

# Department of Medicine **ANNUAL DAY**

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

#DoMAAnnualDay



We would like to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.



# Gillian Hawker

## Welcome

To say this has been an unprecedented year so far would be an incredible understatement.

Perhaps more than ever, we need to take time to celebrate the contributions of our trainees and faculty over the past year. Many of you have played an integral role at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing infection control guidance and patient care in emergency departments, ICUs and in-patient wards. In just a few short months, you have shifted your practices to respond nimbly and courageously to the most acute health threat that many of us will see in our careers.

Although the format for Annual Day is different this year, today is a celebration of not only our annual departmental awards and promotions, but also your immeasurable impact as clinicians, researchers, teachers, educators and quality innovators.

To our faculty members, trainees, colleagues, staff and donors, thank you for everything that you do and for all of your support.

**Gillian Hawker**

*Sir John & Lady Eaton Professor and Chair of Medicine*

# Annual Day Agenda

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Medicine is hosting the 2020 Annual Day virtually.

**12:00 - 12:30 p.m.**

**WELCOME, CITY-WIDE MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS, ANNUAL DAY  
ADDRESS & SENIOR PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Gillian Hawker

**12:30 - 1:20 p.m.**

**VICE-CHAIRS' ADDRESS & AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Drs. Arno Kumagai, Michael Farkouh, Kaveh Shojania and  
Lisa Richardson

**1:20 - 1:30 p.m.**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Gillian Hawker

# Introducing the Michael Gordon Award for Humanism in Medicine



*Professor Emeritus Michael Gordon*

The Department of Medicine's recently established Award for Humanism in Medicine is now known as the Michael Gordon Award for Humanism in Medicine. Named after **Professor Emeritus Michael Gordon**, this award has been renamed recognition of Dr. Gordon's exceptional leadership in bridging physician and family roles in the development of best care practice for patients, and the profound impact he has had on how medicine is practiced.

The Department of Medicine's top priority is to ensure patients and their families, and their experiences, drive our work. The fundamental principles of "person-centeredness" are open communication, mutual respect, and emotional connection between physicians and their patients, which was typified in Dr. Gordon's work.

This annual award aims to recognize faculty members who exemplify a deep and abiding commitment to humanism in health care. Humanism is understood to be an acknowledgment of other human beings as individuals with autonomy, unique backgrounds, values, and perspectives, and a commitment to address issues of inclusion, equity, and social justice.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients, Drs. **Sivakumar Gulasingam** and **Liesly Lee**.

# Awards



## EATON SCHOLAR RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR (BASIC SCIENCE)

# Mansoor Husain

Dr. Mansoor Husain is a Cardiologist at UHN, Director of the Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research and a Professor of Medicine at U of T. He was the gold medalist in Medicine at University of Alberta, completed a rotating internship, Internal Medicine, Chief Medical and Cardiology residencies at St. Michael's and Toronto General Hospitals, and then the Joint Program in Nuclear Medicine at Harvard, while completing a four-year postdoctoral research fellowship in the Program of Excellence in Cardiovascular Biology at MIT.

Mansoor has held CIHR Clinician Scientist and HSF Career Investigator Awards, a Premier's Research Excellence Award and uninterrupted peer-reviewed operating grants over his entire career. He was previously recognized with the Clinical Research Society and Allen Bruce Robertson Young Investigator Awards. Mansoor's research aims to identify therapeutic targets involved in the pathophysiology of cardiovascular disease. His truly bench-to-clinical trials approach has improved our understanding of the cardiovascular mechanisms of GLP-1 and related diabetes drugs.



## EATON SCHOLAR RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR (CLINICAL)

# Paula Rochon

Dr. Paula Rochon is a geriatrician and vice-president of research at Women's College Hospital. She is a professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and was appointed the inaugural RTOERO Chair in Geriatric Medicine at U of T.

Dr. Rochon's research focuses on understanding the unique needs of older adults, particularly older women, and promotes their health and wellness. She has contributed to our understanding of aging and its impact both on individual patients and the healthcare system. These contributions include highlighting the need to consider sex, gender and age in research so that results are more relevant to older women and men, and tailoring prescribing strategies to reduce adverse drug events.

Dr. Rochon has a strong record of federal funding and has published more than 300 papers in peer-reviewed journals. She has received several research distinctions, including being elected to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.





## DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

# David Tang-Wai

Dr. David Tang-Wai is an associate professor in Neurology and Geriatric Medicine at the University of Toronto. He is the co-director of the University Health Network Memory Clinic and was most recently the program director of the Adult Neurology Residency Program at U of T. He is also an active member of the Toronto Dementia Research Alliance.

Dr. Tang-Wai has received multiple teaching awards and nominations from undergraduate and postgraduate trainees. His research interests include the progressive aphasias, the atypical presentations of Alzheimer's disease – especially posterior cortical atrophy, normal pressure hydrocephalus, and the autoimmune encephalitis.



## ROBERT HYLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP

### Srikala Sridhar

“Dr. Sridhar exemplifies the essence of an excellent mentor. She is always available and approachable to discuss clinical cases and research ideas. Her insight and expertise in her field is a tremendous asset, and she is always willing to share her expertise, locally and beyond.” - Di Maria Jiang

“I am overwhelmed by how impactful Dr. Sridhar has been in helping me navigate my path to a faculty position. She is a very strong role model of a successful clinician and researcher, and I honestly believe it is in Dr. Sridhar’s nature to be a generous and supportive mentor.”  
- Long Nguyen

“Dr. Sridhar has always made herself available to me and other mentees and has provided candid, pragmatic and sincere advice. I feel that she is extremely deserving of this prestigious award.”  
- Abhijat Kitchlu



## DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AWARD IN QUALITY & INNOVATION

### Peter Rossos

Dr. Peter Rossos's contributions have been recognized nationally and internationally for innovation and leadership. His focus is on collaboration, research, training and mentorship to advance access, quality and safety of care through information technologies.

As a practicing academic physician, Dr. Rossos's work addresses difficult challenges related to complex clinical care. Initiating UHN Telehealth in 2003, he pioneered interprovincial telehealth, portable telehealth workstations, complex telehomecare, and innovative approaches to clinical case conferences and educational rounds.

He was a clinical leader in one of the largest CPOE initiatives, UHN medication management (MOE/MAR) 2004-2006, and served as Clinical Co-Lead for ConnectingGTA between 2010 and 2016, a regional electronic health record for seven million people and cornerstone in the Ontario digital health strategy. Peter was an invited expert speaker on eHealth and Telemedicine in the Canadian House of Commons and was appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Board of Directors of eHealth Ontario in January 2016.



## **MICHAEL GORDON AWARD FOR HUMANISM IN MEDICINE**

# Sivakumar Gulasingam

Dr. Sivakumar Gulasingam is a staff physiatrist attached to the Toronto Rehab Brain & Spinal Cord and Cardiovascular Rehabilitation Programs. He is a Clinician Teacher and an Assistant Professor at the Department of Medicine, University of Toronto. His clinical expertise includes SCI rehabilitation, para-sports and spasticity.

He is the Examination Lead for the Division of PM&R and the National PM&R Resident Review Course, International Rehabilitation Chair for Canadian Association of PM&R and CAPM&R national representative to ISPRM. He is also a National Para-Athletics Classification Trainer, Head of Classification of Wheel-Dance Canada and an international Paralympics official with the World Para-Athletics and World Para-Dance.

During his 20-year medical career, his passion to help the underprivileged has led him to work with civil war and Asian Tsunami victims, and disabled war veterans in Sri Lanka. He is continuing this passion through his work with people with physical disabilities in Canada.



## MICHAEL GORDON AWARD FOR HUMANISM IN MEDICINE

### Liesly Lee

Dr. Liesly Lee is a consultant neurologist in the Department of Medicine at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

He completed his training in Neurology at the University of Toronto in 1997 and completed one year of Fellowship training in Multiple Sclerosis.

Academically, he has been actively involved in the Neurology teaching program in both the undergraduate and graduate levels at the university for the past two decades. He has been the director of the Sunnybrook MS Clinic since 2000.

His interests include clinical phenomenology in neurology, advancing treatments in Multiple Sclerosis and developing neurology care in the developing world, especially in Africa. His mentors have included Drs. John Wherrett and Trevor Gray, who have been role models for dedicated and astute patient care and the art of practicing neurology in a thoughtful and compassionate manner.



## HONORARY AWARD FOR HUMANISM IN MEDICINE

# Marie Faughnan

When Dr. Marie Faughnan first heard that that Dr. Robert Stewart, the husband of her colleague Dr. Margaret Herridge, needed a liver donor, her first thought was, “someone must do this.” It didn’t take long for Marie to decide that she could be that donor.

