

OHNS Newsletter

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A LEGEND FOR THE AGES

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Ian Witterick's tenure as Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery Chair

He is stepping down after 10 years of exemplary and dedicated service in the department



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Achieving Impact**

Chair's Message



Ten years as chair of our department has flown by. Dr. Danny Enepekides is taking over and I know he will continue to raise the bar and take our department to even greater heights. He is a visionary leader with boundless energy, great ideas and above all, he is a true gentleman with tremendous compassion and empathy.

I hope you enjoy looking at some of the things that have happened in our department over the last several months. Obviously, the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone but we seem to be coming out of it and continuing to excel. We started getting back to some in person events with the annual Percy Ireland Academic Day and dinner, resident retreat and graduation ceremony.

A huge shout out to Dr. Paolo Campisi as he completes his term as Program Director and Vice-Chair Education. Dr. Campisi is an amazing educator and leader who has been instrumental in the success of our department. I cannot thank him enough for his hard work and dedication over the last 10+ years in shaping our department.

With the quality of our residents, fellows and faculty, it is no surprise that there are so many awards, announcements and new degrees that you will see highlighted in this newsletter. I am especially indebted to our alumnus and former faculty member, Dr. Kan Yan Chow and his wife Vera Chow, for their continued generosity in endowing two new research awards in our department under my name.

I was really touched by the beautiful ties with our departmental crest on it that the residents had commissioned for Dr. Campisi and I – thank you! In addition, I was so happy to see so many colleagues, friends and family at the Royal Ontario Museum on June 29, 2022 for my chair end of term celebration. I really appreciated all of the warm wishes and the beautiful watch, the highlight of my academic year!

I continue to be so proud of our faculty, alumni, residents and fellows who continue to go from strength to strength in education, research, administration and leadership. Thank you to everyone who has shown such generosity of their time and energy to help me over the last 10 years. It has been my pleasure and honour to serve this great department and I know Dr. Enepekides will be an exceptional chair.

I wish all of you a wonderful and restful summer.

Thank you!!!

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New Faculty Appointments

Welcome to **Dr. Josie Xu** and **Dr. Christopher Hong** who have been approved for a clinical adjunct faculty appointment to the department at the rank of Lecturer.

Josie's hospital privileges are at Michael Garron and North York General Hospitals where her main focus will be in sleep medicine.

Christopher's hospital privileges are at Humber River Hospital and William Osler Health System.



Dr. Josie Xu



Dr. Christopher Hong

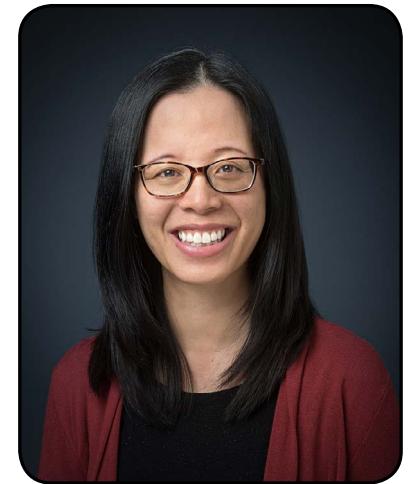
Welcome to Jessica, Johane and Erica who were all approved for status only faculty appointments at the rank of Lecturer. Their main clinical appointments are in the audiology unit at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.



Jessica Banh



Johane Rakotoarimanana



Erica Wong

Dr. Christopher Yao, was appointed as a full-time faculty member, he joined the UHN staff on January 14, 2022. He graduated from UofT and completed his postgraduate training in OHNS at UofT. Dr. Yao went on to complete a prestigious two-year fellowship in head and neck oncology and reconstructive microsurgery at MD Anderson Cancer Center in 2020. Also, in 2020 he joined the staff at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. We were fortunate enough to recruit him back to UofT and the University Health Network where he is a part of the multidisciplinary head and neck program at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. Dr. Yao has broadly based surgical expertise in head & neck surgery, reconstructive microsurgery, transoral robotic surgery and sentinel node. Dr. Yao's clinical focus will be mucosal malignancies, salivary gland tumours, thyroid and parathyroid disease and advanced skin malignancies including melanoma. Dr. Yao's academic focus will be in clinical trials and the application of AI in head and neck surgical oncology and head and neck reconstruction.



