



Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
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Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2021

Chair's Message...



My very best wishes to everyone and their families for a safe, happy, and joyous holiday season!

Despite the pandemic, we have still had a lot of activity in the department as you will see in this newsletter. The most exciting news is the announcement of the George and Helen Vari Chair in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. This is an endowed chair through the University of Toronto that will remain in perpetuity and is tied to the chair of the department. The funds will go towards fostering education and research in the department. Our sincere thanks to Helen and the late George Vari for their vision and philanthropy as well as Dr. Pat Gullane who was instrumental in securing this tremendous gift for our department.

We underwent an external review of the last 4+ years in the department by Dr. Maie St. John (University of California Los Angeles) and Dr. Kevin Fung (Western University) on September 30-October 1, 2021. Thank you to everyone who participated in this review which will be helpful for the selection committee looking for my successor as of July 1, 2022.

Our department was instrumental in the success of the 75th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (CSO-HNS) held virtually from September 17-19, 2021. Dr. Vincent Lin (Scientific Program Chair) and Dr. Yvonne Chan (CPD Director) did a spectacular job in organizing the scientific content for the meeting – thank you! The theme of the meeting was Equity, Diversity & Inclusion in Otolaryngology. I completed 2+ years as President and my Guest of Honour was Dr. Karen Kost (McGill University) and Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Dean Dominique Dorion (Sherbrooke University), a former resident and fellow in our program. By all accounts, the meeting was a great success. Dr. Paolo Campisi is now Treasurer, Dr. Vincent Lin Secretary-Elect and Dr. Yvonne Chan continues as the CPD Director for the CSO-HNS. In addition, three of our residents won Poliquin Resident Research Competition prizes (page 11) and two of our recent graduates received the two COHNS Fund Fellowship Grants (Drs. Neil Arnstead and Peter Dixon).

We had a great faculty development session on November 11, 2021, organized by Drs. Paolo Campisi and Najma Ahmed in conjunction with the Department of Surgery. The topics were varied and interesting including the effects of ergonomics on a surgeons' health, the tenacity and willpower to row across an ocean and the search for

Chair's Message Continued...

earth-like planets. Afterwards, the Division of Neurosurgery held the E. Harry Botterell Lectureship where Dr. Fred Gentili, cross-appointed to our department, was the Guest of Honour. This was a wonderful celebration of the achievements of Dr. Gentili, in conjunction with other members of our department, in the advancement of open and endoscopic anterior skull base surgery.

A warm welcome to our new faculty members (page 6) as well as Aviva Lev-Aviv who is taking over as our Events Coordinator while Safia Amin is on maternity leave.

On a sad note, we lost two of our faculty members over the last 6 months. On June 25, 2021, Dr. David Goldfarb died at the age of 61 and recently on December 11, 2021, Dr. Jacob (Jack) Friedberg passed. Both were stellar otolaryngologists and served as leaders (David as Chief at NYGH and Jack at HSC) in our department and specialty. They both had many passions outside of clinical medicine and treasured their families. We will miss them both.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our department and helped us flourish over the last 9.5 years. It is hard to believe how my second term has flown by. I am indebted to all our residents, fellows, faculty, and administrators who have made our department so strong. The tireless efforts of the Executive Committee have been instrumental in the success of our department.

Again, my very best wishes for a safe holiday season. I am hopeful that we will be able to get together in person in the New Year – stay tuned.

Thank you!

Ian



Departmental Strategic Plan: 2021-24

The strategic planning process wrapped up in March 2021 but work continues behind the scenes.

CLICK HERE



to read the published report which outlines the 5 pillars, their goals and action steps.

Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2021

Our newsletter is published twice annually in June and December.

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The University office will be closed for the holidays from December 22, 2021 to December 31, 2021

We will reopen on Monday January 3, 2022
Office hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Keep in touch!

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Executive Committee Holiday Wishes



Warm wishes for a happy and safe holiday season from the department Executive.



Thank you!



Departmental External Review 2021

Thank you to

Dr. Kevin Fung, Chair-Chief, Dept. of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Western University, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care London,

&

Dr. Maie St. John, Chair, Dept. of Head and Neck Surgery, University of California Los Angeles, for conducting our department's external review virtually on September 30-October 1, 2021.

