



DIVISION OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

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2017 Monthly update Newsletter

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1. Dr. Harpreet Sangha promoted to Assistant Professor

Congratulations are extended to Harp Sangha who was promoted to Assistant Professor effective January 1, 2017. This promotion serves as a tribute to Dr. Sangha's academic achievements since his appointment to the faculty, especially his remarkable effectiveness as an educator. Dr. Sangha's educational contributions have been much appreciated not only at the University of Toronto but nationally as well, including at the CAPM&R and at the National Review Course in PM&R. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Sangha who can be reached at: Harpreet.sangha@uhn.ca.



2. U of T residency program in PM&R

The U of T residency program in PM&R is very popular amongst resident applications. This year, we had a very successful CaRMS interview day on January 17, 2017. We had 33 applications for our three available positions and we were delighted to interview 25 very strong applicants. As a special treat for us, the residents presented a five minute PowerPoint talk on a subject of their choice. One applicant talked about coal mining, one about applying make-up, and one about how airplanes generate lift, for example. Our residents did an outstanding job of highlighting our program with a social event the night before and an excellent talk and video on our program during the day of the interviews; special thanks are extended to Ida Cavaliere for her presentation and Rebecca Titman for her producing, directing and cinematography skills. During the downtime, Ida also trialed a Family Feud game amongst the applicants which will ultimately be used at the CAPM&R meeting in May 2017. If she is not careful, Ida may be called on by President Trump to serve in the upcoming housing and urban development leadership along with Steve Harvey and neurosurgeon, Ben Carson. We also extend very special thanks to Tracia Young who expertly organized the day and to Dr. Lisa Becker who lead the process and the ranking in a very inclusive and thoughtful way. The rank list will be submitted shortly and we will hear who our new residents are in March 2017.



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3. Would you like to have a great quality day on February 17th
If you would like to have a great Quality Day on February 17th, please be sure to come to the Division Quality Day at the TRI University Centre, Basement, Lecture Theatre. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Irfan Dhalla who is a general internist at St. Michael's Hospital and VP Evidence, Development & Standards, Health Quality Ontario. You will also hear several of our Division faculty and residents talk about the exciting quality improvement they have been engaged in at both the macro and microsystem levels. Dr. Alex Lo is leading Quality Day for us and can be reached at: alexander.lo@uhn.ca.
4. Faculty retreat on February 10th
In accordance with our strategic plan initiative to enhance our ability to assist residents who may be encountering difficulty, we have scheduled a workshop on Residents in Difficulty on February 10, 2017 from 9:00am to 12 noon at St. John's Rehab, Grasett Hall. This will be led by Melissa Hynes, Dawn Martin, and Adrienne Fung from the U of T PGYME office. It will cover the process for working with residents who may be having difficulties and resources that are available as well as address how we can improve our ability to give direct feedback. We strongly encourage faculty members to attend this workshop which you have likely already heard about through Save the Date announcements and RSVP requests. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to nancy.riley@sunnybrook.ca.
5. Would you like some pointers on how to give a more effective large group presentation?
Dr. Alex Lo recently sent us the link (below) from an excellent talk on how to give a more effective large group presentation titled, "It's the singer not the song." This video is both entertaining and very useful. Please feel free to access the link below. This video teaches people how to get excellent evaluations even when they know nothing about the topic they are lecturing on (we do not recommend that you attempt this on your own).

<http://webcast.otn.ca/mywebcast?id=45828437>
6. Faculty seminar series
There are a number of interesting faculty seminars to be given by the Department of Medicine in the upcoming months. I encourage you to look through this list and see if there are any that might be of interest. I know that Dr. Ed Etchells is an excellent speaker on time management but all of the speakers listed below are excellent.

Upcoming Department of Medicine Faculty Seminar Series:

January 31, 2017 - Citizenship by Dr. Gillian Hawker, Sir John and Lady Eaton Professor and Chair of Medicine - [RSVP](#)

February 28, 2017 - Documenting your Teaching Impact by Dr. Martin Schreiber - [RSVP](#)

March 21, 2017 - Research Funding and Administration by Clare Mitchell and Joanna King - [RSVP](#)

April 26, 2017 - Authorship and Mentorship by Dr. Michael Farkouh, Vice-Chair, Research - [RSVP](#)

May 24, 2017 - Time Management by Dr. Ed Etchells - [RSVP](#)

June 21, 2017 - Crafting your CPA Story by Dr. Catherine Yu & Dr. Brian Wong, Director, Continuing Education & Quality Improvement - [RSVP](#)

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7. Larry Robinson finds a frozen friend

Recently, while cross country skiing near Collingwood, Larry Robinson sat down at a bench and noted a very friendly beaver sitting next to him. The beaver was not aggressive and may have actually been frozen because he didn't really move very much.



Please let me know if you have items or news to add to the Newsletter. Please also don't forget to check out our Facebook page.

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