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# Newsletter

Spring/Summer Issue 2014

## Chair's Message...



It is with pleasure that we bring you this Spring/Summer Newsletter for 2014. The Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at the University of Toronto continues to flourish.

We are very proud of our graduating residents who were all successful in passing their Royal College Exams in May 2014. We are starting a new tradition this year with a graduation ceremony for residents & fellows on Monday June 16, 2014 at the University of Toronto's Hart House Gallery Grill from 5:30-7:00 pm. All are welcome including friends & family.

We launched our Strategic Academic Plan 2013-2018 in October 2013 & the implementation strategy is on track. I am indebted to all of our departmental leaders for their help & support in moving our plan forward. We have a great team of hospital chiefs, education directors & faculty who continue to lead our specialty.

Our department continues to grow with new adjunct & cross-appointed faculty. The adjunct faculty have been critical in transitioning the third year clerks to community settings for a broader base of otolaryngology learning. Dr. Al Chiodo has done an outstanding job as our Director of UME in organizing this innovation. Al will be stepping down as Director of UME at the end of this academic year as he takes on another role as Chief of Oto-HNS at Toronto East General Hospital. I am very appreciative of all of Al's work in enhancing UME for our department. There is an active search for a new Director of UME which we hope to announce by the end of June 2014.

Congratulations to two of our PGY5 graduates, Drs. Janet Chung & Aman Grewal who were successful in being selected to join the Mississauga Academy of Medicine in July 2014. We have also held active searches for new full-time faculty positions at the University Health Network & Mount Sinai Hospital. The selected candidates will be announced in the near future. Active searches continue for new faculty members at St. Michael's Hospital & Toronto East General Hospital.

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

I had the pleasure of attending the unveiling of the Norman Bethune sculpture on the University of Toronto grounds on Friday May 30, 2014. This year marks 75 years since Norman Bethune passed away. Click [HERE](#) to see the video presentation about Norman Bethune...*Story Continues on page 17.*

I would like to wish everyone a happy & safe summer. We will be reconnecting with you in the Fall.

*With best regards,*

*Ian*



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@OHNSUofT*

*Reminder:*  
**Grand Rounds will restart on  
Friday September 5, 2014**

# *Newsletter*

**Spring/Summer Issue 2014**

Our newsletter is published biannual in December and June.

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

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*The University office will be on  
summer hours  
for July & August 2014  
Hours: 8.30am - 4.15pm*

*Regular hours (8.30am-4.45pm)  
will resume after Labour day*

*Keep in touch !*

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# Annual Percy Ireland Academic Day

Our Department held another very successful **Academic Day** on Friday May 9th, 2014 at the University of Toronto's Hart House.

Visiting Professor Dr. Jonathan Sykes, Director, Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Dept of Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic Surgery, University of California, Davis, delivered The Percy Ireland Oration titled: "Care of the Patient with Orofacial Clefting: A joyful but humbling experience". In addition, 22 papers were presented by the postgraduate/graduate trainees - Congratulations to all residents, fellows & faculty mentors who participated.

A special **{Congratulations}** to our award winners:

Category 1- **Work undertaken by Post-Residency Research Fellows/Graduate Degree Students** went to **Nik Wolter** for his project "Objective Measures of Balance Dysfunction in Children who are Deaf"

*Mentors: Sharon Cushing, Karen Gordon & Blake Papsin*

Category 2- **Work undertaken by PGY2s during clinical rotation** went to **Gordon Tsang** for his project "A New Method of Determining Interaural Level Discrimination in Pediatric Bilateral Cochlear Implant Patients"

*Mentor: Karen Gordon*

Category 3- **Work undertaken by PGY3s during clinical rotation** went to **Dupe Oyewumi** for her project "Objective Evaluation of Otoscopy Skills in Primary Care Trainees"

*Mentors: Michael Brandt, Paolo Campisi & Vito Forte*

Category 4- **Work undertaken by PGY4s during clinical rotation** went to **Vinay Fernandes** for his project "Surgeon Performed Ultrasound-Guided FNA of the Thyroid: Experience in an Academic Tertiary Care Centre"

*Mentor: Jeremy Freeman*

Category 5- **Work undertaken by Post-Residency Clinical Fellows** went to **Carolina Wuesthoff** for her project "Ototoxicity Monitoring during Gentamicin Treatment: Evidence from a Pilot Initiative"

*Mentor: David Pothier*

**Best Overall Paper Presented** went to **Tony Eskander** for his project "Regional Variations in Processes of Care for Head and Neck Cancer Patients"

*Mentors: Jeremy Freeman, David Goldstein & Jonathan Irish*

## Our Residents on May 9, 2014



## Departmental Awards Program

Recipients of Departmental awards are presented annually at the Percy Ireland Dinner and Academic Day. The following are the recipients for the 2013-14 academic year:

