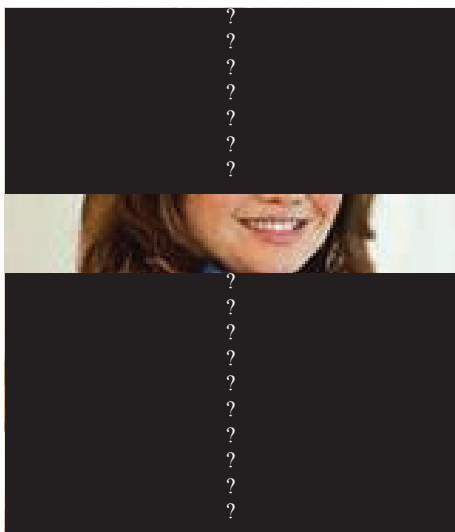
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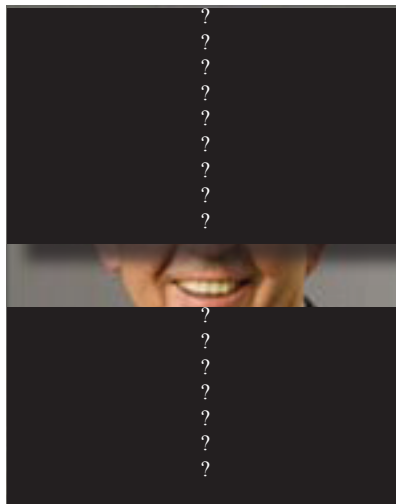
Can you guess who's smile it is?

*Hint: All 3 are faculty members*

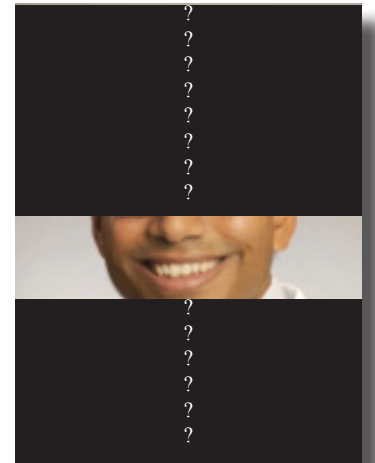
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# Commence Simulation...

A working group met on April 29, 2008 and the rest is history!



## DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY- HEAD & NECK SURGERY WORKING GROUP ON SIMULATION

Minutes - Tuesday, April 29, 2008

**ATTENDEES:** Dr. M. Zirkle (Chair), Dr. I. Witterick, Dr. V. Forte, Dr. P. Campisi, Dr. A. Vescan, Dr. R. Leung, Dr. Ashlin Alexander, Dr. N. Chauhan, Dr. A. Noyek, Dr. J. Anderson

### PURPOSE OF WORKING GROUP

Dr. Gullane and Dr. Witterick approached Dr. Zirkle to set up and Chair this working group of individuals interested in simulation. The purpose of the working group is to:

- 1) Catalogue previous and ongoing efforts in simulation in our Department and
- 2) To discuss ideas of how to develop, test, and implement simulation into the undergraduate, postgraduate, and continuing education curricula of our Department.

### SUMMARY OF BUSINESS DISCUSSED

Introduction-discussion of what is simulation and why we need it. A working definition of simulation was derived from group input. Simulation is an educational environment for teaching clinical medicine that does not include a patient. The advantage of organizing within our department was discussed. Simulation will certainly provide more opportunities for education and assessment in the future. This is already being demonstrated by academic, credentialing and regulatory bodies. As a result, simulation is a priority of the University of Toronto and many of the affiliated hospitals. It was noted that this group is likely the first working group on simulation that spans an entire department, as most of the initiatives are specific to a hospital.

1. Dr. Noyek-stressed that the interest in simulation for knowledge translation and peace building is something he has become aware of on a federal level. He noted that our field has been a leader in this domain with previous projects (CISEPO)
2. Dr. Witterick - outlined different efforts at simulation in our department. Dr. Vescan-developing a model for skull base/sinus. Dr. Leung-low fidelity endoscopic skills simulation model. Dr Forte/Campisi-animal model for bronchoscopy. Dr. Zirkle-temporal bone simulation. Dr Zirkle/Anderson-team training for airway emergencies.



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3. Dr. Vescan - CT to real life using a rapid prototyping method. He is currently developing a model for skull base, but felt a temporal bone model would be also possible based on the current technology. Long term plans include using such a model with real time imaging for education purposes.
4. Drs. Campisi and Forte-discussed undergraduate projects, including an otoscopic model for tympanic membrane pathology. In addition, other projects were considered such as validating a low fidelity model for tympanostomy tube placement. A need for realistic models or ways for clinical clerks to develop skills of physical exam and cleaning of ear wax was discussed.
5. Dr. Zirkle stressed that developing metrics for these endeavors will be an important first step, so that we can ask further questions of simulation like: Can we use simulation as preparation/training for clinical work? Can simulation be used to assess competency? Can simulation be used to predict surgical skills?
6. Dr. Witterick suggested we organize along three fronts: sinus, temporal bone, and undergraduate/introductory otolaryngology relating the ear exam, cleaning wax, ear tubes.
7. At our next meeting Drs. Campisi, Leung, Vescan and Zirkle will report on simulation projects and take suggestions from the group at large.

The next Working Group on Simulation Meeting to be announced. Agenda to follow.

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**Happy Holidays!**



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