Dr. Christopher Yao

Resident Retreat

The residents held a great retreat on Friday, June 3, 2022. They started with a resident town hall at Grange Park, followed by a nice lunch at the Toronto Beach Club and ending at Woodbine beach for an afternoon of sun and beach volleyball.



Resident Appreciation Week

Resident appreciation is a year-round activity and endeavour we strive for. This year the spotlight was on February 7-11, 2022 with a few special things for our amazing residents. They are an integral part of our department, and their dedication and excellent patient care is so appreciated. OHNS residency is challenging; its full of long hours, often requires personal sacrifice and lack of sleep, and presents challenging encounters and stressful situations. The pandemic made this training path more difficult. We are proud of all of our residents and their tireless efforts. Keep up the great work and thank you for all that you do!



Congratulations! Faculty Recognition Awards and Announcements

The Institute of Medical Science awarded a select number of faculty members with Faculty Recognition Awards at their Scientific Day event on May 17, 2022. A few of these faculty are in our department.

Name	Award(s)
Jonathan Irish	Strong Mentorship
Andrew Dimitrijevic	Strong Citizenship
Trung N. Le	Strong Citizenship



Dr. Jonathan Irish



Dr. Andrew Dimitrijevic



Dr. Trung N. Le

Faculty Recognition Award for Strong/Exceptional Citizenship

This faculty recognition award is presented to IMS faculty members for their strong/exceptional contributions to IMS graduate activities within an appointment term. These activities include but are not limited to chairing or appraising an oral exam, teaching, judging, and/or committee membership.

Faculty Recognition Award for Strong/Exceptional Mentorship

This faculty recognition award is presented to IMS faculty members for their exceptional contribution to graduate mentorship over 5 years.

Triologic Thesis

Congratulations to **Dr. Trung Le** on having his Triologic thesis accepted and receiving the **Honorable Mention Award for Basic Science**. This is a significant milestone in his career! You are a great role model of an academic surgeon who is making a difference for our department and specialty.

Congratulations to **Dr. John de Almeida** on having his Triologic thesis accepted by the Triological Society Council. He was inducted as a Fellow in the Society at their annual ceremony held on Friday, April 29th at 7:00 am during the 124th Annual Meeting at COSM at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas.

Congratulations to **Dr. Antoine Eskander** on having his Triologic thesis accepted and receiving the Maureen Hannley Award (outstanding alternative science category).



Dr. Trung Le



Dr. John de Almeida



Dr. Antoine Eskander

2022-2023 Chief Resident

Dr. Amr Hamour was elected by his co-residents to serve as the 2022-2023 chief resident for the department. Congratulations Amr! Your strong leadership and advocacy skills have been recognized by your peers. We look forward to working with you in your new role as Chief Resident.

We would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank **Dr. Jennifer Siu** for her service as 2021-2022 Chief Resident. Dr. Siu diligently and effectively served the residents and Department over the past year. Thank you, Jennifer, for your hard work and numerous contributions!



Dr. Amr Hamour



Dr. Jennifer Siu

Congratulations to **Garret Horton (PGY2) & Hannah Thomasy** who celebrated their nuptials on May 23, 2022.

Congratulations!



Christopher Noel officially defended his PhD thesis on April 6, 2022 at IHPME. The director of the program (Jill Tinmouth), his external examiner (Joe Dort), internal examiner (Toni Zhong) and his thesis committee (Natalie Coburn, Rinku Sutradhar, Lesley Gotlib Conn and Tony Eskander) asked some very challenging questions.

His written thesis, oral presentation and response to questions were all exceptional. The committee including the chair of the examination commented that this was one of the best PhD thesis defence talks they have ever heard. Each component chapter of the thesis received particularly high comments from the methodological experts. This speaks to Chris' attention to detail, ability to embrace multiple very different methodologies (systematic review, population-based data, machine learning and qualitative research) and very hard work over the last nearly 3 years. We are all very proud of you. Congratulations Chris!!



