

Division of Rheumatology

General News

Educational Events

I would like to thank Drs Arthur Bookman and Robert Rottapel and the Planning Committee for arranging the inaugural **City Wide Rheumatology Rounds**. Formal and informal feedback has been very positive and bodes well that this will be an excellent educational initiative for our faculty.

Upcoming Formal Faculty Education Events

Intra-City conference (ICC) - Tuesday, April 10th, 2018, (8-9am)
Hospital for Sick Children Auditorium
The Abraham Shore Visiting Professor

*(This presentation had been "promised" long before we decided to change our format.
It is the last official ICC)*

Earl Silverman Tribute and Education Day – Sunday, April 29th, 2018
Advances in Childhood Rheumatic Diseases
Westin Harbour Castle
(registration info has been circulated previously)

2nd City Wide Rheumatology Rounds – Friday, May 18th, 2018 (8:00-12:30pm)
BMO Centre at Toronto Western Hospital
Theme: Synovitis

Ogryzlo Research Day – Tuesday, June 26, 2018 (12:30-5pm)
St Andrew's Conference Centre
Visiting Speaker: Dr Soumya Raychaudhuri
Harvard Medical School
(details to follow)

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Recent Awards

While we have announced these already as they became known, I would like to continue to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contributions that our faculty make locally, nationally and internationally. Kudo to our most recent awardees:

March 2018

Dafna Gladman – *2018 Carol Nachman Prize for Outstanding Innovative Research Activities in the Field of Rheumatology*

February 2018

Shirley (Chow) Lake and Natasha Gakhal – *Canadian Rheumatology Association Practice Reflection Gold Award 2018*

January 2018

Dafna Gladman – *CIHR project grant [susceptibility factors for arthritis in patients with psoriasis: transcriptomic studies]*

Robert Rottapel – *CIHR grant with Dr. Angela Cheung (PI) [clinical and genetic risk factors for atypical femoral fracture]*

Natasha Gakhal, Amanda Steiman, Shirley (Chow) Lake and Jessica Widdifield – *Pfizer Chair in Research Award [rheumatology serology testing in Ontario]*

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Administrative Support

Welcome to Jennifer (Jenni) Wang, our new Program Coordinator. Jenni has accepted this full time, permanent position and will provide administrative support to Dana Jerome (the rheumatology training program) and to Heather McD-B (the divisional needs). You may have met her at our recent City Wide Rheumatology Rounds – quite a way to start her first week.

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PGY 4's

Good Luck to all of our PGY4's who wrote their INTERNAL MEDICINE exams in late March and will be doing the clinical component (the OSCE) during the week of May 7-11, 2018.

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Updates

Awards Season

Please be reminded that the Division will be seeking nominations for our various awards – to be presented at Ogryzlo Day-Evening. Formal announcements, along with the award criteria will be coming in May.

Dafna Gladman Award

Community Rheumatologist Award

Jerry Tenenbaum Teaching Award (new this year)

This award will be recognizing dedication and excellence in teaching in our junior faculty – those within the first 10 years of their appointment to our division.

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Fellowship Review

On January 28th, 2018 – all of our fellowship training programs underwent a mini-Royal College style review by Dr Cheryl Jaigobin, the Director of Postgraduate Fellowship Program for the Department of Medicine. Not surprisingly, our programs were given a glowing review. Congratulations and thanks to all of our supervisors for their commitment to excellence.

Vasculitis Fellowship: Drs Carette and Pagnoux

Lupus Fellowships: Drs Urowitz, Gladman, Sanchez-Guerrero and Touma

Psoriatic Arthritis Fellowships: Drs Gladman and Chandran

Scleroderma Fellowship: Drs Johnson and Ahmad

Rheumatoid Arthritis Fellowship: Dr Keystone

General Rheumatology Fellowship: Dr Jerome

Spondyloarthritis Fellowship: Dr Inman and Haroun

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Myositis Fellowship

Dr Ophir Vinik has developed a 3 month myositis fellowship aimed at providing in-depth training in inflammatory myopathy assessment and treatment for senior rheumatology residents and fellows. Please contact Ophir directly for further details.

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Update from the Divisional Executive

Committee Membership

The Exec Committee welcomes:

Lori Albertwho has agreed to represent the educational needs of the division on the executive committee, specifically focusing on undergraduate and junior resident educational issues. This will complement Dana Jerome's input to the committee regarding the rheumatology residency program and HMB's input regarding the overview of fellowship programs.

Mary Bell....who has accepted the position as Faculty Lead- Mentorship. She will be working with a small committee to learn more about the needs of our division in order to help facilitate career development and career transition for all members. Watch for further details regarding Mary's plans for assessing mentorship needs for our division

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Recruitment

A position for a Clinician Teacher has been posted by Drs Sanchez Guerrero and McDonald-Blumer. Applications close April 5th, 2018. Interviews will take place in late April/May. It is anticipated that the new CT recruit will be able to begin as of July 1, 2018 – based at Mt Sinai Hospital.

The Division of Rheumatology Website: The link for the website is: [rheumatology webpage](#).