It was great having you & we are appreciative of all your hard work!

Invitation to apply for the position of Chair of the Department

Applications are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

[Click here for more information on how to apply](#)

Helen and George Vari Chair in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

The George and Helen Vari Foundation has made a leadership commitment in support of a new endowed chair in the University of Toronto's Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery.

The gift will support the department's research and education priorities in perpetuity, helping it build on its track record of impact as one of North America's largest and top-rated academic departments dedicated to head and neck surgery.

To recognize the Vari Foundation's generosity, the department's chair will be called the George and Helen Vari Chair in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery.



Helen Vari, pictured here with her late husband, the Honourable George W. Vari, P.C.

“I have been aware of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery for many years,” says Helen Vari, who co-founded the Vari Foundation together with her late husband, respected Canadian real estate developer and philanthropist,

The Honourable George W. Vari, P.C., in 1985. “Professor (and former department chair) Patrick Gullane operated on George and we had the best possible experience. Professor Gullane became a cherished friend.”

“We hope that the Vari Chair will help to raise and support the next generation of excellent and highly-professional surgeons,” she adds.

“I am so honoured to be the inaugural holder of the Vari Chair during this final year of my term,” says Dr. Ian Witterick, who has led the department since 2012. “The Vari Foundation's commitment represents not only a significant investment in our department but is also a tremendous recognition of our broader specialty's importance.”

With this gift, the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery joins an elite group of departments in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine that can boast of the lasting support of an endowed department chair.

“The Vari Foundation's gift will provide long-term, flexible and sustainable funding for our work,” says Witterick. “Over time, its impact will be felt by every member of our department — and ultimately by the patients we serve. I'm so grateful to Helen for her incredible generosity and to Professor Gullane for his continued leadership and support, which helped make this gift possible.”

Happenings at the University of Toronto



U of T ranks 16th globally, up one spot, in *U.S. News & World Report* university rankings

[The University of Toronto has risen one spot to 16th globally](#) in the latest U.S. News & World Report university ranking.

The [2022 edition of the Best Global Universities Rankings](#), which are focused on research performance, placed U of T first in Canada and 16th in the world – a position it shared this year with Princeton University and University College London. That continues U of T's upward trajectory in the ranking from the previous year when it moved into 17th position globally, up one spot from a year earlier.



[The University of Toronto is committing to divest from investments in fossil fuel companies](#) in its \$4.0-billion endowment fund beginning immediately.

As part of a suite of sustainability measures announced by U of T President Meric Gertler today, the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM) – U of T's investment manager – will divest from all direct investments in fossil fuel companies within the next 12 months, and divest from indirect investments, typically held through pooled and commingled investment vehicles, by no later than 2030, and sooner if possible.

[Read President Gertler's Letter to the Community here](#)

Announcements



Jordan Turner

Proud parents **Jun Lin** & Alex Turner
Born on July 16, 2021

Bundles of Joy



Riad Mohamed

Proud parents **Safia Amin**
& Waise Mohamed
Born on August 19, 2021

A {Warm Welcome} to



Dr. Neil Bailie



Dr. Joel Davies



Dario Coletta



Laurel Palmer



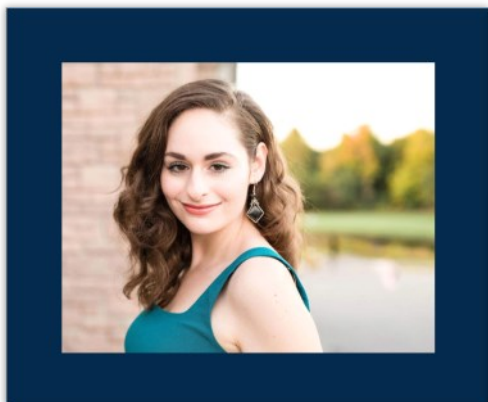
Maria Simone

Appointed to the department as
Full-time faculty

at the rank of **Assistant Professor**

Appointed to the department as
Status-only faculty

at the rank of **Lecturer**



Staff Announcement

Aviva Lev-Aviv

Aviva has been selected to fill Safia's maternity leave in the department as the Administrative and Events Assistant until April 2022. Welcome Aviva!
(see birth announcement above)

Faculty Spotlight

Congratulations!