Robert and his family had been managing through Robert’s liver failure, deteriorating health and search for a living liver donor for months after Rob became sick following the side effects of the antibiotics prescribed for a snake bite he received in Southeast Asia. Marie had known Robert and Margaret for years, all of them working at St. Michael’s Hospital and Marie and Margaret colleagues in the Department of Medicine.

Marie, Margaret and Robert shared their story at the 2019 Annual Day when Margaret won the Clinical Researcher of the Year Award. It is the story of how a member of the Department’s selfless actions had tremendous outcomes for her colleagues. In recognition of this, the Department of Medicine has the privilege of presenting an Honorary Humanitarian Award to Dr. Marie Faughnan.



## **WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN EDUCATION**

### **Esther Bui**

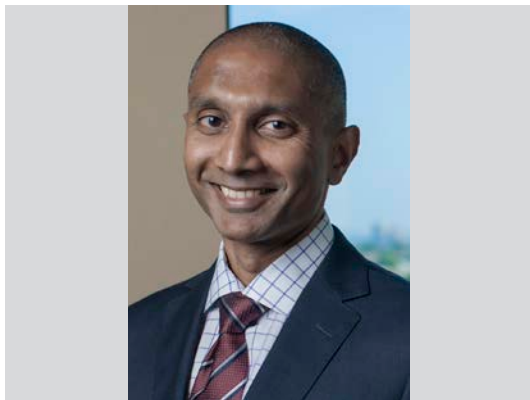
Dr. Esther Bui is the director of the University of Toronto's Epilepsy Fellowship, co-director of the Women's Neurology Fellowship and co-director of Education, Krembil Brain Institute. She is a member of the Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiology (CSCN) and served on the executive board of the CSCN from 2012 to 2017. She is currently serving on the executive committee of the Canadian League Against Epilepsy. Her clinical interest lies in advancing the care of epilepsy, particularly focused on gender issues and pregnancy. In education, her interest is on real-time teaching assessment tools and EEG learning using game theory.



## **WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN TEACHING**

### **David Frost**

Dr. David Frost is an Associate Professor and clinician-teacher in the Department of Medicine. He has been the Clinical Teaching Unit Director at Toronto Western since 2012 and GIM Site Director since 2014. His clinical work is mainly on the GIM Clinical Teaching Units, where he is an accomplished clinical teacher, as well as an innovative GIM clinic embedded in the Toronto Western Family Health Team. His academic work includes point-of-care ultrasound, predicting hospital admission, and most recently founding and running the HoPingKong Workshop in Complex Medicine, a CME event on diagnostic reasoning, managing uncertainty and rare conditions.



## **WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN RESEARCH**

### **Harindra Wijesundera**

Dr. Harindra Wijesundera is an interventional cardiologist and clinician scientist at the Schulich Heart Center at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center. He is the director of research for the Division of Cardiology, a senior scientist at Sunnybrook Research Institute and an adjunct senior scientist at ICES. His clinical practice is focused on transcatheter aortic valve implantation and coronary chronic total occlusions. His research program focuses on health technology assessments in cardiovascular disease using decision analytic models, which are populated and validated using real-world administrative data for both clinical outcomes and health care costs.



## **WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN QUALITY & INNOVATION**

### **Geetha Mukerji**

A Clinician in QI, Dr. Geetha Mukerji has promoted high-value care through stewardship initiatives that have been scaled across various institutions, developed and evaluated multiple innovative ambulatory care models, and improved the quality of delivery of care for patients with diabetes, particularly among vulnerable populations in pregnancy and young adults with type 1 diabetes. She co-lead the development of an ambulatory balanced scorecard of quality indicators for diabetes care. She is also the co-evaluation lead of Women College Hospital's Virtual Strategy and spearheaded the efforts to obtain Level 1 recognition of WCH as a Choosing Wisely Canada Hospital Site.





## **WILLIAM GOLDIE AWARD IN QUALITY & INNOVATION**

### **Samir Sinha**

Dr. Samir Sinha is the Director of Geriatrics at Sinai Health System and the University Health Network in Toronto, and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is also the Director of Health Policy Research at Ryerson University's National Institute on Ageing.

