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Department of Medicine Newsletter



Message from Dr. John Conly

Looking Back Through the Rear View Mirror



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2002-2010

This article marks my final newsletter contribution as I complete my tenure as the Head of the Department of Medicine (DOM). I have aptly entitled it "Looking Back through the Rear View Mirror". It provides an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the Department over the last eight years.

As I look back on this Department...a great Department, with its rich clinical and scholarly history and wonderful traditions, I swell with pride. In fact, it should make the entire membership feel proud for it is all of you who have worked with such dedication and tenacity over the years to build on the tradition of excellence in clinical care, education and scholarship.

It is my firm belief that in any Faculty, Hospital or Regional setting, a DOM should be a leader, not a follower, and be considered a cornerstone of any academic and clinical enterprise. Its history and traditions are strong, dating back to the birth of modern medicine. I need not remind any of you that Sir William Osler, considered one of the greatest icons of medicine, was an internist. He brought us the clinical clerkship, the concept of residency training and the watchword 'Aequanimatas' espousing the infusion of the values of humanism in medicine.

Reflecting on the Calgary DOM, one cannot begin without recognizing the former six Chairs of the Department and recognize that in turn, each leader has built on the work of the preceding person. Early in my tenure, the Department set about establishing a mission – to be widely recognized for advancing health and wellness, leading innovation, creating technologies and disseminating knowledge. In some small manner, I believe the statements set out in our mission have been accomplished and I look back fondly on the contributions that collectively have been accomplished. I say collectively with sincerity as nothing could have been done alone. The rich creativity, perseverance and dedication of the membership were an inspiration to all involved in its leadership.

From an administrative perspective, one of the highlights achieved by the membership was building the largest Alternate Relationship Plan (ARP) in Internal Medicine in the country which has significantly aided recruitment and retention, both within the ARP and non ARP settings. Since 2002, the DOM has recruited 155 members and 15 adjunct members, of which almost 2/3 are in geographic full or part time positions. All the new members have academic appointments with the University of Calgary (U of C) and are engaged in the teaching of our residents and clerks, providing a rich and enduring learning environment for trainees. The DOM membership has grown from being 12% female to 34% female, which has further enriched our membership. Retention was enhanced by the development of a focus on physician wellness and work-life balance and the Senior Physician Initiative (SPI), providing a means to pass on

Our Mission

To be widely recognized for advancing health and wellness, leading innovation, creating technologies, and disseminating knowledge.

Our Vision

"Building the medical network of the 21st century; a network without walls, without boundaries, without limits to quality patient care, research and education."

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the wisdom and clinical acumen of members who are entering a new phase of their careers. Several new awards were created to recognize Clinical Excellence and in turn recognizing and honouring the early pioneers of Internal Medicine in Calgary. Additional awards were created to recognize members' contributions in Innovation, Quality and Professionalism, reminding us of our contract with society to deliver the best quality care possible.

From an innovation perspective, the DOM was able to secure funding from Alberta Health and Wellness (AH&W) to launch 18 new innovations in clinical care delivery – new specialty clinics, the use of Alternate Care Providers, new inpatient units, adoption of new guidelines, and Central Access and Triage, allowing unique care delivery models. These initiatives have all served to improve access and reduce wait times for specialty care. We have witnessed the conception, gestation and birth of the Ward of the 21st Century (W21C) and its twin 'Living Laboratory' within the TRW Building which has established itself as a novel and unique testing ground for future innovations in care delivery.

Clinical enhancements have included the splitting and development of new Medical Teaching Units, the development of General Medical Units, the opening of one of the country's first Medicine – Psychiatry Units, the first Clinic devoted to Chronic Disease Management, a novel Clinic for Mind Body Medicine and a robust Telehealth Service which is used by many disciplines to provide specialty care to rural Albertans. Most recently, members have begun participating in Outreach Clinics, interacting with our Primary Care colleagues and providing specialty care to special populations. The latter will serve as a new rotation for our core residents providing a unique clinical and learning environment.

From an educational perspective, we have seen a doubling in the size of our core internal medicine training program with several new rotations which enhance the learning environment, the development of several subspecialty Advanced Fellowships, the ARP enabled Clinical Scholar Program, the pioneering deployment of the International Medical Graduate Program within the Department and the growth of several members who have pursued Master's degrees in Medical Education.