**Chapnik, Freeman and Friedberg Clinical Scientist Award....***Jennifer Wang*

**Distinguished Alumnus Award....***Julian Nedzelski*

**Faculty Teacher of the Year Award....***Allan Vescan*

**Judy Chauvin Otolaryngology Resident Award....***Nikolaus Wolter*

**Kris Conrad Merit Award in Facial Plastic Surgery....***Noah Sands*

**Freda Noyek Otolaryngology Merit Award....***Janet Chung*

**Resident Teacher of the Year Award....***Aman Grewal*

**Resident Advocacy Award....***Yvonne Chan*

**Shiley E.O. Pelausa Award....***Sarah Hugh*

**The Alma Smitheringale Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award....***Al Chiodo*

**The Wharton Head & Neck Research Award....***Xiao Zhao*

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

*Jennifer Wang*

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

*Melissa Polonenko*

# Faculty News

## Academic Appointments to our Department

A {Warm Welcome} to  
our newest faculty members,  
effective December 1, 2013

### Lecturers:

Ashlin Alexander	Dustin Dalgorf
Sumeet Anand	David Hacker
Jason Atlas	Thileep Kandasamy
Roman Chaban	Alfred Oh

### Assistant Professor:

Dr. Raymond Ng (Jan 1, 2014)

### Newest Cross-Appointments:

Jana Bajcar  
Associate Professor  
Dept of Family & Community Medicine

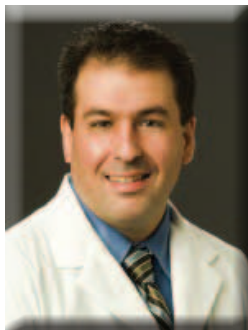
Jolie Ringash  
Professor  
Dept of Radiation Oncology

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## Promotions

**Dr. Al Chiodo, Dr. Danny Enepekides and Dr. Kevin Higgins** have been **PROMOTED**

to the rank of **Associate Professor** as of July 1, 2014.



This is a major milestone in their academic careers and signifies major contributions to our specialty, our department and our University.



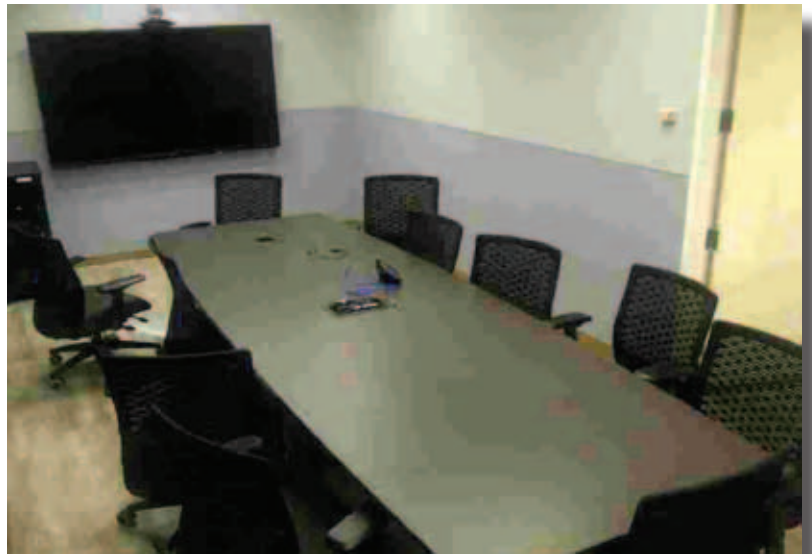
**Al, Danny and Kevin!**  
**We are very proud of you.**

## The Global Telehealth Suite Dedication Ceremony

This global telehealth suite at Mount Sinai Hospital (pictured below) is a pioneering project of the **Dr. Arnold M Noyek**, OC Legacy Fund and consistent with Arnold's global education and training mission. The official opening and dedication will take place on Tuesday June 17, 2014 on the 4th floor Mezzanine Level of MSH. By eliminating the barriers of time and distance, interactive knowledge-sharing telemedicine makes it possible for health care professionals to expand patient access to diagnosis and treatment, support opportunities for professional collaboration & student, resident and faculty networking provincially, nationally and internationally. The telehealth suite will enhance distance learning opportunities while reinforcing the leadership role of CISEPO & all partners with Canada on the global scene.

All are welcome to the dedication  
on June 17, 2014  
4:30-5:30 pm

Please RSVP to  
mshfevents@mtsinai.on.ca  
or 416-586-8203



### A true leader amongst us

**Dr. Arnold M. Noyek** completed his tenure at the Inter-Societal Accreditation Commission, USA as a Founding Member of the IAC CT Board of Directors, 2006-2013.

Dr. Noyek was the Canadian representative for the American Academy of Head Neck Surgery to the commission, and was recommended to the IAC by Dr. Patrick Gullane. As a member of the founding board

(one of two otolaryngologists accompanied by several neuroradiologists and cardiovascular radiologists) they were responsible for quality assurance and accreditation of all CT radiology laboratories for the head and neck across the United States. This was a highly responsible public health activity in which Dr. Noyek served a leading public health and clinical role as the sole Canadian representative with this appointment.