Dr. Christopher Noel

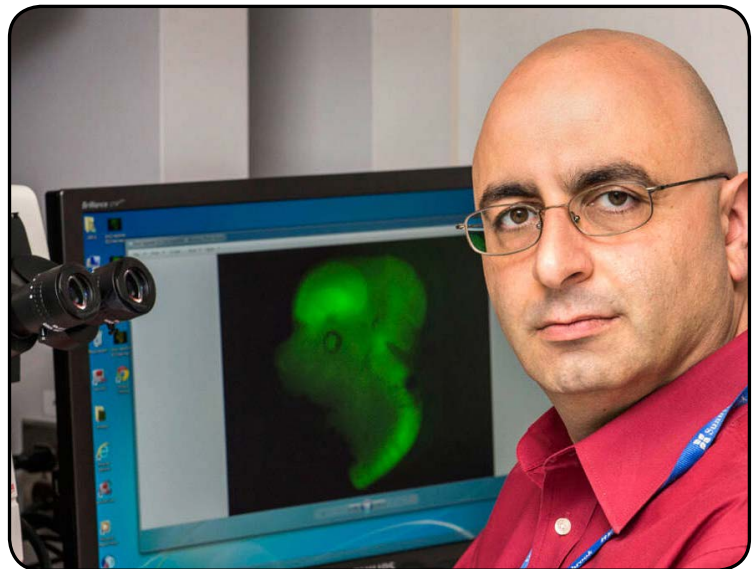
Honorary Degree

Dr. Patrick Gullane received an honorary degree in Science (DSc) from Western University on June 17, 2022.



Promotion

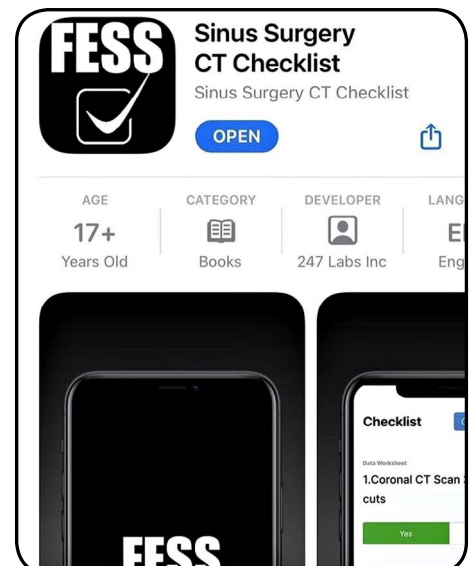
Our congratulations to **Dr. Alain Dabdoub** who was successful in achieving promotion to full professor, his new status is effective July 1, 2022



Dr. Alain Dabdoub

Surgical Checklist App

Surgical checklists have proven to be a useful tool to help minimize intra-operative misadventure. For sinus surgery, this app may be helpful for trainees/surgeons to identify key anatomical structures on the pre-op CT (with sample images too).



Celebration for Ian Witterick - June 29, 2022

Celebration for Ian Witterick as he steps down as chair of our department (2012-2022). A huge thank you to all the residents, fellows, faculty, alumni and friends who attended the celebration on June 29, 2022.



30th Annual Percy Ireland Dinner

After 2 years we were all glad to be in person again for the Percy Ireland Academic Dinner and Day. The dinner was held at the Royal Sonesta on Thursday May 5, 2022 and the research day was held in the Myhal Auditorium on Friday May 6, 2022. Our very own Dr. Patrick Gullane was the Percy Ireland Orator and Dr. Robert Harrison was our Guest of Honour. Thank you to both!



Justin Cottrell (Right)

Danny Enepekides (Right)

Trung Le (Right)

Yvonne Chan (Left)



Resident Teacher
of the Year

Resident Advocacy
Award

Faculty Teacher
of the Year

Distinguish Alumnus
Award

PERCY IRELAND DINNER & ACADEMIC DAY AWARDS, May 5 & 6, 2022

Best Paper Category 1

Dr. Jackie Ogier

Best Paper Category 2

Dr. Justine Philteos and Dr. Lily Wang

Best Paper Category 3

Dr. Dongho (Brian) Shin

Best Paper Category 4

Dr. Vincent Wu

Best Paper Category 5

Dr. M Demir Bajin

Chapnik, Freeman & Friedberg Clinical Scientist Program Award

Dr. Joel Davies

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. Yvonne Chan

Faculty Teacher of the Year

Dr. Trung Le

Fellow Teacher of the Year

Dr. Mirko Manojlovic Kolarski

Freda Noyek Otolaryngology Merit Award

Dr. Vincent Wu

Dr. Ian Witterick Research Award in Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery – Best Overall