A Rhodes Scholar, Samir is a highly regarded clinician and international expert in the care of older adults. He has consulted and advised governments and health care organizations around the world and is the Architect of the Government of Ontario's Seniors Strategy.

# Academy of Master Clinicians



# Michelle Hladunewich

## Nephrology

At Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Dr. Michelle Hladunewich has developed a clinical and research program in women's health and rare glomerular diseases, garnering a national and international reputation. She is an accomplished educator and has taught extensively locally, nationally and internationally. However, her most important priority will always be patient care. Dr. Hladunewich is a recognized expert in the diagnosis and management of kidney disease in pregnancy as well as glomerulonephritis.

Over the years, Dr. Hladunewich built the largest Pregnancy and Kidney Disease (PreKid) clinic in both Canada and the world. Within this multidisciplinary clinic shared with Maternal Fetal Medicine, she manages over 100 very high-risk pregnancies annually and consults across the globe. A similar model of multidisciplinary care has now been applied to patients with severe forms of glomerulonephritis. In recognition of her staunch patient advocacy and very dedicated patient care, she was recently awarded both the Human Touch Award by Cancer Care Ontario and the 2019 CPSO Council Award. She is presently the Physician in Chief at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and is the Ontario Renal Network Medical Lead for Glomerulonephritis and Specialty Clinics.



# Liesly Lee

## Neurology

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# Ophyr Mourad

## General Internal Medicine

Dr. Ophyr Mourad is a full time Clinician Teacher in the Division of General Internal Medicine at St. Michael's Hospital. He holds a Master's Degree from the Department of Health Policy Management and Evaluation from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Mourad has held a number of leadership and educational positions which have included University of Toronto GIM Program Director, Divisional Director for the Division of GIM at St. Michael's Hospital, Ward Chief and Educational and Ambulatory Director.

He has a clinical interest in diagnostic challenges and is passionate about teaching and mentorship. He has received a number of teaching awards including the PARO award in 2004 and 2015, the Faculty of Medicine of Medicine W.T. Aikins Teaching Award in 2007, the St. Michael's Hospital Robert H. Hyland Teacher of the Year Award, the University of Toronto Department of Medicine Mentorship Award in 2015 and the St. Michael's Hospital Michael Ward Mentorship Award in 2016.



# Maria Zorzitto

## Geriatric Medicine

Over the past 40 years, Dr. Maria Zorzitto has been involved in clinical geriatrics, teaching and research in all settings of geriatric services in academic and community care. In the community she was the Medical Director of the West End Regional Geriatric Program at West Park Hospital. At St. Michael's Hospital, she has worked with a multidisciplinary team to establish the Geriatric Emergency Management Program, the Geriatric Trauma Service and the Acute Care of the Elderly Unit.

Throughout her career, she has taught and mentored numerous undergraduate and postgraduate students. She has challenged many of them who have been inspired and have taken up academic careers in geriatrics, particularly in Toronto. Some would say that “she demonstrates a passion for clinical medicine especially in the care of the frail elderly with complex multi-morbidities where often there is diagnostic uncertainty, and accepting the challenge of dealing with the uncertainty.” Others would express that she encouraged learners in a “heartfelt approach to patient care in a holistic way not only for the patients but for the caregivers.”

# Professors Emeriti

**MICHAEL GORDON** Geriatric Medicine

**HERBERT HO PING KONG** General Internal Medicine

**GARY LEVY** Gastroenterology & Hepatology

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE SENIOR PROMOTIONS**

**Full Professor**





# Anthony Burns

## Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Anthony Burns is an internationally respected expert in SCI rehabilitation and a pioneer in the use of intrathecal baclofen for the management of spinal cord spasticity in patients with SCI. He has played an important role in establishing guidelines for SCI in low-income countries and personally supervised the establishment of a SCI center in Haiti. As an invited member of the Advisory Committee for SCI Standards at Accreditation Canada, he contributed to the development of the first Canadian accreditation standards for SCI.



# An-Wen Chan

## Dermatology

Dr. Chan has two primary areas of scholarly focus: 1. Advancing the quality and transparency of clinical trials; and 2. Prevention and treatment of skin cancers.

His international reputation is based on his outstanding contributions to advancing the rigorous design, conduct, and reporting of clinical trials and to the diagnosis and management of skin cancer, especially in patients on immunosuppressive therapies post-organ transplantation. In recognition of his skin cancer research, he was appointed to the CIHR Advisory Board for the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis, serves as a member of the CIHR Health Services Research grant review panel and a Section Editor for Nature's Journal of Investigative Dermatology.