## Dr. Jennifer Anderson

### TALKING WITH THE VOICE DOCTOR

An Interview with Dr. Jennifer Anderson, MD, FRCSC

By Gianna Wichelow

[Article from the Canadian Opera Company's Prelude magazine, Spring 2014 edition]

"Unlike an orchestral player, a singer's instrument is their body, and when a singer at the Canadian Opera Company develops a problem with their instrument, they seek the expert and compassionate help of Dr. Jennifer Anderson, head of the Voice Disorders Clinic at St. Michael's Hospital here in Toronto.

*Like many others who have gone into medicine, Dr. Anderson has a strong background in music. At the age of 16 she was trying to choose between becoming a violinist or a doctor. She chose the latter and when Dr. Anderson completed her ENT training at the University of Toronto (UofT), she was asked to do specialty training which required a master's degree in speech pathology. Since assuming the medical director role at the Voice Disorders Clinic in 1996, the clinic has acquired a reputation for excellent care and has become the largest voice centre in the country. The team at the Voice Clinic includes two speech pathologists, Marta DeLuca and Gwen Merrick, who have expertise in vocal performance as well a vocal pedagogist, Mary Enid Haines."*

Click here for the entire article.... <http://www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/faculty/AndersonCOC.htm>



## Dr. Ashlin Alexander

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The Executive Committee of the American Board of Facial and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery has appointed Dr. Alexander to the Written Examination Development Committee.

"This Committee is one of the most important committees of our Board, and his participation signifies his commitment to supporting the Board and also his own ongoing academic development. This is a route by which many individuals come to play a more prominent role in more senior Committee and even Board of Director positions."

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## Dr. Peter Adamson

Dr. Peter Adamson receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Dr. Pat Gullane, President of the CSO-HNS at their 68th Annual Meeting in Ottawa on May 11, 2014. Dr. Adamson's inspiring talk was titled "The Future of Facial Plastic Surgery". Congratulations Peter!

*Dr. Patrick Gullane & Dr. Peter Adamson*



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## Dr. Jamil Asaria

Surgeons in Canada are reporting a surprising increase in the number of patients seeking facial hair transplants.

Once transplanted, the hairs are permanent and grow just like facial hair.

Click here to watch the news clip... <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-26806991>

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## Dr. Alain Dabdoub

In December 2013, Dr. Dabdoub received a cross appointment to the Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

He was featured in the January 9, 2014 Faculty of Medicine News for his work in exploring biologic therapies for hearing loss. Click here to view the article....

<http://medicine.utoronto.ca/news/ears-unplugged-%E2%80%94-u-t-researcher-explores-biological-therapies-hearing-loss>

and

<http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/sunnews/lifestyle/archives/2014/01/20140111-132002.html>

**IN ADDITION...**Dr. Dabdoub received a grant for his work from the Canada Foundation for Innovation on January 8, 2014

{Congratulations} to Alain and the Sunnybrook Auditory Development, Protection & Regeneration Team!

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## Dr. Danny Enepekides

In April 2014, Dr. Enepekides was named the Head of Surgical Oncology

at the Odette Cancer Program

**AND** Regional Surgical Oncology Lead for Cancer Care Ontario



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## Dr. Ronald Fenton

In the news....Ear Wax is Mother Nature's way to Protect Mechanisms of Hearing, MDs Say  
April 13, 2014 article - Quit the Q-Tip with Dr. Fenton's input:

*"A lot of people think that their personal hygiene is less than perfect if they don't remove their wax," he says. "That's the first thing they've got to be disabused of."*

**CLICK HERE** to read the entire article



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**Dr. David Finkelstein & Dr. Raewyn Seaberg** were nominated for the 2014 Integrated Medical Education (IME) Teaching Excellence Awards in the Excellence in Community-based Teaching (Community Hospital) category. David is at Southlake Regional Health Centre and Raewyn is at Humber River Hospital. Well done!

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## Oncology Trio...

In the news... **Dr. Jonathan Irish, Dr. Ralph Gilbert  
Dr. Patrick Gullane**

Click here for the entire story:

<http://www.torontolife.com/informer/features/2014/03/05/best-doctors-toronto/>



Best in Surgical Oncology  
*Dr. Jonathan Irish*

Also see “Cancer Can Change Everything”  
Video: [http://youtu.be/eH1\\_\\_6EIyOQ](http://youtu.be/eH1__6EIyOQ)

Best in Otolaryngology  
*Dr. Ralph Gilbert*



Also see “Cancer Can Change Everything”  
Video: <http://youtu.be/zWxM-mKHDA8>

Toronto's **Best** Doctors !!  
(Toronto Life 2014)

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Dr. Gullane on the Global National TV morning news program (right) accompanied by one of his patients Ms. Carley Allison, who had a most complex rare tracheal sarcoma treated with initial tracheotomy, chemotherapy followed by a high cricotracheal resection with bilateral neck dissections preserving the larynx. She has made a full recovery and is now one year since her surgery and post-op radiation. She is an inspiration to all. Click [HERE](#) to view the video



Dr. Patrick Gullane was President of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (left) and presided over the 68th Annual Meeting held in Ottawa from May 11-13, 2014. From all accounts, Pat did a spectacular job as President and the meeting was a great success.