Academically, the DOM pooled its resources and has developed the modest but important Research Development Fund aimed at members within the first five years of their appointment, the combined Department of Surgery-Department of Medicine Research Development Fund, the Research Fellowship Program and worked with the Reach! campaign and Institutes to develop many new Endowments and Endowed Chairs, some of which are now coming to fruition. We have seen the development of an academic Division of Dermatology in Calgary which recently opened its doors as the first new Dermatology Training Program in Canada in over two decades, with a focus on medical dermatology. Several members have successfully competed for Canada Research Chairs, CIHR salary awards, AHFMR salary awards and Endowed Chair positions, supported by their respective Institutes.

The Department has benefited significantly from strong and capable leadership from its Division Chiefs, Site Chiefs, Program Directors, Vice Chairs, Division Site Leads, managerial and administrative staff and the support of the Faculty and Region - now Alberta Health Services.

In the end, what drives us forward, epitomizing and capturing so well our work as physicians are the words of Sir William Osler, reminding us what it is all about:

“To prevent disease, to relieve suffering and to heal the sick. This is our work”

I would like to thank the members of the DOM for their support and dedication to these ideals. It has been an inspiration for me and it has been a great honour and privilege to have served the membership of this Department.

In closing, I would like to end with a very appropriate quote by Oliver Wendell Holmes as the Department moves into the future to face new challenges.

“I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving - to reach port we must sail sometimes with the wind, sometimes against it but we must sail, not drift nor lie at anchor “



Message from Dr. C. Maria Bacchus

In this issue of the newsletter, we celebrate the achievements of the Department of Medicine (DOM), from its inception in 1965 to the present. As we thank Dr. John Conly for his contributions to the Department, we also recognize the role of the six prior Department Heads and their achievements.

You will also learn about the new Residency Program in Dermatology, the first new accredited Dermatology Residency Program since 1988. In addition, we are proud to acknowledge the many award winners and mentors in our Department, who have played a key role in our success.

I am honoured to serve as the Interim Joint Department Head as we manage the transition from Dr. John Conly to our next Department Head. I will be working with members to support their strategic priorities and to ensure the process is as seamless as possible. The Administrative and DOM Leadership teams will do their best to manage the 'business' of transition until the new Department Head is in place.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how we can improve our communication, please contact me at maria.bacchus@albertahealthservices.ca or through the DOM NewsFlash at dom.newsflash@albertahealthservices.ca

Welcome New Staff

Please join us in welcoming:

Shafakat Syed, M.Comm, MBA as the ARP Manager for the DOM. Shaf brings to our team 17 years of experience in business consulting in a number of diverse industries. We look forward to having his experience, knowledge and skill set in this role.

Yasmin Lalji who is assisting the Department with Physician Commencement. Yasmin will help to ensure that all Alberta Health Services and University of Calgary details are coordinated for the 18 new physicians and clinical scholars starting or moving up to full-time roles over the next few months.

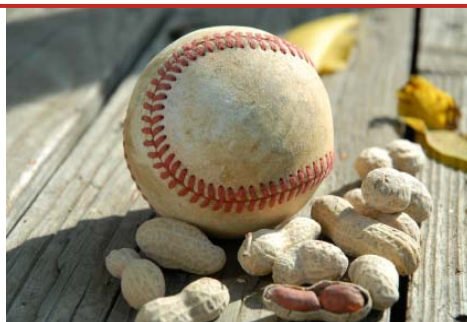
Save the Date

Internal Medicine Sports Day - August 12, 2010

Day Events

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Location: Shouldice Athletic Park
Baseball Field #3 and
Shouldice Arena,
off 16 Ave. Westbound

[Click here for map and details](#)



Evening Dinner

Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Valley Ridge Golf
Course
11618 Valley Ridge
Park NW
Cost: \$40/faculty

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Celebrating Excellence in the Department of Medicine

On June 24, 2010 the Department of Medicine (DOM) celebrated the achievements of Dr. John Conly during his term as Department Head from 2002-2010.

Dr. Conly's leadership has impacted many. As Francois Belanger, Medical Director-Calgary Zone stated "Your passion for your department and your colleagues was equal to none. You have led by example in advocating for high quality patient care, and strong education and research programs."

At the celebration we journeyed through the history of the DOM to recognize the contributions of the past Chairs.

Dr. John Dawson was named as the 1st Head of the Division of Internal Medicine at the Foothills Medical Centre in 1965. He was later appointed as the first Head of Medicine for the University of Calgary (U of C) when the Faculty of Medicine began in 1967. During his term, he championed clinical excellence for the Department of Medicine.

He would like to be remembered as a good physician, who helped residents and students.