# David Cherney

## Nephrology

Dr. Cherney is recognized internationally as a leader in the area of diabetes-related renal and cardiovascular complications, and particularly the clinical and physiologic effects of SGLT-2 inhibition. He has been recognized for his research contributions through the receipt of several prestigious awards including the Diabetes Canada/CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes Young Scientist Award, the American Society of Nephrology Distinguished Researcher Award, and the Department of Medicine's William Goldie Prize and Travel Award for Research.



# Catharine Craven

## Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Catharine Craven is a leader of international repute in the field of SCI, particularly as it relates to the detection, prevention, and management of sub-lesional osteoporosis. She is a strong teacher and mentor who has contributed significantly at local, university, provincial, and international levels. Dr. Craven's research, mentorship, and teaching is recognized by her receipt of several notable awards, including the Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Award of Merit and the inaugural Mentor of the Year Award from the University of Toronto's Department of Medicine, Division of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.



# Laura Hawryluck

## Critical Care

Dr. Hawryluck's work explores new territory in the ethics and medico-legal aspects of end of life care in the ICU. She has done pioneering work in establishing standards of care for triage, allocation of scarce resources and end of life decision making in challenging ICU settings in the developing world. Dr. Hawryluck is currently appointed as the Critical Care Response Team Leader and Chair of the Toronto Western Hospital Acute Resuscitation Committee.



# Russell MacDonald

## Emergency Medicine

Dr. Russell MacDonald has achieved an international reputation in the field of prehospital transport medicine and emergency medical services. He has advanced the practice of his medical specialty through hands-on teaching of residents and fellows and numerous initiatives related to continuous quality improvement and patient safety.

Dr. MacDonald has been recognized for his research contributions through the receipt of several prestigious awards including the AAMS Barbara A. Hess Award for international impact in education and research, the AAMS Board Chairman's Award for promotion research, education, and safety initiative internationally, and the Air Medical Physicians' Association Distinguished Physician Award for his global leadership and impact, and lifetime achievement in the field of PTM.



# Lianne Singer

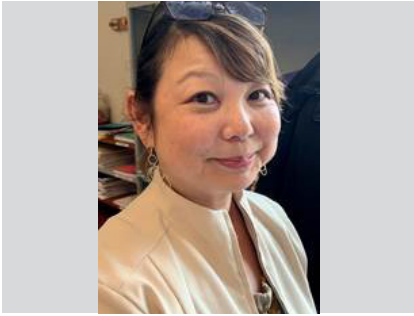
## Respiratory Medicine

Dr. Lianne Singer has demonstrated an impressive body of research in the area of Lung Transplantation, which has had tremendous impact. Her research has advanced safe and equitable practice in the provision of lung transplantation to individuals with advanced lung disease. Dr. Singer is currently a member of the Guidelines Committee of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the International and Inter-Society Coordinating Committee of the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation, and five local transplant program committees.

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE SENIOR PROMOTIONS**

**Associate Professor**





**Susanna Cheng**  
Medical Oncology

Dr. Susanna Cheng has made significant contributions to undergraduate and postgraduate educational curricula in Medical Oncology and has been recognized through the receipt of several prestigious teaching awards, including the Sunnybrook Department of Medicine Ambulatory Teaching Award, the Medical Oncology training program Outstanding Teacher Award, and the University Division of Medical Oncology Education Award.



**Urban Emmenegger**  
Medical Oncology

Dr. Emmenegger's scholarly focus is on improving the management of advanced cancers, particularly prostate cancer. His innovative research on the care and outcomes of patients with advanced prostate cancer has gained him national, if not international, reputation. He has also participated in the creation of consensus statements on the management of penile and small bladder carcinoma by the Genitourinary Medical Oncologists of Canada Group.



**Lorraine Kalia**  
Neurology

Dr. Lorraine Kalia is a neurologist and neuroscientist whose translational program of research in Parkinson's disease seeks to understand how dysfunction of molecular pathways causes neurodegeneration in order to advance biomarker and drug discovery. In addition to her research, Dr. Kalia has been recognized by students for her outstanding teaching and mentorship, with special emphasis on the important role she has played in reaching career goals.