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## Dr. Robert V. Harrison

In January 2014 Dr. Harrison became one of 10 members of the Council of Canadian Academies' Expert Panel on Wind Turbine Noise and Human Health. The Council is an independent, not-for-profit organization that supports evidence-based, expert assessments that inform public policy development in Canada. The Ministry of Health, on behalf of Health Canada, has asked the Council to assess the evidence as it pertains to a causal association between wind turbine noise and the development of adverse human health effects.

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## Dr. Robert Mounsey

The Executive Committee of the American Board of Facial and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery has appointed Dr. Mounsey to the Oral Examination Development Committee.

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## Dr. Raymond Ng

Dean Catharine Whiteside honouring Dr. Raymond Ng on May 2, 2014 in front of the Faculty of Medicine's Donor Recognition Wall (left) for his philanthropy in establishing two graduate awards for our department.

ALSO..

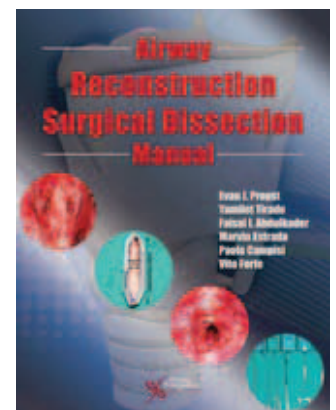
Raymond, Pat Gullane and others did a major launch of NP Screen at Hong Kong University in March 2014 with an estimated news penetration of over 100 million people. NP Screen is a trans-oral brush biopsy technique and quantitative PCR for EBV DNA detection and screening for the early diagnosis of nasopharyngeal carcinoma. [www.npscreen.com](http://www.npscreen.com)

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## Dr. Evan Propst and

Yamilet Tirado, Faisal I. Abdulkader, Marvin Estrada, Paolo Campisi, Vito Forte

Published the **Airway Surgical Reconstruction Manual**.



# Events

## December 2013 Executive Committee Holiday Dinner



Continuing with tradition, the Executive enjoyed a lovely evening at the McLean Estates on December 3, 2013.

The *Three Tenors* (Drs. Robert Harrison, Jennifer Anderson & Jeremy Freeman) gave another outstanding vocal performance.



## The Executive took their meetings “on the road” in 2014



- February - Sick Kids’ new Research and Learning Tower
- March - Sunnybrook (photo on left touring the OR)
- April - UHN Toronto General & MaRS Innovation Tower

On January 29, 2014 @ Roy Thomson Hall, members of our department affiliated with the Institute of Medical Science attended a **Symphony of Science: An IMS Alumni Reception and Concert**



Left  
L to R- Jon Irish, Ian Witterick, Alain Dabdoub and his wife Becky Raboy



Above  
L to R- Rosemary Martino, Jon Irish, Ian Witterick and Al Vescan

# Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi MSc, MD, FRCSC, FAAP

We had a very successful CaRMS interview and match. This is the fourth time in six years that all of the U of T's postgraduate education programs filled in the first iteration and we are delighted at this exceptional result. Vice Dean Sal Spadafora congratulated all the programs and faculty on this stellar performance, which reinforces our successful track record and underscores the University of Toronto's status as the premier medical school in the country.

We would like to welcome the following final year medical students into our program as PGY1 residents on July 1, 2014



Peter Dixon  
University of Toronto



Yelda Jozaghi  
McGill University



Weibo Hao  
Western University



Yael Bensoussan  
University of Montreal



Patrick Scheffler  
McGill University

*Welcome to the Department!*

My sincere thanks to the residents that helped create the MMI scenarios: Drs. Oyewumi, Tsang, Nateghifard, Osborn, Park, Wolter, Fernandes & Sklar. Those who ushered and interacted with candidates: Drs. Au, Oyeumi, Nateghifard & Busato. Those who assisted with the evening social event: Drs. Kus & Osborn plus all those who participated in the social evening.