Dr. Christopher Noel

Dr. Ian Witterick Research Award in Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery

Dr. Jackie Ogier

Judy Chauvin Otolaryngology Resident Award

Dr. Justine Philteos

Kris Conrad Merit Award in Facial Plastic Surgery

Dr. Hedyeh Ziai

Nimek Otolaryngology Award

Dr. Adam Kwinter

Raymond H.W. Ng Graduate Award

Ms. Bahar Golbon

Raymond H.W. Ng PhD Award

Ms. Melissa Hazen

Resident Advocate Award

Dr. Danny Enepekides

Resident Teacher of the Year

Dr. Justin Cottrell

Shiley E. O. Pelausa Award

Dr. Dongho (Brian) Shin

The Wharton Head & Neck Research Award

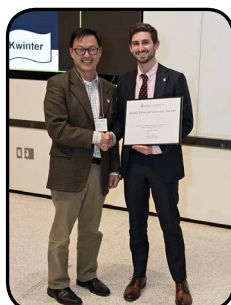
Dr. Christopher Noel

Dr. Wilfred Goodman award in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Dr. Corliss Best

Alma Smitheringale Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award

Dr. Eric Monteiro

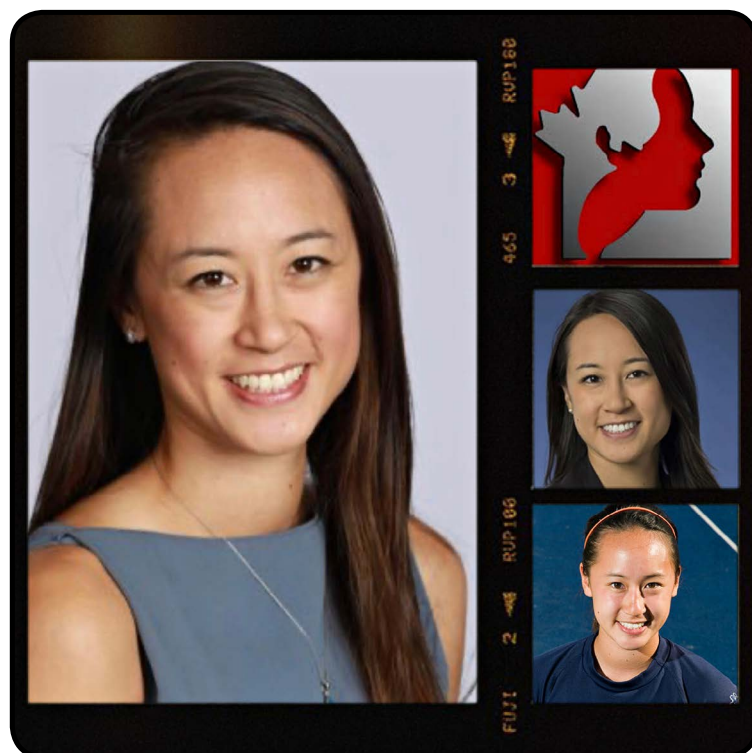


Postgraduate Education

We had another very successful CaRMS Match on April 12, 2022 led by incredible Program Director, Dr. Paolo Campisi. Thank you so much to all of our faculty and residents who generously gave their time to participate in the information sessions, morning welcome, interviews and social event. A special thank you to all the individuals who helped on the CaRMS Selection Committee (Drs. Yvonne Chan, Janet Chung, John de Almeida, Everton Gooden, Marc Levin, Chantal Li, Vincent Lin, Eric Monteiro, Brian Shin, Jennifer Siu, Ian Witterick, Weining Yang, Hedyeh Ziai), to Gianluca Sampieri who helped welcome our candidates throughout the day and, of course, Andrea Donovan for keeping us all organized. On match day, we were so pleased to welcome Emily Cheng, Nicole Crimi, Hugh Kim and Jake Wihlidal (see next page).



Congratulations to **Dr. Jennifer Siu** on being awarded a \$25K COHNS Fund Fellowship Grant. She will be starting her Pediatric OHNS Fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital this July.



