

GUT CLUB SCHEDULE

September 14
Dr. Shojana Kaveh
Quality and Patient Safety

October 26
CAG Professorship

November 23
TBA

December 14
Dr David Wong
Dr Jordan Feld
AASLD Review

January 18
Dr Balfour Sartor
IBD: Title tba

January 25
TBA

March 28
TBA

April 18
CAG Visiting Professorship
Dr Derek M McKay PhD
Title tba

May 30

June 20
Annual Adult and Pediatric
GI Research Day

Welcome
Trainees and Fellows 2011-12

PGY4:
Alawamy Mohammad
Boudreau Heather
Li Dorothy
Mosko Jeff
Ra Greta
Shalby Mustafa
Tse Yvonne
PGY 4/5
Alhouti Ahmad

Leber Aviva
Yhongthai Kanya

PGY5:
Abadir Amir
Al Beshir Mohammad
Cheung Angela
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James Paul Sam Justina

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Message from the Division Director: Dr. Johane Allard

Dear colleagues, I hope you had a great summer and a good rest to start the Academic year 2011-12! The past year ended with a very successful Research Day at the University Club (see pictures below). Our trainees did an excellent job with their research projects. We also thanked our departing residents and wished them the very best for their RCPSC exams, fellowships and careers! The new academic year started with the Endoscopic Simulation Course held at the Allan Waters Family Simulation Centre at the Li Ka Shing Institute. All our new GI trainees went through this 5-day course. I want to thank our course faculty for their hard work: Dr Samir Grover who coordinated the course with Dr Elaine Yong, Dr Maria Cino, Dr Hemant Shah and Dr Paul James as well as Dr Catherine Walsh from the Wilson Centre and Dr Teodor Grantcharov, Medical Director of the Allan Waters Family Simulation Centre. The residents really enjoyed it as you can see in the pictures below!

Another Research Retreat is in preparation, this time for Hepatology. This is planned for February 2012 around the Hepatology Update. Stay tune for more details!

Message from the Program Director: Dr Maria Cino

I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce Ms. Taryn Van Hooren, who is the Gastroenterology Training Program's first dedicated administrative assistant. Taryn Van Hooren joined our program on July 1, 2011. She will be working with our program two days per week. Taryn and I have been meeting on a regular basis in order to develop new initiatives regarding transfer of information across the sites and to our trainees, improving online evaluations and delivery of feedback to speakers, and developing clear information documents about elective requirements, policies that will be incorporated into the re-vamped website under Education Section. We have launched a GI Program Blackboard for the trainees, with the view for eventual use by faculty members to post interesting articles, visiting speaker announcements (which are not part of the core curriculum) etc. You may reach Taryn via phone, 416-046-0497 or e-mail at taryn.mcgregor@utoronto.ca

Announcements

Congratulation to the Division of Gastroenterology at St-Michael Hospital for attracting funding (\$5 Million!!!) to create a new Chair in Therapeutic Endoscopy: The Wallace and Margaret McCain Chair in Gastro-Endoscopy. A Search is currently being conducted.

Awards

Dr. Susan Stafford won the Women Health Education Award at Women's College Hospital
Dr Samir Grover won the Louis J Cole Teaching Award as well as the Postgraduate Teaching Award at St-Michael Hospital and a PBL teaching award for the Fitzgerald Academy.
Dr KN Jeejeebhoy received the Research Mentor Award from the AGA at DDW 2011 in Chicago
Dr Adam Weizman: CAG/Shire Resident Research Award: The COMPLAINT study: complementary and alternative medicine: prevalence and longitudinal impact on adherence to conventional therapy in IBD. \$5000. Supervisor: Dr Geoff Nguyen
Congratulations to all!!

Promotion

Dr Florence Wong was promoted to Full Professor. **Congratulations Florence!**

Grants

Dr Jordan Feld received 2 grants: 1) PI: CIHR Clinical Investigatorship award from the Institute of Genetics entitled "Use of genetic and genomic markers to predict treatment outcome and improve resource utilization in chronic hepatitis C". 2 years. \$280 000. Supervisor: Kathy Siminovitch. 2) PI: Canadian Liver Foundation, entitled "Understanding the antiviral activity of interferon in hepatitis C virus infection". Co-I: I. McGilvray, C Liles. 2 years. \$150 000
Dr Gideon Hirschfield received a CIHR 5-year program grant: PI. Dr Hirschfield, co-I: Dr KA Siminovitch. \$802 322. entitled: "Molecular Dissection of Primary Biliary Cirrhosis".
Dr Geoff Nguyen received 4 grants: 1) PI: Predictors, Perception, and Impact of Complementary and

Fellows:

- Aljarallah Badr
- Ben Musa
- Ben-Bassat Ofer
- Correia Adriano
- Forgia Sebastiano
- Jawa Hani
- Kevans David
- Mohammed Ahmed Helmy
- Mumtaz Khalid
- Nabrawi Khalid
- Patel Harshna
- Samanta Sujon
- So Jeffrey
- Sultanian Richard Tanaka
- Tomohiro
- Vega Juan
- Win Lay Lay
- Yogeswaran Kumaresan
- Yu Derek

Alternative Medicine Use in Inflammatory Bowel Disease. CIHR Operating Grant, 2 years, \$90 000; 2) PI: New Investigator Salary Award: “Clinical Management and Long-term Outcomes of Venous Thromboembolism in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Population-based Assessment”. 5 years, \$300 000; 3) PI: “The impact of type of insurance coverage on access to biologic therapy and clinical outcomes in inflammatory bowel disease”, source: Future Leaders in Inflammatory Bowel Disease, 2 years, \$75 000; 4) Co-I: “The Ontario Crohn’s and Colitis Cohort: Epidemiology and Diagnostic Lag of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Ontario”, by American College of Gastroenterology (PI: Eric Benchimol). 2 years, \$US 150 000.

Dr Hemant Shah (PI) and Dr David Wong (co-I): Program grant \$360 000 for 1 year to establish a Community Hepatitis C Health Professional Education Program from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care: Provincial Interprofessional Hepatitis C Mentoring Network, Hepatitis C/Hepatology fellowship; Hepatitis C Physician Training Program; Hepatitis C Province-Wide CME program

Congratulations to all!!!!

Departure

Dr George Therapondos moved in June to work in a transplant unit in New Orleans USA
Dr Gideon Hirschfield is moving back to the UK at the end of December 2011

Thank you for your hard work and our best wishes for your new positions!

Research Day 2011





SIMULATOR COURSE