A very special thank you to the Selection Committee members for their enthusiasm, energy and many hours reviewing candidate files and interviewing throughout the day. They were fantastic ambassadors for our Department. The Selection Committee members for 2014 were the following:

Dr. Yvonne Chan	Dr. Ian Witterick
Dr. Janet Chung	Dr. Nik Wolter
Dr. Vinay Fernandes	Dr. Xiao Zhao
Dr. Vito Forte	
Dr. Robert Harrison	
Dr. Sarah Hugh	
Dr. Vincent Lin	
Dr. Eric Monteiro	

Grand Rounds will not be held in July or August.  
Sessions will resume in September 2014  
Watch for more information via email

thank{you}

**Dr. Vito Forte for coordinating  
weekly Grand Rounds!**

## Chief's Cup Competition winners



Congratulations to all of the residents and Faculty that participated in the Chief's Cup Competition at the Foggy Dew Pub on January 22, 2014. It was a great evening of friendly competition and good laughs.

### Congratulations Team Chip Shot!



It was a tight race but in the end, **Team Chip Shot (Drs. Ralph Gilbert, Sarah Hugh, Michael Au, Christopher Yao)** emerged victorious. Their names will be forever etched on the Chief's Cup.

*L to R: Sarah Hugh (PGY3) , Michael Au (PGY2) & Christopher Yao (PGY1)*



### Passing of the torch...

As nominated by their peers, Janet Chung passes on the title of Chief Resident to Lukas Kus.

Thank you Janet...

Congratulations Lukas  
...get in as much sleep now as you can...



## Postgraduate training workshops

### Cosmetic Injectables Course

February 12, 2014

### Sinus Dissection Course

April 26, 2014

### Rhinoplasty Course

April 28, 2014

### Resident Retreat

March 14, 2014

Visiting Professor

Dr. Parveen Wasi

"Resident As Teacher"



Our five departing PGY5s successfully passed their Royal College Certification examination in May 2014.



Left to Right: Tulika Shinghal, Mazin Merdad, Janet Chung, Aman Grewal, Eric Arruda

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### Winners at the **Poliquin Residents Competition** during the 68th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (CSO-HNS) in Ottawa, Ontario (May 11-13, 2014)

Second Place Poster went to **Dr. Jason Xu** and Dr. John Lee for their poster "Epistaxis after Endoscopic Sinus Surgery: Does the type of post-operative packing matter?"

Second Place (clinical science) went to **Dr. Ed Park**, H. Amodi, JM Nedzelski, JM Chen, V Lin for their paper titled "Predictors of Round Window Accessibility via Facial Recess Approach Based on Pre-Operative CT Petrous Bone Imaging"

**Dr. Eric Arruda** was chosen as one of two 2014-15 Canadian Fellowship Award recipients by the Canadian Fellowship Committee of the CSO-HNS.

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### Highly Publicized...

Congratulations to **Sarah Hugh, Nick Wolter**, Evan Propst, Karen A. Gordon, Sharon L. Cushing and Blake C. Papsin for their publication titled "Infant Sleep Machines and Hazardous Sound Pressure Levels" which was highly publicized by both US and Canadian news agencies.

*"Superb effort by a superb team. I am immensely proud to have contributed". ~ Blake Papsin*

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**Dr. Eric Monteiro** is a recipient of the 2014 Postgraduate Medical Trainee Leadership Awards...an indication that his outstanding initiatives and contributions to the program exemplify the qualities for which this award was created. **Congratulations Eric!!**

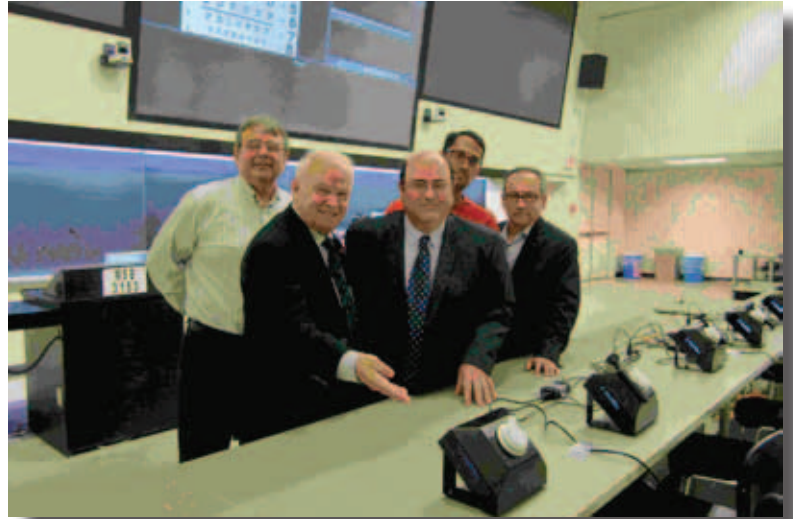
# Undergraduate Education

Al Chiodo MD, FRCSC

OtoSim™ training sessions were held at the University of Toronto's Medical Sciences Building for year 1 and 2 medical students as part of their MMMD Course and as extra sessions.



Drs. Forte and Campisi and their OtoSim™ engineers linked all of the units together for this large program.