Drs. Paolo Campisi, Evan Propst and Nik Wolter contributed to the lead paper *SARS-CoV-2-Reactive Mucosal B Cells in the Upper Respiratory Tract of Uninfected Individuals*. Yanling Liu, Patrick Budyłowski, Shilan Dong, Zhijie Li, Sofiya Goroshko, Leslie Y. T. Leung, Eyal Grunbaum, **Paolo Campisi, Evan J. Propst, Nikolas E. Wolter**, James M. Rini, Amin Zia, Mario Ostrowski and Götz R. A. Ehrhardt. [J Immunol October 4, 2021.](#)

This article was also mentioned in MedEmail, a U of T newsletter - [Read the article here.](#)



Paolo Campisi

Paolo has been nominated as a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada CBD Innovator! This nomination recognizes exemplary leadership in the implementation of Competence by Design (CBD) in one's home program.



Yvonne Chan & Amr Hamour

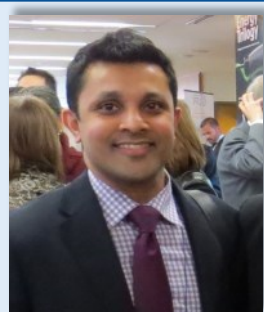
They shared their thoughts and experiences with patient bias in CPSO's eDialogue cover story this month, Treating Patient Bias.

[Read the article here](#)



Al Chiodo

Al has relocated to North Carolina. We wish him well. Dr. Bradley Hubbard is the interim Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at Michael Garron Hospital. A search for a new chief is being conducted.



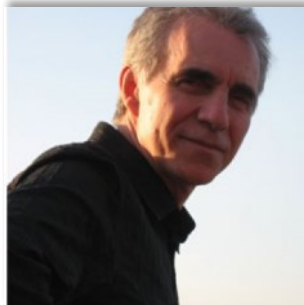
John de Almeida

John was selected for the NRG HN core committee. This reflects the great work that John has been doing nationally and internationally in leading and participating in head and neck phase II and III randomized clinical trials.



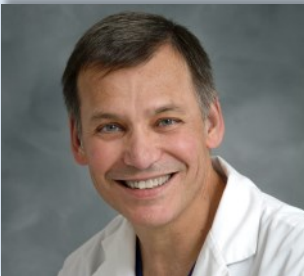
Janet Chung is the new **Community Academic Faculty (CAF)** Liaison for our department. The selection committee (Drs. Paolo Campisi, Yvonne Chan, Al Chiodo, Andres Gantous, Everton Gooden and Ian Witterick) interviewed three outstanding candidates on July 15, 2021. The CAF Liaison is a very important position in our department and Dr. Chung is incredibly enthusiastic about taking on this role!

Thank you Dr. Yvonne Chan for your superb leadership as the CAF Liaison over many years. Yvonne has really helped bring all of us closer together.



Fred Gentili

Fred was recently honoured at the Division of Neurosurgery E. Harry Botterell Lectureship held on November 11, 2021. He holds a cross-appointment in our department. Dr. Witterick gave a lecture on “Change Management in Skull Base Surgery” and Dr. Pat Gullane said a few words on Fred as a colleague and friend.



Jon Irish

Jon has been appointed as the Vice President, Clinical, Cancer Programs, Ontario Health, Cancer Care Ontario in a clinical/administrative partnership with Elaine Meertens Vice President, Cancer Programs, Ontario Health, Cancer Care Ontario.



Molly Zirkle

Molly has served as the Director, FitzGerald Academy from May 2010 to Oct 2021. Thank you for all your time and efforts in this role! In the new year, she will take on the role of Director, Career Advising System, Office of Learner Affairs (Feb 1/22 - Feb 28/23).

Congratulations

Recipients of Research Funding—\$25K each

Thank you to all of the applicants for our two \$25K research awards. The selection committee consisting of Drs. Sharon Cushing, Alain Dabdoub and Robert Harrison had a difficult time selecting the awardees.

