



Season's greetings!

### Special Dates – Please mark your calendar

- **Gut Club** – January 16, 2008 (Faculty Club)
- **GI Retreat Day** – May 1, 2008 (Vaughan Estates)
- **GI Research Day** – June 18, 2008 (Faculty Club)



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE  
GASTROENTEROLOGY DIVISION

## NEWSLETTER

December 19, 2007

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

### Announcement

- Dr. Jan Irvine is stepping down as the GI Division Head at St-Michael Hospital, effective December 31st 2007. Thank you, Dr. Irvine, for your significant contributions, your commitment and your leadership! This was greatly appreciated!
- As of January, Dr. Gary May is the Interim Division Head at St-Michael Hospital
- Dr. Jeff Stal is the new Director of the Pre-Graduate Studies for GI and will participate in the design of the new curriculum for pre-graduate studies.
- Starting in 2008, the monthly City-wide Gut Club will be at a new location – University of Toronto Faculty Club at 41 Wilcock Street. For exact location, map and parking, please visit <http://www.utoronto.ca/facultyclub>

### Citywide Gut Club

**December 19, 2007:** Please join your colleagues at the last Gut Club of the year at the Vaughan Estates at 6:30 PM to celebrate the Holiday Season and learn the latest about hepatitis B and C from our distinguished speakers Drs. Jenny Heathcote and David Wong.

**January 16, 2008:** Do not miss Dr. John Wallace, PhD, Professor Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics and Department of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Calgary, Alberta.  
Title: Exploiting hydrogen sulfide in the design of novel therapeutics for inflammatory bowel disease

Dr. Wallace will also present at the Department of Medicine City Wide Grand Round at noon on the same day. Title: Building a better Aspirin: Gaseous Solution to a Century Old Problem. This will be broadcasted from the Toronto General Hospital.

For more information, please visit [www.utorontogi.ca](http://www.utorontogi.ca)

### GI Strategic Retreat: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at the Vaughan Estates

The objectives of the retreat are to:

- Share achievements, progress against goals and impact of our strategic priorities to date at Hospital and University division levels.
- Discuss changes in internal and external environments that may impact or present new opportunities for the Division and necessitate an amendment or addition to current goals.
- Develop a framework to realize the division's vision of international leadership in Luminal Gastroenterology and Hepatology and identify potential partnerships to ensure success.

**PLEASE ANSWER THE SURVEY BY DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>!**  
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### GI Research Day: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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. Venue: University of Toronto Faculty Club.

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