Incoming PGY1s - Welcome to the Department



Emily Yiqin Cheng
University of Toronto



Nicole Crimi
McMaster University



Hugh Kim
Western University



Jacob Wihlidal
Western University

Incoming Fellows - Welcome to the Department



Khaloud Al Bahri
Sultan Qaboos University



Abeer Alali
Kuwait University



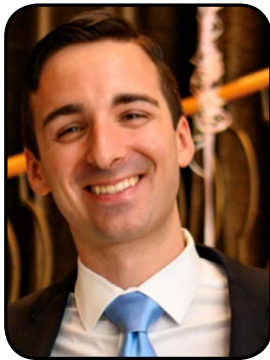
Mohammad Alomani
Kuwait University



Aseel Osama Doubi
King Saud University



Jianli (Samantha) Goh
King's College, London



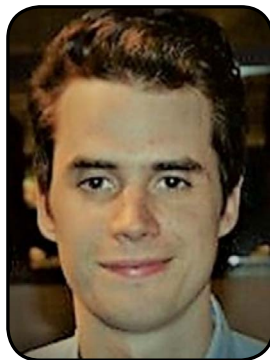
Michael Hajek
Yale University



Mohammed Abdulkader Jomah
King Saud University



Rohan Joshi
Johns Hopkins University



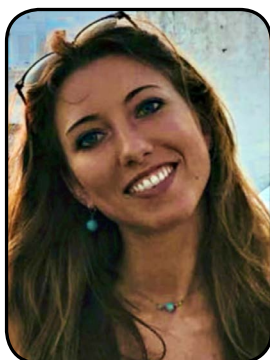
Tiarnan Magos
King's College, London



Robert Mcleod
University Of Wales



Esmat Najjar
Grigore T. Popa University



Alessandra Ruaro
University Of Verona



Joaquin Ignacio Ulloa Suarez
University of Concepcion



Omer Yaacov Ungar
Semmelweis Medical University

Graduation Ceremony - June 16, 2022

Congratulations to all our Residents and Fellows! Thank you for all that you have done for our department and patients.



Graduation Ceremony - June 16, 2022



Dohlman Medal

Dr. Sharon Cushing gave the inaugural Dohlman Lecture on Friday May 15, 2020 entitled "Hearing and Balance: What Cochlear Implants Have Taught Us About the Developing Vestibular System"

Sharon was presented with the Dohlman medal on June 16, 2022. The Dohlman Award is an endowment fund within our department, established in 1974 to promote interest and activity in vestibular physiology, through the presentation of a gold medal to the researcher who has made the most outstanding contribution to basic vestibular research and solutions to challenging problems.



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and OMA Annual Otolaryngology –
Head & Neck Surgery Section Meeting

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 2022**

8:30 AM – 3:35 PM

Via Zoom



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Faculty Retirement

Dr. Jerry Chapnik retiring after 60 years in practice at Mt. Sinai Hospital/Sinai Health, Toronto! An inspiring colleague, fantastic clinician/surgeon and excellent educator. "Live long and prosper". We will miss you!



International Outreach

Sioux Lookout Outreach – Eric Monteiro, Drs. Paolo Campisi, Christopher Hong and Vincent Lin March 27 – April 2, 2022



Face The Future Moves Forward in 2022

For the first time in three years, Face The Future Foundation was able to hold its annual friend-raising and fundraising event, Chrysalis 2022. This year's evening of celebration took place in the The Round Room at The Carlu on June 1, hosting 240 guests and friends of Face The Future. More than \$100,000 raised for the Foundation's humanitarian surgical missions in developing countries.

The evening featured silent and live auctions. The silent auction included a donated gift of art titled "Face for the Future" by PGY1 resident Nicole Crimi. The live auction was overseen by the evening's Master of Ceremonies, John Moore of News Talk 1010, for vacations in Newfoundland and the Caribbean. Both auctions were extremely successful.

The evening's guest speaker was Dr. Jeremy Warner, a plastic surgeon and previous clinical fellow of Dr. Adamson's, now practising in Chicago. Dr. Warner is Mission Director for the Kathmandu, Nepal Mission to the Kirtipur Cleft and Burn Hospital. He spoke about the mission's work with acute burn patients, congenital and traumatic facial deformities, and upper extremity deformities.

Chrysalis 2022 was privileged to have the support and attendance of many loyal friends, including numerous physicians and members of our Department of OHNS, including our new Chairman, Dr. Danny Enepekides.