The recipients are:

Dr. Trung Le
Sunnybrook



Project: Treatment of Vestibular Schwannoma in Neurofibromatosis 2 Syndrome Using Bevacizumab and Focused Ultrasound

Ms. Melissa Hazen
SickKids



Project: Developmental Effects of Concurrent Vestibular and Auditory Dysfunction in Childhood

Congratulations

Recipients of 2021 Postgraduate Research Awards

Dr. Christopher Noel is the recipient of a *Joseph M. West Family Memorial Fund* award and Dr. Justine Philteos is the recipient of a *William S. Fenwick Research Fellowship* award from the Postgraduate Awards Committee at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine.



Dr. Christopher Noel
PGY3



Dr. Justine Philteos
PGY2

In Memorium

Dr. David R. Goldfarb



David passed away peacefully at home on June 25, 2021, at the age of 61.

David graduated from medical school in 1985 and completed residency in otolaryngology - head & neck surgery at the University of Toronto in 1991. Shortly after completing his residency, he served as Chief of Otolaryngology at Doctors Hospital from 1994 to 1998.

He joined the medical staff at North York General Hospital in 1999 and served as Chief of Otolaryngology for 10 years. During this time, David was very involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. He was a valued member of our community academic faculty. In recognition of his standing in our department, he was recently presented with the *Distinguished Alumnus Award*, for exceptional commitment and dedication to the practice and teaching of otolaryngology and for professional ethical standards of the highest order.



David's passions outside of medicine included a love of acting and theatre. He was well known in the local theatre circles for his bravado and falsetto on stage. He will be forever remembered by his patients, colleagues and friends for his kindness, sense of humor and passion for life.

David is survived by his wife Dr. Cindy Goldfarb and their four children, Robbie (Nikki), Jonathan (Leslie), Rachel and Laura.



Dr. Jacob Friedberg

Jack passed away on Saturday December 11, 2021. Jack was an outstanding clinician and surgeon with an unparalleled ability to pass on practical knowledge to more than a generation of residents and fellows. He was instrumental in helping many pass their Royal College exams through his teaching and practice sessions.

Jack was a mentor to so many and a leader in our department, as Chief at SickKids as well as the organization of so many continuing education and alumni events. He was compassionate, empathetic and a great listener. Many will have fond memories of his stories of the outdoors and nature but above all, he loved and was loved by his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Many will know of his recent illness and signed the virtual card delivered to him in October 2021. Lilly Friedberg wrote back thanking us and saying "Jack was deeply touched to hear the kind and flattering comments from his friends and colleagues. It has been one of the greatest pleasures of his life to have had the opportunity to know and work with such, intelligent, talented, and accomplished people who are such decent human beings."

Jack, you have meant so much to so many, rest in peace.



Undergraduate Education

Allan Vescan MD, MSc, FRCSC
Director of UME

UME Taskforce

Dr. Witterick has convened a taskforce to look at our department's otolaryngology UME course curricula that is online. Our Vice Chair Education (Dr. Paolo Campisi) and the Director of UME (Dr. Al Vescan) will co-chair this taskforce.

The members of the taskforce are: Drs. Janet Chung, Bradley Hubbard, John Lee, Amirpouyan Namavarian (PGY1), Pia Pace-Asciak, Gianluca Sampieri (PGY1), and Justin Shapiro (medical student).

Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi MSc, MD, FRCSC
Vice Chair of Education



Poliquin Resident's Research Competition 2021

Congratulations to the *Poliquin Resident's Research Competition* winners:



Development of a Neural Network Model to Predict Long-term Mortality in Patients Eligible for Tracheostomy in the ICU. (N. George, Albuquerque, NM, E. Moseley, R. Eber, M. Samuel, J. Yam, C. Lindvall, Boston, MA, L.A. Celi, Cambridge, MA)



Development of a Murine Model for Chronic Rhinosinusitis. (E. Poduch, E. Monteiro, J. Lee, L. Kotra, A. Vescan, Toronto, ON)

Congratulations

CaRMS Virtual Information Sessions

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CaRMS INFORMATION SESSION for
MEDICAL STUDENTS

Current session:
November 15, 2021
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Other available dates:
November 23, 2021, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
December 2, 2021, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sign-Up Here: www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/carms

					
Paolo Campisi MSc, MD, FRCS Vice Chair, Education Director, Postgraduate Education	Tian (Tanya) Chen MD PGY1 McGill University	Terence Fu MD PGY5 University of Toronto	Jong Wook (John) Lee MD PGY4 University of British Columbia	Justine Philteos MD PGY2 University of Toronto	Giannica Sampieri MD PGY1 University of Toronto

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Virtual information sessions were held between November & December 2021 for medical students considering our specialty and our department.