*L to R: Dr. Vito Forte, Mr. Ralph Chiodo, Dr. Al Chiodo and Dr. Paolo Campisi.  
Back: Biomedical Engineer Brian Carrillo.*



Mr. Peter Dixon, class of 1T4 received the Dr. Hugh Barber Scholarship in Otolaryngology from Dr. Ian Witterrick at convocation on June 3, 2014. Peter will be joining our residency program on July 1, 2014.



Dr. Molly Zirkle, Director, Fitzgerald Academy UME, Faculty of Medicine and Dr. Ian Witterrick attended the Faculty of Medicine's graduation ceremony on June 3, 2014.

# Continuing Education & Professional Development

Yvonne Chan<sup>MD, FRCSC, MSc, HBSc</sup>

## Events

We held a number of successful events including:

February 7, 2014  
Dizziness Update

February 8, 2014  
Annual Otolaryngology Update

April 29-30, 2014  
2nd Annual Endoscopic Ear Surgery Course

May 1, 2014  
Mini Ultrasound Workshop  
run by Dr. Mira Milas

May 8-9, 2014  
23rd Annual Percy Ireland Academic Day & Dinner



*Visiting Professor  
Marilyn Reed (left)  
with Krista Riko*

## Visiting Professors:

- January 31, 2014 Annual Tomlinson Lecture  
Dr. David Zee
- February 7, 2014 Dr. Richard Rosenfeld
- February 14, 2014 Annual Krista Riko Lecture  
Marilyn Reed
- May 2, 2014 Annual Binstock Lecture  
Dr. Mira Milas
- May 8-9, 2014 Visiting Professor giving  
the Percy Ireland Oration  
Dr. Jonathan Sykes
- May 23, 2014 (16th Annual Wharton/Elia Day)  
Dr. Randal Weber  
The Wharton Lecturer
- Dr. Eben Rosenthal  
The Sullivan Lecturer
- Dr. Ian Mackenzie  
The Elia Lecturer
- May 30, 2014 Annual Bulhoes Lecture  
Mr. Patrick Bradley
- June 27, 2014 Dr. Andrew Goldberg

## Upcoming Courses:

- October 14-15, 2014 4th Annual Training Course for Healthcare Professionals on Vestibular and Balance Disorders in the Pediatric Population
- October 14-15, 2014 Pediatric Temporal Bone Course
- October 15-18, 2014 8th International Symposium on Objective Measures in Auditory Implants
- October 16-17, 2014 Endoscopic and Open Airway Course
- November 7-9, 2014 Current Concepts in Head & Neck Surgery



# Announcements



***Newly appointed Chief of a Hospital Department  
of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery***

**Dr. Al Chiodo ~ TEGH**

**(July 1, 2014)**

**Thank you to Dr. Oakley Smith for his years of  
leadership and dedication to our Department  
at Toronto East General Hospital.**

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One of University of Toronto's most famous alumnus, Dr. Norman Bethune, was memorialized with a sculpture by Canadian artist David Pellettier.



The sculpture, which is seated between the Medical Sciences Building and the McMurrich Building near Queen's Park Crescent, shows Bethune in a quiet moment of contemplation.

A gala celebration was held the following evening, on Saturday May 31, in honour of Bethune, at the Four Seasons Hotel.

*L to R: Dr. Raymond Ng,  
Dr. Yvonne Chan and  
Dean Gabriel Leung  
(Hong Kong University)*



*L to R: Drs. Patrick Gullane,  
Yvonne Chan  
& Ian Witterick*



*L to R: Professor Gang Zheng,  
Dr. Raymond Ng, Dr. Fei-Fei Liu,  
Dean Gabriel Leung,  
Dean Catharine Whiteside,  
Dr. Ian Witterick*



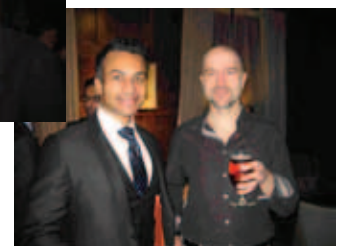
See related link:

[http://medicine.utoronto.ca/news/u-t-medicine-remembers-norman-bethune?utm\\_source=Bulletin&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_content=Staff](http://medicine.utoronto.ca/news/u-t-medicine-remembers-norman-bethune?utm_source=Bulletin&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=Staff)

# Alumni News

In an effort to let our Alumni know how important they are to us, we continue to organize Alumni get togethers which have had enthusiastic participation. These events are for alumni as well as anyone connected in some way, shape or form to the Department.

## Alumni Dinner held on Saturday February 8, 2014 University of Toronto's Faculty Club



## Where are they now....

We had the pleasure of hearing from **Paul Warrick** (Class of 2004, U of T Otol-HNS Residency Program)



Pictured here with his wife, Rebecca, sons Zachary, age 10 (born during his chief year rotation at MSH!), Brayden, age 6, at Topsail Island, North Carolina.