Left to Right: Dr. Thomas Feasby, Dr. John Dawson, Dr. John Conly, Dr. Mo Watanabe, Dr. Eldon Shaffer.



JOHN DAWSON, 1965-1968

After DOM Head: Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs for new Faculty of Medicine.

Where is he now: Retired in Calgary, playing golf and enjoying time with his wife and four children.

Honours: Queen's 25th Anniversary Medal in 1977 for founder's role in the creation of the U of C's Faculty of Medicine. The Department of Medicine Award for Clinical Excellence at FMC is named the Dr. John Dawson Award in recognition of his legacy as a clinician.

In 1968, Dr Lionel McLeod became the 2nd Head of the DOM at U of C. During his term, he established the academic foundations for the DOM. He recruited individuals such as Dr. Mo Watanabe, Dr. Clarence Guenter, Dr. Henry Mandin and Dr. Lee from Neurology. All of them would later become academic leaders in Calgary and beyond.



LIONEL MCLEOD, 1968-1973

After DOM Head: Second Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at U of C from 1973-1981, founding President of the Alberta Heritage Foundations for Medical Research (AHFMR) from 1981-1990 and former President of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges (ACMC).

Honours: Named as one of Alberta's 100 Physicians of the Century. The Dr. Lionel E. McLeod Health Research Scholarship was established in memory of Dr. McLeod to enable academically superior graduate students to undertake full time research training in health research.

Celebrating Excellence continued...

In 1974 Dr. Mo Watanabe was appointed the 3rd head of the DOM at U of C. At this time, only the 1st two years of the Internal Medicine Residency Program was offered. Residents had to go elsewhere to finish their training. He successfully attained his goal to double the residency program and offer all four years of core Internal Medicine training at the U of C.



MAMORU (MO) WATANABE, 1974-1976

After DOM Head: 3rd Dean of Medicine at U of C from 1981-1992, founding President and Chair of the Board of the Canadian Society of Telehealth and former President of ACMC.

Where is he now: Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board of the Calvin, Phoebe and Joan Snyder Institute of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation at the University of Calgary; Member of the Advisory Board of the Alberta Diabetes Institute at the University of Alberta; Advisory Board of Calgary Laboratory Services, Alberta Health Services; Campus Alberta Quality Council, Alberta Advanced Education and Technology.

Honours: Medal of Service from Canadian Medical Association (CMA), Officer of the Order of Canada, one of Alberta's 100 Physicians of the Century and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. D.Sc (Hon), University of Alberta and LLD (Hon), University of Northern British Columbia.

The appointment of Dr. Clarence Guenter as 4th Head of DOM in 1976 ushered in a time of innovation for the DOM. His goal was to build the Department's research and educational strength through the creation of specialty programs accredited by the Royal College and he succeeded.



CLARENCE GUENTER, 1976-1985

After DOM Head: Vice President (Clinical Development and Research) and then President at Foothills Hospital (1985-93). Founder of Lao Human Resources for Community Health Program.

Where is he now: Recently celebrated his 51st Anniversary with his wife Marie. He is a volunteer for health manpower training in developing countries. Especially satisfying are comprehensive, long term collaborations developed in two severely underserved regions of Asia through the Ateneo De Zamboanga University in the Philippines and the University of Health Sciences in Lao PDR.

Honours: Member of the Order of Canada.

Celebrating Excellence continued...

In 1985 Dr. Eldon Smith was appointed the 5th Head of the DOM. This was a period of rapid growth in the faculty numbers as he effectively leveraged Heritage funding to build the research strength of the Department.

ELDON SMITH, 1985-1990



After DOM Head Associate Dean (Clinical Affairs) in 1990 and 4th Dean of Faculty of Medicine 1992-1997. Dr. Smith was instrumental in the creation of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute. He also served as the President of both the Canadian Cardiovascular Society and ACCM and was the founder and President of the Lougheed Medical Research Foundation.

Where is he now Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute of Alberta and recently completed a 13 year term as Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Cardiology.

Honours Officer of the Order of Canada, Medal of Service from CMA, James Graham Award from the RCPSC and an ASTech Award from Alberta Research and Technology.

Dr. Eldon Shaffer was appointed the 6th Head of the DOM in 1990. He is known for orchestrating the DOM in the three adult acute care sites under the new Calgary Health Region. It was during that time that the academic teaching programs expanded to the Peter Lougheed Centre and Rockyview General Hospital.