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These were all very well attended and the engagement was excellent!

Thank you Dr. Campisi and all the residents involved in [promoting our department!](#)



CaRMS Interviews
March 11, 2022
To be conducted virtually

#WhyOHNS



"I chose Otolaryngology as the breadth of the specialty, and the population it serves, is incomparable. The head and neck houses some of the most primitive, yet vital, functions of human life, and operating on this delicate anatomy is a humbling challenge. I am constantly in awe by the deliberate and detail-oriented approach that our surgical staff employ when approaching their surgical cases - regardless if the approach is open, endoscopic, robotic or under the microscope. Otolaryngology truly embodies the intersection of art and medicine - and this challenges me every day and provides me with the opportunity to continuously learn. Most importantly, the privilege of working with our amazing patients is one of the many reasons why I chose to pursue a career in otolaryngology - head & neck surgery."

Justine Philteos, PGY2

Welcome BBQ

The annual welcome BBQ for the incoming PGY1s made a comeback on **August 26, 2021** at the Campisi residence.

It was a 60's themed evening with great food and great weather.

Thank you to Paolo and Susan for opening up your beautiful home once again for this event.



Congratulations
to

Christopher Noel & Megan Mah

Who celebrated their nuptials
on Saturday August 7, 2021





Surgery has traditionally been a male dominated field; however, the face of surgery is changing.

We are so proud of the women in our residency who make up one third of the program.

They are a group of highly motivated, intelligent, talented, and caring individuals.

We can't wait to see you become leaders in our field!

2021-22 Journal Club Schedule

Date	Topic	Presenters
Tuesday October 19, 2021	Rhinology	PGY2 Residents
Tuesday November 16, 2021	Sleep medicine	PGY3 Residents
Tuesday February 15, 2022	Otology/Neurotology	PGY4 Residents
Tuesday April 19, 2022	Laryngology	PGY5 Residents
Tuesday May 17, 2022	Oncology	PGY1 Residents

Thank you! Drs. Jun Lin &
Nik Wolter
for coordinating

Journal Club

Departmental Mentorship Program for Residents: Pilot

Our department is piloting a Mentorship Program where staff may select 1-2 dates within an academic year to host a small group of our residents for a casual gathering. The hope of formalizing this initiative is to ensure all residents have access to these types of events, acknowledge the efforts of our staff who are already participating informally, and to encourage all our staff to consider engaging with this project.

Mentoring is a professional relationship that exists between an experienced individual and a less experienced colleague. Mentorship is an opportunity for staff physicians to guide trainees in their individual discernment of their career pathway and provide opportunities for the trainee to access the mentor's networks and contacts while creating a more unified and collegial training environment.

The goal of this Mentorship Program is to encourage individual and group professional development without creating extra paperwork or assignments for the mentees or mentors. The hope is that this format of a Mentorship Program will allow residents to engage earlier with staff that could help with their career goals or have similar personal priorities and create the opportunity for organic mentorship relationship to develop.



**National In-Training
Exam** *February 25, 2022*

Royal College Exams
Written: September 15-16, 2022
Applied: November 21, 2022

Check out the
2020-21 Annual Report
of the

**Centre for
Faculty
Development**

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OTOLARYNGOLOGY UPDATE 2022

and OMA Annual Otolaryngology
– Head & Neck Surgery
Section Meeting

Saturday, February 5, 2022
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Virtual



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30th Annual Percy Ireland Dinner & Academic Day

May 5-6, 2022

Guest of Honour: Dr. Robert V. Harrison

*At this time we are planning for this event to take place in person.
More information to come as planning progresses. Stay tuned!*

Visit our website for more information:

www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/cpd-courses

Virtual Visiting Professors



October 15, 2021

Leigh Sowerby Associate Professor, Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Surgery, Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Western University

Management of Rhinitis and the Nuances of Nasal Corticosteroids



October 22, 2021

Shirley Y. Su Associate Professor, Department of Head and Neck Surgery and Neurosurgery, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Induction Chemotherapy in the Management of Sinonasal Tumors



November 5, 2021

Amanda Hu Director, Pacific Voice Clinic, Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of British Columbia

Spasmodic Dysphonia



November 12, 2021

M. Elise Graham Assistant Professor, Pediatric Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Dept of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Western University

Tethered Oral Tissue: - Trends and Truths

Virtual Visiting Professors continued



December 10, 2021

Sean Christie Professor, Department of Surgery (Neurosurgery), Vice-Chair and Director of Research - Division of Neurosurgery, Dalhousie University

Greener Healthcare : Should Carbon Neutral Surgery be Our Goal?