## What are they doing...

**Lily Nguyen** (Class of 2006, Pediatric Otol Fellowship, HSC) received the 2014 CAME/ACEM Certificate of Merit ~ awarded to faculty demonstrating a commitment to medical education. Congratulations! (flashback to 2013, Lily received the 2013 Jonathan Campbell Meakins & Family Fellowship which is to reward and promote excellence in medical education.)



Congratulations to Eileen Allaverdian & **Artur Gevorgyan** on their marriage on June 7, 2014 at Holy Trinity Armenian Church in Toronto.

Artur is a 2012 graduate of our residency program working in Oshawa, ON.



Blake Hudson Dalgorf  
Proud parents **Dustin** and Elisa  
Born on February 17, 2014  
Weight 7 lbs 5 oz

## Bundles

of  
Joy !!



Dhevan Vic de Almeida  
Proud parents **John** and Vandna  
Born on January 28, 2014  
Weight 6 lbs

## Newest Department Alumni

### Fellows

Completing training as of June 30, 2014

Cassiana Abreu	Noah Sands
Hussain Alsafar	Lee Tee Sin
Maria Brake	Thiru Siva
Bradley Hubbard	Luis Vilchez
Dev Kamdar	Paul Walker
Ophir Ilan	

### Residents

Graduating June 30, 2014

Eric Arruda  
Janet Chung  
Aman Grewal  
Mazin Merdad  
Tulika Shinghal

### Other Alumni & Friends events being planned include...

Reception...July 27, 2014..5:00-6:30 pm  
Planet Hollywood, New York City  
(during the 5th World Congress  
IFHNOS & Annual AHNS Meeting)



Dr. Pat Gullane will be giving the *Hayes Martin Lecture*  
and Dr. Ralph Gilbert will be giving the *Jatin Shah Lecture*.

Click here for more information: <http://www.ahns2014.org/keynote-lecturers/>

## In Memorium



**Dr. John Maxwell Edgecombe** (graduate of our residency program 1967) passed away on January 30, 2014 at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital at the age of 79. Dr. Edgecombe committed nearly 60 years of his life to helping others as a practicing physician. The first Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgeon in Newfoundland and Labrador, he served the people of the province well.

## Departmental Advancement Campaign

With a generous gift from Dr. Raymond Ng two endowed funds were created for the benefit of the University of Toronto's student award program in the Faculty of Medicine's Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery (see also page 10).

The first award, **Dr. Raymond H. W. Ng PhD Award** was presented to **Melissa Polonenko** collaborating with Dr. Karen Gordon's research laboratory.



*L to R: Dr. Ian Witterick, Dr. Raymond Ng, Melissa Polonenko*

The second award, **Dr. Raymond H. W. Ng Graduate Award** was presented to **Dr. Jennifer Wang** a PGY4 in the Otolaryngology-HNS residency program.

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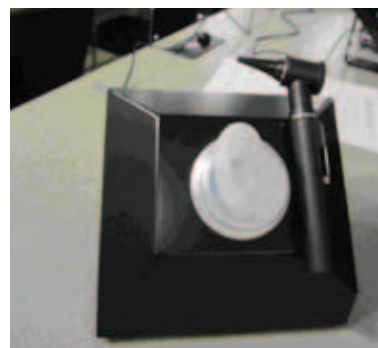
### University of Toronto - OtoSim™ partnership to boost otoscopy training

The University of Toronto is creating a Student Training Fund in Otoscopy in partnership with OtoSim Inc., thanks to a \$200,000 donation led by Mr. Ralph Chiodo, founder of Active Green + Ross (see also page 15).

These funds were used to purchase 66 OtoSim™ units!

[Click HERE](#) to read the full article of February 24, 2014.  
More information [click HERE](#).

To learn more about OtoSim™, [click HERE](#).



## The 2nd Annual Harry Barberian Memorial Dinner

This annual fundraising event was held on May 5, 2014 to honor Mr. Harry Barberian, an iconic restaurateur in Toronto. The family of the late Mr. Harry Barberian were most grateful to Dr. Jeremy Freeman for his exemplary care. Mr. Ken Taylor, former Canadian Ambassador to Iran and a key figure in the Academy Award Winning film *Argo* was the Guest Speaker.

Proceeds from the event will go towards helping fund resident and faculty research in the department.



Congratulations to Dr. Jeremy Freeman for coordinating another successful event!