ELDON SHAFFER, 1990-2001



After DOM Head: Faculty member in Gastroenterology with a productive research career.

Honours: Founder and first President of Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver (CASL). Distinguished Service and Meritous Achievement Award from CASL. Former President of: the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver (Founding President), Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation, Canadian Professors of Medicine. Distinguished Achievement Awards CAG, CASL and CSCI, respectively.

In 2002 the 7th Head of the Department of Medicine was appointed. Dr. John Conly was a driving force in implementing the ARP, facilitating innovations such as the Ward of 21st Century and Central Access and Triage, expanding the Core Internal Medicine Residency to the Medical Teaching Unit at RGH, and developing outreach programs. During his term, the Department has grown to 340 members who bring strengths in all areas – clinical care, education, research and administration. He furthered the clinical and academic mission of all 3 acute care sites and expanded our presence in the community and outreach programs. He also took the time to be a mentor to many faculty and students.

JOHN CONLY, 2002-2010



After DOM Head: On Sabbatical in Geneva with the World Health Organization (WHO) receiving and revising the pandemic influenza guidelines. He is also studying MRSA screening and transmission with the Infection Control Unit of the University of Geneva Hospital.

Honours: European Health Leadership Program (EHLP) - Alumni Success Story Award, Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, Chair, Board of Directors of the Canadian Committee for Antimicrobial Resistance.

Mentorship Recognition

On June 29, 2010 the following individuals were recognized for their roles in mentorship:



Division	
Geriatrics	Dr. Jim Silvius
GIM	Dr. Bill Ghali Dr. Maria Bacchus
Hematology	Dr. Man-Chiu Poon Dr. Robert Card
Rheumatology	Dr. Marvin Fritzer Dr. Avril Fitzgerald
Gastroenterology	Dr. Eldon Shaffer Dr. Kelly Burak
Respirology	Dr. Gordon Ford Dr. Pat Hanly
Infectious Disease	Dr. Harvey Rabin Dr. Kevin Laupland

Division	
Endocrinology	Dr. Bernard Correnblum Dr. Chris Symonds Dr. Otto Rorstad Dr. Norman Wong Dr. David Hanley
Nephrology	Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn Dr. Sofia Ahmed Dr. Braden Manns Dr. Dan Muruve Dr. Kevin McLaughlin
Dermatology	Dr. Richard Haber

Awards

TEACHING AWARDS:

Letters of Excellence

Dermatology	- Dr. Laurie Parsons
Endocrinology	- Dr. Hanan Bassyouni
Gastroenterology	- Drs. Chris Andrews, Remo Panaccione, Eldon Shaffer
General Internal Medicine	- Drs. Jeffrey Schaefer, Marcy Mintz
Nephrology	- Dr. Kevin McLaughlin
Respirology	- Dr. Naushad Hirani
Rheumatology	- Dr. Martin Atkinson



Gold Star Awards

Endocrinology	Dr. Chris Symonds Dr. Greg Kline Dr. Hanan Bassyouni
Gastroenterology	Dr. Kelly Burak Dr. Sylvain Coderre
General Internal Medicine	Dr. Jane Lemaire Dr. Mike Fisher Dr. Paul leBlanc Dr. Troy Pederson Dr. Marcy Mintz

Geriatrics	Dr. Karen Fruetel
Hematology	Dr. Deirdre Jenkins
Nephrology	Dr. Stefan Mustafa
Rheumatology	Dr. Liam Martin Dr. Martin Atkinson
Core Internal Medicine Residency	Dr. Gabe Fabreau

Faculty of Medicine Post Graduate Teaching Awards for Major Clinical Faculty for 2009

Dr. Martha Ainslie

CLINICAL AWARDS:

Rockyview General Hospital Physician Recognition Award:

Dr. Eugene Adamak	- General Internal Medicine
Dr. Gordon Ford	- Respirology

Awards continued...



RESEARCH AWARDS:

Department of Medicine (DOM) Post Graduate Research Fellowship Award:

Physician Name	Supervisor	Proposal Title
Dr. Alexander Leung	Drs. David Bates, William Ghali	Evaluating the Impact of Computerized Physician Order Entry in Community Hospitals

Dr. Matthew James from the Division of Nephrology was the recipient of the Izaak Walton Kellan Memorial Trust Award. The award is given to a candidate "likely to contribute to the advancement of learning or to win distinction in a profession, not be a one-sided person as special distinction of intellect should be founded upon sound character."

