



Division's Structure

GI EXECUTIVE

DIVISION DIRECTOR: Johane Allard

Committee members

Division Heads:

UHN/MSH: Hillary Steinhart

SMH: Gary May

SBHSC: Johane Allard

WC: Susan Stafford

Research: Jill Tinmouth

IT: Peter Rossos

Education: Cino Maria

Hepatology/Transplant: David Wong

EDUCATION

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Maria Cino (and site director, TWH)

Director of Fellowship: Paul Kortan

Committee Members

Education Site Directors:

MSH: Geoff Nguyen

SMH: Samir Grover

SBHSC: Elaine Yong

WCH: Jeff Stal,

TGH: Scott Fung

Hepatology education: David Wong

GI In-training Exam Coordinator

And CE + KTE *: Louis Liu

Research Representative: Herbert Gaisano

Director Undergraduate GI: Jeff Stal

*CE + KTE Task force: Continuing Education and Knowledge Translation Education Task Force

Sub committee

Endoscopy - Education

CHAIR: Elaine Yong

Committee Members:

Heather Carnahan (Wilson Centre)

Samir Grover

Gabe Kandel

Simon Ling (SCH)

Louis Liu

Gary May

Allan Okrainec (Surgery)

Catharine Walsh (Wilson Centre Fellow, SCH)

MaryAnne Cooper

DDD's Column

Another successful academic year! Thank you all for your hard work, academic achievements and significant contributions!

We have now completed 2 years since our GI Retreat in May 2008, and we are now embarking in a new academic year with 9 new GI trainees for a total of 15 residents! Endoscopy resources are shrinking due to budget constraints but we are asked to do more, better, quicker and with more accountability. All types of measures of efficiency and quality-assurance are being implemented in a system that is under stress due to limited resources and increased demand from an aging population with complex chronic diseases. This Perfect Storm will have a significant impact on how we practice GI and it may be time to re-assess our Strategic Plan in this changing environment. This summer, I will prepare a "Mid-Point Report" which I plan to present to our 4 GI Divisions in the Fall. I will need feedback from all of you to determine if we need to modify our Strategic goals or we stay the course, However for now, this is the time for holidays and some rest. I wish you all a great summer! Johane

Education Column

An extended welcome to the new GI trainees and fellows:

PGY-4: Dr. Ahmad Alhouti, Dr. Amir Abadir, Dr. Mohammad Albeshir, Dr. Heather Boudreau, Dr. Vivian Huang, Dr. Paul James, Dr. Aviva Leber, Dr. Justina Sam, Dr. Kanya Thongthai

PGY-5: Dr. Nitasha Anand, Dr. Adriano Correa, Dr. Wesley Leung, Dr. Shane Hadlock, Dr. Harshna Patel, Dr. Kumar Yogeswaran, Dr. Adam Weizman

Fellows: Dr. Naol Muguruma, Dr. Juan Chinos Vega, Dr. Marios Ethymiou, Dr. Spiros Raftopoulos, Dr. Alan Moss, Dr. Wasif Rasool, Dr. Smita Halder, Dr. Charles Ferguson, Dr. Marilyn Li, Dr. Sanjay Murthy, Dr. Matti Waterman, Dr. Sujon Smanta, Dr. Amreen Dinani, Dr. Hin Hin Ko, Dr. Badr Ajarallah, Dr. Hani Jawa, Dr. Derek Yu, Dr. Cynthia Tsien, Dr. Rania Rabie, Dr. Tornohiro Tanaka, Dr. Harikumar Nair, Dr. Aileen Smith, Dr. Helena Ktchman, Dr. Ahmed Helmy, Dr. Khalid Mumtaz

Research Column

THE GI RESEARCH DAY JUNE 23 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The 3rd combined GI Adult-Pediatric Research Day was held at the Faculty Club and featured 14 oral presentations and 23 posters abstracts by fellows, residents and students. The event was very well attended with 80 Faculty from the Adult Division, the Pediatric Division, including fellows and trainees. Last year's Division of GI Intramural Award winners, Drs. Mary Anne Cooper and Samir Grover presented updates on their work in endoscopy and education. We were honored to have Dr. Alessio Fasano, a pediatric gastroenterologist from the University of Maryland who gave a well-acclaimed and engaging talk on "Food, the Intestinal Microbiome and Gut Inflammation: Connecting the Dots". The event was made all the more memorable by the fact that we survived a magnitude 5.0 earthquake and the threat of a tornado!