**Jacques Lee**  
Emergency Medicine

Dr. Jacques Lee's research in geriatric emergency medicine has garnered a national and growing international reputation. His work has been important in developing tools to improve the quality of care and outcomes for elderly people receiving care in the emergency room. Dr. Lee is currently a staff physician in Emergency Medicine and Director of Research and Scholarly Activities at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.



**Heather MacNeill**  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Heather MacNeill has made major contributions to clinical and classroom-based teaching and interprofessional education. Dr. MacNeill's excellence in teaching has been recognized through high teaching effectiveness scores and several prestigious awards including the MD Program Teaching Excellence Award, the Excellence in Community Based Teaching Award, and the Fred Fallis Award of Excellence in Distance Education Award.



**James Maskalyk**  
Emergency Medicine

Dr. James Maskalyk has advanced the professional practice of Emergency Medicine through his leadership in the development and ongoing evolution of the TAAC-EM program. He has also garnered national and international recognition as an author and humanitarian. His work has had extraordinary impact in terms of a whole new generational of physicians in his specialty who are now practicing and leading EM across Ethiopia.



**Andrew McDonald**  
Emergency Medicine

Dr. Andrew McDonald is a recognized role model for teaching in the emergency department, particularly in the area of trauma resuscitation. He has also developed innovative educational programs to teach residents about emergency department administration, which has fostered leadership development in Emergency Medicine trainees. Dr. McDonald is highly regarded by his peers and students for his excellent teaching accomplishments.



**Andrea Page**  
Infectious Diseases

Dr. Andrea Page is a highly regarded teacher and educator and has been an inspirational mentor to many learners over the years. She has introduced and evaluated a number of educational innovations, some of which have been recognized with awards, in addition to working to change the local learning environment and culture. Dr. Page has received several prestigious teaching awards.



**Albiruni Razak**  
Medical Oncology

Dr. Albiruni Razak's scholarly endeavors are focused on the development of novel therapies for the treatment of sarcoma through advances in early phase trial methodology, developing platforms to better predict treatment efficacy, and the development of novel immune-therapies for sarcoma. He has established himself as a national and emerging international leader in sarcoma oncology and drug development. Dr. Razak is currently the Sarcoma Site Lead for Medical Oncology at Mount Sinai Hospital.



## Shane Shapera

### Respiratory Medicine

Dr. Shane Shapera is a devoted teacher who aims to create a supportive learning environment where teaching is incorporated into the daily workflow. Reflective of his passion for teaching, Dr. Shapera has received a remarkable 11 teaching awards since 2011. Dr. Shapera has also developed a number of teaching innovations in his area of clinical focus, interstitial lung disease (ILD), through his role as Director of the ILD Program at UHN.



## Santhosh Thyagu

### Hematology

Dr. Santhosh Thyagu is a passionate teacher and educator who has an exemplary level of knowledge and commitment to his field of malignant hematology. He has a well-articulated teaching philosophy that demonstrates attentiveness to the learning climate in facilitating high-quality clinical instruction. Dr. Thyagu's excellence in teaching is recognized by his receipt of several teaching awards.



## Zahi Touma

### Rheumatology

Dr. Zahi Touma has established a neuro-focused program of research in SLE designed to improve the assessment of cognitive function and other neuropsychiatric syndromes in SLE. The program has brought together a diverse multidisciplinary team of researchers that includes neurologists, psychiatrists, machine-learning analysts, advanced neuro-imagers, and stakeholders from Lupus Ontario, among others.



**Adam Weizman**  
Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Dr. Adam Weizman has made important contributions to quality of care improvement in gastroenterology with a particular emphasis on the care of patients with IBD. He has played an integral role in the development of clinical practice guidelines for physicians on the diagnosis and management of IBD. He is an excellent teacher and mentor both in his clinical discipline of gastroenterology and in the area of quality improvement.



**Thirumagal Yogaparan**  
Geriatric Medicine

Dr. Thirumagal Yogaparan has made substantial contributions to teaching at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and faculty levels in Geriatric Medicine. In 2013, she co-lead the revamping of the Arts & Science of Clinical Medicine II geriatrics curriculum and was appointed the Undergraduate Geriatrics/Care of the Elderly theme lead in 2015. Since 2014, she has been the Site Director for Geriatric Medicine residents at Baycrest.