Dr. Stephen Field from the Division of Respiriology received the Dr. Norman L. Jones Award. This is awarded to the first author of an original article published in the Canadian Respiratory Journal and judged by the Associate Editors as having the greatest potential impact on Respiratory Medicine

Dr. Carla Coffin from the Division of Gastroenterology was the recipient of the 2010 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Clinical and Translational Research Award in Liver Diseases for her research project entitled "*Molecular Characterization of HBV Reservoirs*".

National Health Sciences Academy:

Three members of the DOM have been invited to join the prestigious Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). Dr. Marvin Fritzler, Dr. William Ghali and Dr. Jon Meddings will be inducted into the Academy at the CAHS Annual General Meeting in Ottawa on September 30, 2010. The CAHS recognizes individuals of great accomplishment and achievement in the academic health sciences in Canada.



Dr. William (Bill) Ghali, Director, Calgary Institute for Population & Public Health, Professor, Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences and Buchanan Chair General Internal Medicine: Dr. Ghali has a key leadership role in the Ward of the 21st Century (W21C) Initiative. He holds a Canada Research Chair in Health Services Research and is an Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Senior Health Scholar.



Dr. Marvin J. Fritzler, Professor, Departments of Medicine and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology: Dr. Fritzler's research focuses on the identification of novel autoantigens that are the targets of the immune response in a number of autoimmune diseases. His work has led to the development of new diagnostic assays and technologies for autoimmune diseases.



Dr. Jon Meddings, Professor and Vice Dean, Faculty of Medicine: The former Head of the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Calgary, and Chair of the DOM at the University of Alberta, Dr. Medding's research concentrates on celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease and bowel permeability.

Residents' Research Days

This year's Residents' Research Days were held on May 10th and May 11th 2010. The guest judge was Dr. Finlay McAlister, Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, University of Alberta and the President of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine. His Grand Rounds topic was "Knowledge Translation and The Tipping Point".

Presentations by residents included both poster and oral presentations. A recognition dinner was held at Lynx Ridge Golf Club on May 11, 2010 to celebrate the excellent quality of the research projects



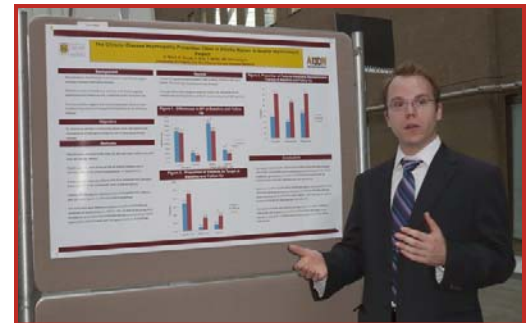
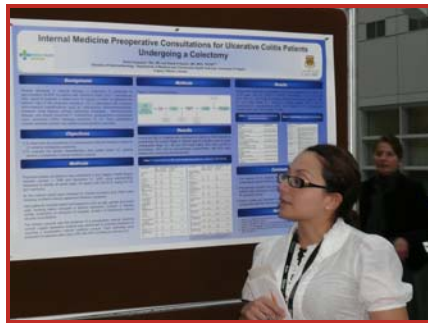
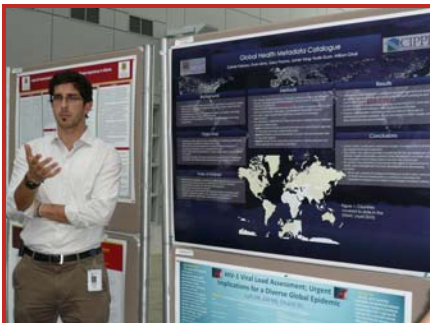
2010 MEDICINE RESIDENT RESEARCH DAY AWARD WINNERS

Poster Presentations:

- Best Poster-Residents' Choice:
Anthony Dechant and Karmon Helmle: Improving Inpatient Diabetes Management.
- Best Clinical Vignette Poster:
Matt Lauzon: Catastrophic Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome in a 24 year old female.
- Best QI/Patient Safety or Medical Education Poster:
David Ward: An Assessment of the Chronic Disease Nephropathy Prevention Clinic in Siksika Nation.
- Best Clinical Research/Health Services Research/Systematic Review Poster:
Anthony Dechant and Karmon Helmle: Improving Inpatient Diabetes Management.
- Best Basic Science Poster Presentation:
Michael Russell: Rational serum protein biomarker discovery in Crohn's Disease: a pilot study.

