



GUT CLUB 2009

The Gut Club will be at the Vaughan Estates – Academy room of Medicine
2075 Bayview Avenue

March 25, 2009

Dr. Keith Lindor

Mayo Clinic, Rochester
Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

April 15, 2009:

Drs. Elaine Yong, Gary May

The Gut Club will be at UofT Faculty Club in May 2009

May 27, 2009:

Drs. Smita Halder, Geoff Nguyen

Online registration and information
www.utorontogi.ca (Event)

GI AWARDS 2009

We are now accepting nomination/application for the following awards. **Deadline: April 15, 2009**

- ❖ Dr. KN Jeejeebhoy Award
- ❖ Dr. Lou Cole Award
- ❖ Proctor & Gamble Post-Residency Fellowship
- ❖ Division of Gastroenterology Intramural Awards in Quality of Care
- ❖ Division of Gastroenterology Patient Safety and in Education

Award reference terms, online nomination and application form are at www.utorontogi.ca - GI Awards.

DDD's Column

Educational Partnership 2009: The Division was again successful with its fundraising. Thanks to all our sponsors, we were able to reach \$187,500 for 2009. The funds are used to support the Education and Research Program within the University of Toronto, Division of Gastroenterology.

Need to hire a summer student, fellow or support staff? Please visit the Bulletin Board on the website at www.utorontogi.ca.

Announcements and Recruitment

Dr. Peter Rossos is now the Chief Medical Information Officer for University Health Network and the SIMS Partnership. Dr Rossos' role includes the alignment of clinical systems with clinicians' workflow and productivity, as well as the impact of systems on quality improvement, education, and clinical research. In addition to working closely with local academic leadership and researchers, he will contribute to the provincial and national efforts to advance our initiatives through the use of information and communication technologies.

Dr. Scott Fung is promoted to assistant professor from adjunct lecturer. Dr. Fung is a clinician-teacher and full-time staff in Hepatology at UHN-MSH. He completed his residency in Gastroenterology and his Master Teacher Program at University of Toronto and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan in Hepatology under the supervision of Dr Ana Lok. His area of interest is vital hepatitis, particularly hepatitis B.

Dr. Gideon Hirschfield is recruited by UHN-MSH as Clinician-Investigator at the TWH in Hepatology. Dr Hirschfield received his MD at the University of Cambridge and his PhD on the innate hepatic acute phase reactant C reactive protein at the University of London. He then completed a fellowship in Hepatology in Cambridge and more recently at UHN-MSH with Dr J. Heathcote and Dr C. Siminovitch. His area of expertise is autoimmune liver disease and genetics of PBC.

Dr. Samir Grover is recruited at St. Michael's Hospital as Clinician-Teacher. Dr Grover completed his GI residency at University of Toronto and then did a fellowship in therapeutic endoscopy at SMH. After completing the Master Teacher Program he enrolled in a Master in Education at OISE which will be completed in July 2009. His area of interest is to develop innovative educational methods including multimedia to teach endoscopy

Coming Events...

MARCH 26, 2009: SHEILA SHERLOCK LIVER RESEARCH DAY 2009

Location: Eaton Centre Marriott. The Annual Hepatology Update will be held the following day. Deadline for submission is March 13th. The submission form is at <http://www.utorontogi.ca/6-1.asp>. Materials representing work in progress, submitted for publication, or recently presented and/or published are eligible. Please consider preparing a submission and encourage your Fellows/Residents/Graduate Students to do the same, so that we can continue our tradition of excellence.

MARCH 27, 2009: PROFESSOR'S DAY – DR. FRED SAIBIL

Location: The Faculty Club, Univ. of Tor. 41 Willcocks St. 5 pm – Lecture presented by Dr. Saibil; 6 pm – Reception. RSVP by Friday March 20, 2009 at dom.chair@utoronto.ca or phone 416-946-8071.

JUNE 24, 2009: ADULT AND PEDIATRIC GI RESEARCH DAY 2009 (NOON – 9 PM)

Location: The Faculty Club, Univ. of Tor., 41 Willcocks St. *Please mark your calendar now!*

This is the most important event of the academic year. Residents and fellows will present their research project. Research and teaching awards will be distributed during dinner
Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Arthur McCullough*, Past President of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of

Medicine at Case Western Reserve University and Chairman of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2009: 1ST GI RESEARCH RETREAT 2009

Topic: Advances and Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Disease -Lessons Shared between Clinical and Basic Research

Location: Red Leaves Resort, Port Carling Ontario www.redleavesmuskoka.com

Attendance will be sponsored. Meeting will start Friday night and go to Sunday Lunch. The program will include a mix of State of the Art presentations on clinical and basic topics; University of Toronto GI Faculty -Adult and Pediatric GI; Visiting Speakers and Small Group Workshops. For further details, please contact Dr. Kenneth Croitoru

(kcroitoru@mtsinai.on.ca) or Dr. Mark Silverberg (msilverberg@mtsinai.on.ca) or Dr. Jill Tinmouth (jill.tinmouth@sunnybrook.ca) or Dr. Nicola Jones (nicola.jones@sickkids.ca)

Should you have news to announce on the newsletter, please contact Monique at monique.le@uhn.on.ca

Grants/Awards received by the faculty in 2009

AWARDS

Dr. Fred Saibil

1. Recipient of *Dr. Greg Olscamp Award for Outstanding Medical Service* by Ostomy Toronto, the Toronto chapter of the United Ostomy Association of Canada. This award is only made once every 5 years. Received September 2008.

Dr. Charlie Wang

1. *2-year CAG/CIHR Fellowship Award in Endoscopy Research*. Use of colonic stents in malignant colorectal obstruction: A population-based analysis. Supervisor: Dr. Jill Tinmouth.

Congratulations to all our residents who participated in GRIT (GI Residents-in-Training course) and the CDDW (Canadian Digestive Diseases Week)! In particular, congratulations to **Drs. Sean Pritchett** and **Dan Kottachchi** who were awarded prizes for the *best oral* and *best poster category at GRIT* respectively.

NEW GRANTS

Dr. Johane Allard

1. **Co-applicant** - Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Investigations of diet in heart failure, \$100,000, 1 year

Dr. Young-In Kim

1. **PI** - Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Epigenetic, molecular and cellular effects of folic acid supplementation: In vitro and preclinical studies to elucidate potential adverse effects of folic acid supplementation on human health and disease; \$751,090 for 5 years
2. **Co-applicant** - Canadian Institutes of Health Research. The role of vitamins consumed during pregnancy by the Wistar rat in the development of food intake and metabolic regulation of the offspring; \$384,711 for 3 years

Dr. Geoffrey Nguyen

1. **PI** - Canadian Association of Gastroenterology/Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Prevalence of Asymptomatic Venous Thrombosis in Hospitalized Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients and Screening Strategies for their Early Detection; \$90,000 for 3 years
2. **PI** - University of Toronto Dean's Fund. Predictors and Effectiveness of Prompt Cholecystectomy Following Admission for Acute Gallstone Pancreatitis, \$10,000/y for 6 years



TRIBUTE TO DR. ARNIE ABERMAN

Division of Gastroenterology contributed \$10,000 to the in support of the MD/PhD program at the University of Toronto