Mr. Ken Taylor,  
Dr. Jeremy Freeman  
& Mr. Arron Barberian





Above: Susan & Paolo Campisi



Below: L to R: Drs. Danny Enepekides, Kevin Higgins, Vito Forte & Al Vescan



Right: L to R  
Drs. John de Almeida,  
John Lee, & Eric Monteiro

Below:  
Vincent Lin &  
Alain Dabdoub

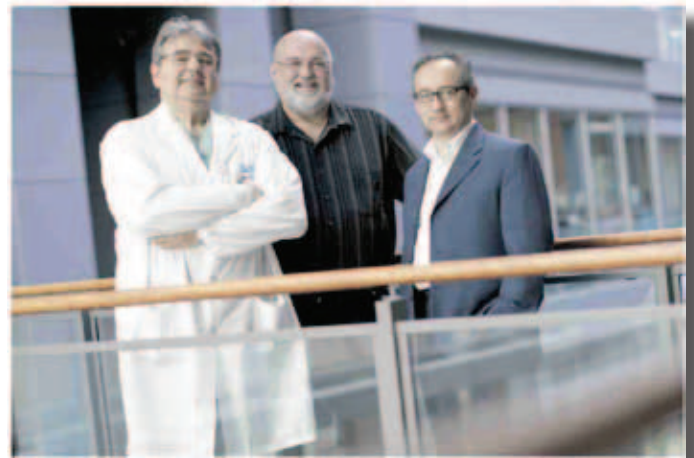


Above: Left, front to back: Drs. Yvonne Chan,  
Kevin Higgins, Danny Enepekides  
Right, front to back: Drs. Ralph Gilbert, Jon Irish David Goldstein

## Innovations

**Minister of Research and Innovation names OtoSim™ an Ontario innovation success story.** In an article titled, "Driving The Innovation Agenda In Life Sciences: The Case Of Ontario, Canada," for Life Science Leader, OtoSim was identified as key Ontario innovation success story by Reza Moridi, Minister of Research and Innovation.

**Click [HERE](#)** to go to the full article of April 30, 2014



Founders, left to right:  
Dr. Vito Forte, Mr. Andy Sinclair (CEO, OtoSim™), Dr. Paolo Campisi

## 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**

More information about the Program can be found at:

<http://www.cisepo.ca>

### CISEPO/Canadian-Qatari Partnership

This program has extensive international recognition and an ongoing 4-year training program in place with the latest cohort of audiologists graduating on January 1, 2014. The diplomas were handed out by Shiva Nagaratnam (Dr. Noyek's research fellow) and Abi Sriharan with the participation of the Canadian Embassy Charge D'Affaires Tariq Gordon.

The government of the State of Qatar has positioned universal newborn hearing screening, family support and habilitation as national health policy as result of this cooperative work and the leadership of Dr. Khalid Hadi who trained with Dr. Martin Hyde under our aegis and Dr. Noyek's tenure as chief.

Gulf Times has published an article about the Qatar Clinical Audiology program, which is accredited by the Office of CPD, University of Toronto. You can access this article from the link below:

<http://www.gulf-times.com/qatar/178/details/377074/hmc-audiology-unit-to-offer-new-diplomas>

To date this program has provided over 2,500 credit hours worth of CME activities in Doha for over one hundred participants. These graduates have helped screen over 50,000 new born babies in the Gulf Region for hearing loss.

Their work has also been presented as peer reviewed podium presentations at the 2013 Coalition for Global Hearing Health Conference in Nashville, and the 2013 American Academy of Family Physicians in Baltimore.

### Access Hear

**Promoting international development by advancing health education, health care, health care systems, scientific exchange, research and public health thus connecting Canada, the Middle East and international partners in common purpose.**

**Dr. Arnold Noyek**

Access Hear is a project in which deaf mute workers - who have never had the opportunity of gainful employment previously - now manufacture affordable hearing aids. It's a lovely concept: persons with disability helping others similarly affected and having the dignity of joining the workforce in the process.

<http://vimeo.com/52974256>



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## Relationship with Industry and the Educational Environment in Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Education

The Faculty of Medicine has recently completed a policy which can guide us for best practices between Faculty, its academic units and members, and industry. This policy was approved by Faculty Council on February 11, 2013.

Some of the important standards to note:

1. While industry representatives should not ordinarily take part in patient care, the demonstration by industry representatives of the technical use of equipment, including implantable devices is acceptable
2. Gifts (including food and entertainment) must not be accepted from industry
3. If funding from industry is solicited for an educational event, the funding must be in the form of an unrestricted grant in which the donor has no influence over the program content or choice of speakers
4. All speakers at educational events must fully disclose any potential Conflict of Interest with industry
5. Any commercial displays at a Continuing Education (CE) event should be in a separate room from educational activities
6. Faculty members may receive compensation for provision of special expertise in consultation with industry, but this compensation should be commensurate with the work done
7. Faculty members should not participate in Speakers' Bureaus
8. Each clinical (MD) full-time faculty member will annually file a confidential disclosure form with the Department Chair for all sums in excess of \$5,000 annually received from a single source (with some exceptions). Monitoring of conflicts of interest for faculty in the Department of Otolaryngology-HNS lies within the Department. To achieve this end, we will be expecting all full-time clinical faculty to complete an annual disclosure form for submission to the Department. Departmental Chairs report declarations annually to the Dean.



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