Oral Presentations:

- Best Oral Presentation-Residents' Choice:
Ben Wilson: Pulse Oximeter Accuracy in Intensive Care Unit Patients with Severe Sepsis: A Retrospective Cohort Study.
- Best Clinical Vignette Presentation:
Stephen Reynolds: Tracheobronchial Amyloidosis.
- Best QI/Patient Safety or Medical Education Presentation:
Sarah Chapelsky: Switching Disciplines During Residency: Does the Length of Undergraduate Training Matter?
- Best Clinical Research/Health Services Research/Systematic Review Presentation: Ben Thomson: Warfarin Anticoagulation Nomogram Equal INR Control to Standard Practice, for Hemodialysis Patients.
- Best Basic Science Presentation:
Adrienne Lee: Prevalence of Mycobacterium Avium Paratuberculosis In Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease.



Message from the Chief Residents

It is unbelievable how quickly the past three years (and especially the last year) have flown by! We have enjoyed a great run but now must sign over to an incredibly gifted set of individuals. We would like to welcome the incoming Chief Residents for 2010-2011: Drs. Meghan Elliot, Gabriel Fabreau, Suneil Khanna and Evan Minty. We have an enormous amount of respect and confidence that the program will continue its tradition of excellence in their hands.

Successes which highlight the past year include: completion of half-day restructuring (including an integrated simulation/procedures course), successful expansion of the Internal Medicine (IM) residency to the Rockyview General Hospital Medical Teaching Unit (MTU), a relatively “painless” introduction of the PGY4 CaRMS Match, an educational/entertaining Resident Retreat and the welcoming of 27 new PGY1 residents to the University of Calgary (U of C) IM Class.



Chief Residents (from left to right): Drs. Nicole Schneider-MacRae, Steve Vaughan, Ken Parhar, Karmon Helmle.

There have been many important people who deserve thanks for their tireless efforts to better the IM residency program: Drs. Maria Bacchus, John Conly, Otto Rorstad, Jeff Schaefer, and Ms. Charlene Brass, Jen Glow, Rhianna Hibberd, and the newest addition of Julie Law as well as all staff that are involved in residency education. With the valuable support and vision of these individuals, the program will continue to flourish for years to come.

Most importantly, we would like to thank all of the IM Residents for their determination and contributions to the program over the last year. None of these successes would have been possible without our inspiring colleagues.

Thank you all,
Stephen Vaughan for the Outgoing Chief Residents (Karmon Helmle, Nicole Schneider and Ken Parhar)

New Dermatology Residency Program

Starting this summer, the Division of Dermatology will be training a new generation of dermatologists. With a national shortage of dermatologists and existing training programs at full capacity, the Calgary program is timely. The last Dermatology Residency Training Program to be accredited in Canada was established 22 years ago at the University of Alberta.

The Dermatology Residency Program, led by Dr. Régine Mydlarski, is a comprehensive 5-year hospital and community-based residency program designed to train candidates to be competent and compassionate dermatological consultants. The first two years will consist of basic clinical training with a minimum of 12 months of Internal Medicine or Pediatrics. The last three years will be dedicated to specialty training in inpatient and outpatient dermatology. Residents will rotate through several subspecialty clinics – such as pediatric dermatology, immunodermatology, dermatologic surgery, phototherapy, wound healing and skin cancer – with complete mandatory rural and research rotations. Three residents will commence training in 2010: Dr. Megan Isaac-Renton, Dr. Joyce Wong and Dr. Marwan Al-Saedi.

The Division of Dermatology welcomes the new residents and looks forward to advancing their education mandate.



New Appointments



Dr. Karen Fruetel has accepted the position of Medical Leader for Integrated Seniors Health for the Calgary Zone. She will continue in her current role as Division Chief for Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Fruetel will provide Medical Leadership to Seniors Services, Home Care, Supportive Living and Facility Living, and Palliative Care / End of Life Care.



Dr. Kelly Zarnke has accepted the position of Division Chief for the Division of General Internal Medicine. Dr. Zarnke completed his training in Internal Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology at University of Western Ontario (UWO), followed by an MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. In 2007 he moved from the UWO to join the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary (U of C) as Regional Director of Therapeutics for AHS-Calgary Zone.



Dr. Bob Herman is the Acting Site Chief for the Rockyview General Hospital (RGH) for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Dr. Herman comes with many years of administrative experience in his former role as Division Chief for General Internal Medicine.



Dr. Maria Bacchus has been appointed to the role of Interim Joint Department Head for the Department of Medicine effective July 1, 2010.

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