Face the Future is now planning a mission focussing on oromaxillofacial deformities to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in November this year. Missions will be continued to Kathmandu, Nepal and Kigali, Rwanda in early 2023.

The last two years have created unique challenges for every person and organization. It is heartening to



Dr. Peter Adamson & Jeremy Warner



Dr. Peter Adamson

once again look forward enthusiastically to mounting surgical missions to developing countries. The opportunity to decrease the global surgical burden through surgical care and the education of surgeons, nurses and anaesthesiologists beckons.

Face the Future begins its 27th year providing more hope and achieving greater impact.

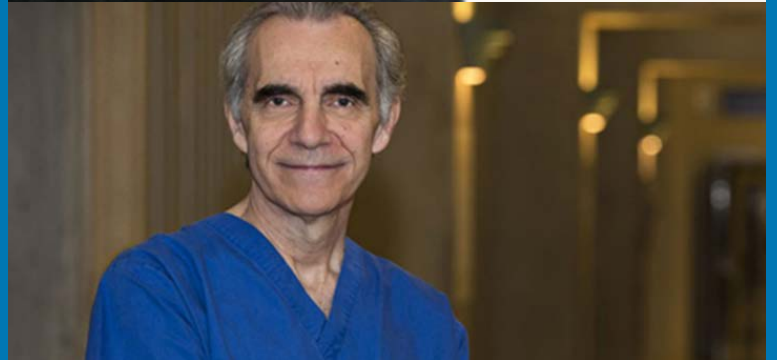
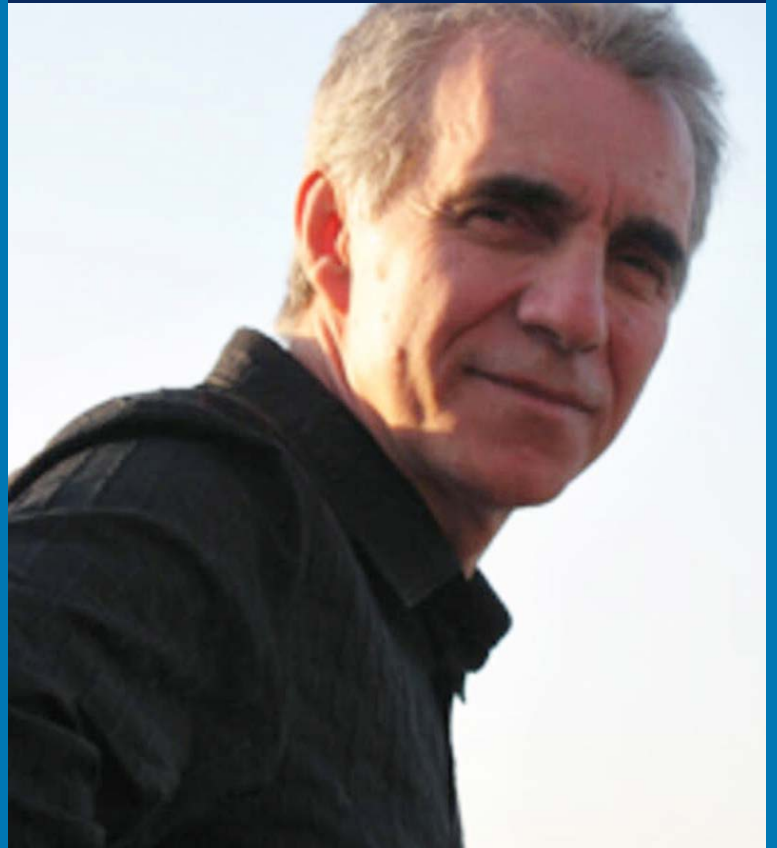
Peter A. Adamson, OOnt, MD, FRCS, FACS
President and Founder
Face the Future Foundation

In Memorium

Dr. Fred Gentili in the Division of Neurosurgery and cross-appointed to our department, died on Saturday January 15th, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

Fred was an amazing surgeon, mentor, innovator, teacher, colleague and friend to so many in our department. He was a pioneer in open and endoscopic anterior skull base surgery and translated his knowledge nationally and internationally.

Fred, may you rest easy in grace and love.



Have a great SUMMER!

Stay Safe & Stay Well



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