**Alireza Zahirieh**  
Nephrology

Since his appointment in 2009, Dr. Alireza Zahirieh has participated in a high volume of teaching at multiple levels. His teaching effectiveness scores are well above average across the board, with superlative feedback from learners. He has also made important contributions through innovations and leadership in education. Dr. Zahirieh's excellence in teaching and education is recognized through the receipt of numerous teaching awards.

# Junior Promotions & New Faculty

# JUNIOR PROMOTIONS

## CARDIOLOGY

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Paul Angaran  
Assistant Professor, Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's Hospital

Jeremy Edwards  
Assistant Professor, Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's Hospital

## DERMATOLOGY

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Trevor Champagne  
Assistant Professor, Women's College Hospital

## ENDOCRINOLOGY & METABOLISM

### PART-TIME FACULTY

Robert Goldberg  
Assistant Professor, Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

## GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Savannah Cardew  
Assistant Professor, Women's College Hospital

## GERIATRIC MEDICINE

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Arielle Berger  
Assistant Professor, University Health Network - Toronto General Hospital

Margaret Grant  
Assistant Professor, Trillium Health Partners - Credit Valley Hospital

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### ADJUNCT FACULTY

Mark Downing  
Assistant Professor, Unity Health Toronto - St. Joseph's Health Centre

## PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Audrey Yap  
Assistant Professor, Sinai Health System - Bridgepoint Active Healthcare

## RESPIRATORY MEDICINE

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Nava Maham  
Assistant Professor, University Health Network - Toronto Western Hospital

# NEW FACULTY

## CARDIOLOGY

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Shadi Akhtari  
Assistant Professor, Women's College  
Hospital

Yin Ge  
Assistant Professor, Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's  
Hospital

Adriana Luk  
Assistant Professor, Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai  
Hospital

Sara Thorne  
Associate Professor, University Health Network - Toronto  
General Hospital

### PART-TIME FACULTY

Jennifer Meloche  
Lecturer, Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga  
Hospital

Michael Heffernan  
Assistant Professor, Oakville Trafalgar Memorial  
Hospital - Halton Healthcare

### ADJUNCT FACULTY

Anil Gupta  
Lecturer, Trillium Health Partners

Geoffrey Puley  
Lecturer, Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga  
Hospital

## CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY & ALLERGY

### ADJUNCT FACULTY

Lisa Wenyang Fu  
Lecturer, Office-Based Physician

## DERMATOLOGY

### ADJUNCT FACULTY

Patrick Fleming  
Assistant Professor, Baycrest

Firouzeh Niakosari  
Lecturer, North York General Hospital

## EMERGENCY MEDICINE

### FULL-TIME FACULTY

Claire Acton  
Lecturer, University Health Network - Toronto General  
Hospital

Martin Betz  
Assistant Professor, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Daniel Clark  
Assistant Professor, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Lorne Costello  
Assistant Professor, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Evelyn Dell  
Assistant Professor, Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's  
Hospital

Daniel Goodman  
Lecturer, University Health Network - Toronto General  
Hospital



Morgan Hillier  
Assistant Professor, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Brodie Nolan  
Assistant Professor, Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's Hospital

Dana Phillips  
Lecturer, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Robert Simard  
Lecturer, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Ahmed Taher  
Assistant Professor, University Health Network - Toronto General Hospital

Jacqueline Willinksy  
Assistant Professor, University Health Network - Toronto General Hospital

#### **PART-TIME FACULTY**

Sidney Chiu  
Lecturer, North York General Hospital

#### **ADJUNCT FACULTY**

Stephanie Bazak  
Lecturer, Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital

Michael Kilian  
Lecturer, North York General Hospital

Marc Lipkus  
Lecturer, North York General Hospital

Rohit Mohindra  
Lecturer, North York General Hospital

## **ENDOCRINOLOGY & METABOLISM**

#### **FULL-TIME FACULTY**

Angela Assal  
Assistant Professor, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Miranda Boggild  
Assistant Professor, University Health Network - Toronto General Hospital

Alanna Weisman  
Assistant Professor, Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai Hospital

## **GASTROENTEROLOGY & HEPATOLOGY**

#### **FULL-TIME FACULTY**

Morven Cunningham  
Assistant Professor, University Health Network - Toronto General Hospital

Zane Gallinger  
Assistant Professor, Sinai Health System - Mount Sinai Hospital

Nadia Griller  
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