75th Annual Meeting (Virtual)

September 17-19, 2021

"Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Otolaryngology"



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF
OTOLARYNGOLOGY -
HEAD & NECK SURGERY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our most recent virtual annual meeting. There was something for everyone and attendance was excellent with over 400 registrants from Canada, US and abroad.



President



**Scientific Program
Chair**

Dr. Vincent Lin



**CPD Committee
Chair**

Dr. Yvonne Chan



Guest of Honour
Dr. Karen Kost
McGill University



Recipient of the
**2021 Lifetime
Achievement Award**
Dean Dominique Dorion
Sherbrooke University

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY 2021: *Wellness*

NOVEMBER 11, 2021
8-11 AM

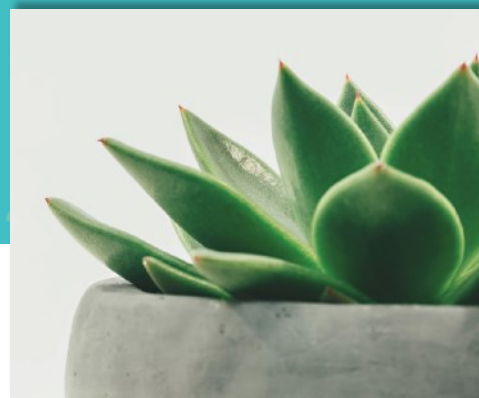


Online via Zoom

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Moderators: Drs. Najma Ahmed & Paolo Campisi

8:00 AM	Welcome & Introduction Drs. James Rutka & Ian Witterick	10:00 AM	Bio Break
8:05 AM	Keynote: Surgeons and Ergonomics in the OR: Current State and Future Directions	10:05 AM	The Search for Earth-Like Planets
8:50 AM	Q&A with Audience Drs. Geeta Lal & Susan Hallbeck	10:45 AM	Q&A with Audience Dr. Michael Reid
9:05 AM	Bio Break	10:55 AM	Closing Remarks Drs. Najma Ahmed & Paolo Campisi
9:10 AM	Rowing Across the Atlantic: Strategies to Meet Your Goals	11:00 AM	Moment of Silence for Remembrance Day
9:50 AM	Q&A with Audience Ms. Julie Angus		



Dr. Geeta Lal



Dr. Susan Hallbeck



Ms. Julie Angus



Dr. Michael Reid

[Click here for more information about the speakers](#)



Neil Arnstead

Life is busy as Dr. Witterick's fellow! It's been a great start to the year, with lots of operating. Poppy, the puppy we got in January is keeping me busy at home too!



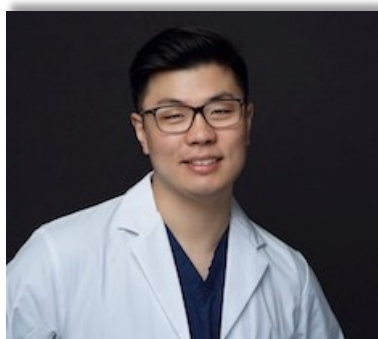
Peter Dixon

I'm now about 5 months in to my 2-year fellowship in otology and neurotology at UC San Diego. Clinically, it has been extremely busy and rewarding. The skills and knowledge I'm beginning to learn here are great complements to all the excellent training I had at U of T. Research is similarly exciting – I'm working on a clinical registry for the largest vestibular schwannoma program in the US, population-based health services research with one of the country's largest insurance plans, and developing a network of collaborators along the way. Personally, I'm working to balance the demands of busy academic training with time spent with my wife, Sarah, and our 6 month old son, Hugo!