RESEARCH

CHAIR (Clinical) Jill Tinnmouth
CO-CHAIR (Basic) Hebert Gaisano
Committee Members:
TWH: Jenny Heathcote
SMH: Young-In Kim
TGH: Les Lilly
SMH: Mark Silverberg
TGH: Florence Wong
TGH: Morris Sherman
SMH: Geoffrey Nguyen
SBHSC: Dr. Elaine Yong

Sub Committee:

GI Basic/Experimental Research Group

CHAIR: Herbert Gaisano

Committee Members:

Ken Croitoru
Young-In Kim
Mark Silverberg
Johane Allard
Jill Tinnmouth
Jan Irvine
Geoffrey Nguyen
Hillary Steinhart

Sub Committee:

GI Awards and Grants

CHAIR: Cliff Ottoway

Committee Members:

Jenny Heathcote
Hillary Steinhart
MaryAnne Cooper
Ken Croitoru
Jan Irvine

COMMUNICATION/NEWSLETTER

EDITOR: Johane Allard
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GI Executive Committee

GUT CLUB September – December

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

September 29, 2010 - TBA

October 27, 2010 - CAG Professorship,
Dr. Charles Bernstein

November 24, 2010 – First
Gastroenterology Education Retreat

December 15, 2010 - Drs. J.
Heathcote, D. Wong, J. Feld



Dr. Alessio Fasano gave an excellent presentation on Food, Intestinal Microbiome and Gut Inflammation

Congratulation to the following award recipients:

Dr. Dan Kottachchi, Dr. K. N. Jeejeebhoy Award for Excellence in Gastroenterology, for demonstrating excellence in clinical medicine, research and teaching in Gastroenterology in the Department of Medicine

Dr. Nikila Ravindran, Dr. Lou Cole award for educational excellence by a GI Resident

Dr. Paul Kortan for the Dr. Lou Cole award for educational excellence for 2010.

Dr. Harshna Patel, Poster of Distinction, GRIT 2010

Dr. Shane Hadlock, Poster of Distinction, GRIT 2010



Dr. D. Kottachchi receiving the Dr. K.N. Jeejeebhoy award from Dr. C. Ottoway

Dr. Nikila Ravindran receiving the Dr. L. Cole award from Dr. H. Steinhart



Dr. Paul Kortan
Receiving the Dr. L
Cole award from
Dr. H. Steinhart



February 2, 2011 – Dr. Henry Janssen

March 30, 2011 –TBA

April 20, 2011 – TBA

May 25, 2011 – TBA

June 22, 2011 - 5th Annual Adult and Pediatric GI Research Day

Congratulations to the Recipients of the Research Presentation Awards at the GI Research Day June 23, 2010:

Dr. Ryan Murchie and Dr. Dana Bronte-Tinkew: Best Basic/Translational Science Poster (tie):

Dr. Harshna Patel: Best Clinical Poster

Dr. Smita Halder: Best Basic Science/Translational Oral Presentation

Dr. Charlie Wang: Best Clinical Oral Presentation by a Fellow

Dr. Scott Nightingale: Best Clinical Oral Presentation by a Resident (liver)

Dr. Nitasha Anand: Best Clinical Oral Presentation by a Resident (luminal)

Congratulations to our faculty:

2010 CAG Education Excellence Award: Dr. Norman Marcon



2010 CAG Young Investigator Award: Dr. Mark Silverberg



2010 CAG Research Excellence Award: Dr. Herbert Gaisano



Congratulations for Grants received since January 2010:

Dr. Sanjay Murthy, CIHR-Fellowship Award

Dr. Young-In Kim: CIHR Effects of prenatal folate exposure on DNA methylation in the newborn infants. 1 year. \$149 561

Dr. Jill Tinmouth: New Investigator Award in the Area of HIV/AIDS Biomedical/Clinical Research. Canadian Institutes of Health Research. \$300,000; 2010 - 2015.

Dr. Geoffrey Nguyen: New Investigator Award in the area of Prevalence of Asymptomatic

Venous Thrombosis in Hospitalized Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients and Screening Strategies for their Early Detection. Canadian Institutes of Health Research/Canadian Association of Gastroenterology. \$210,000; 2010- 2013

If we forgot you please contact sandra.sutherland@uhn.on.ca; you will be on our next Newsletter!

GRANTS/AWARDS received since January 2010

CONGRATULATIONS FOR NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Maria Cino and Dr. Mark Silverberg who were promoted to Associate-Professor

Dr. Louis Liu, Dr. Geoff Nguyen and Dr. Elaine Yong who passed their 3-year review

Dr. MaryAnne Cooper who was appointed as Academy Director for the Peters-Boyd Academy

Dr. Elaine Yong who was appointed the new Chair of the Endoscopy Education Committee!

Dr. Scott Fung, Dr. Samir Grover and Dr. Elaine Yong who were appointed new Site Directors for Toronto General Hospital, St-Michaels Hospital and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center !

THANK YOU TO:

Dr. Alvin Newman, Dr. Flavio Habal, Dr. Cliff Ottoway and Dr. Fred Saibil for your significant contribution to the GI Program, as former Site Directors for Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto General Hospital, St-Michael Hospital and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center respectively;

Dr. MaryAnne Cooper who was the Chair of the Endoscopy Education Committee.

Dr. Jill Tinmouth, Melissa Couto and the GI Research Committee for the excellent organization and the success of the GI Research Day.

Dr. Maria Cino and the Education Committee for their ongoing effort in making the GI Program the best in Canada!!!

ETHIOPIA:

If you are interested to teach in Ethiopia or you want more information regarding this initiative, please contact Dr. Louis Liu or Dr. Jordan Feld. GI residents can participate. The rotation is one month, starting in January 2011. Flights are covered by the Department of Medicine. The stay in residences is covered by the University of Addis Ababa.