Florence Mok

I am loving my new staff position at Halton Healthcare. My husband and I are also expecting a little bundle of joy in April 2022. Missing my friends and colleagues!



Christopher Hong

I have started my full time surgical practice at Humber since July and the practice is going extremely well!



Donovan Eu

I'm currently at the National University Hospital in Singapore in the ENT and head and neck surgical oncology unit. It's been real exciting to start up my own practice and things have been going well so far despite the pandemic!



Justin Lui

Myself, Cassandra, and Hugo (our dog) have successfully relocated to Calgary, Alberta. With the recent fourth wave, navigating limited OR time has been difficult, but I've have been staying busy with teaching, clinics and research. We're trying to spend as much time outdoors as we can!



Axel Sahoaler

Toronto and the 2020-2021 academic year will definitely hold a special place in my heart; my daughter Cala was born, and I was able to obtain a consultant position at the University College London in the UK, where I am heading with my family by the end of November.



Gabriela Vergara

I'm back home, enjoying the nice weather and the sea. I have a new assignment I signed up for, and I'm enjoying every part of it. I'll put all of my heart into this new learning, as I always do. Wishing everyone in Toronto the best.

Humanitarian Outreach

Face the Future Foundation

As has been the case with so many humanitarian organizations, Face The Future has had to pivot on several fronts over the past year due to the ongoing pandemic.

This past fall our planned mission to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which focusses on oral maxillofacial surgery, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns and also an increasingly unsettled political situation. We are tentatively planning to have this mission in April, 2022.

We are planning our mission to the Kirtipur Cleft and Burn Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal in early February, and a continuation of our mission to Ulyanovsk, Russia in April. The former mission focusses on facial reconstruction, microtia, burn management and hand reconstruction. Our Ulyanovsk mission is entirely pediatric, including treatment of congenital and traumatic facial deformities along with general paediatric and urological surgery, primarily for congenital conditions.

Our Kigali, Rwanda mission is being deferred for the moment as the hospital is undergoing a major addition which includes new operating rooms. It is planned to reschedule our mission in later 2022 once the new building is completed.

On November 18, past, Dr. Rick Jaggi and I completed a pilot mission to Erbil, Iraq. We met with leaders of the Swisscross Foundation and it's CEO, Dr. Ian Furst of Waterloo, Ontario. We also met numerous medical, hospital, NGO and university leaders in the community. We confirmed our mutual goals to partner with Swisscross to address the significant healthcare requirements of the Kurdistan region of Iraq. These include healthcare for 300,000 refugees and internally displaced persons, many suffering from the effects of war and other trauma, gender based violence and congenital conditions. We visited two United Nation's refugee camps, Darashakran and Kawargosk, which contained 10,000 and 8,000 people, respectively. We began our consultations for patients on whom we will operate on our first major mission planned for May 2022. We also are planning educational efforts directed at local surgeons who have expressed a desire to be associated with our mission, and with surgical residents from Hawler University. *(continues next page)*



Dr. Peter Adamson & Dr. Rick Jaggi visiting the Darashakran UN Refugee Camp outside Erbil, Iraq. Canada is a supporter of this camp, which houses 10,000 refugees, mostly Kurds fleeing the Syrian conflict. Many have been housed in the camp now for 6 years.

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Dr. Jaggi is an Associate Professor and Director of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. He has a special interest in facial nerve repair and microvascular surgery. As Mission Director, he and I will put together the necessary team of surgeons, anaesthesiologists and nurses as we move forward with this new initiative.

A review of our 25th anniversary virtual fundraising event, Chrysalis 25, held last May revealed our most successful event ever. We are already planning our next annual event, Chrysalis 26, which will be held in person at the Carlu on Thursday June 2, 2022.

The surgical burden in the developing world is increasing, this related not only to the pandemic but to increasing instability in many areas of the world. At Face the Future, we are continuing to reach out to new individuals and organizations who may support our expanding efforts, be they as mission participants or donors and friends. Our efforts are succeeding in providing life-changing surgical care and building capacity in developing countries, but there is much yet to be done.

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Sioux Lookout

Drs. Paolo Campisi, Vincent Lin, Eric Monteiro and Vincent Wu (PGY4) visited Sioux Lookout in October 2021.





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