

DCNS Neuro News

The Department of Clinical Neurosciences

June 2021

GRADUATING RESIDENTS

Congratulations to all our residents who have passed their Royal College exams and are preparing for the next stages of their careers!



Dr. Prin Chitsantikul
Neurology



Dr. Gabriela Gilmour
Neurology



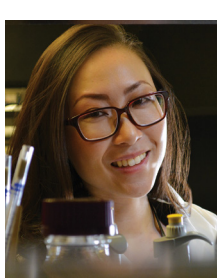
Dr. Gordon Jewett
Neurology



Dr. Ryan MacIsaac
Neurology



Dr. Ahmed Alaqeel
Neurosurgery



Dr. Candice Poon
Neurosurgery



Dr. Michael Yang
Neurosurgery



Dr. Rehana Murani
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



Dr. Jacqui Stone
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

More resident news

Congratulations also to **Dr. Michael Yang** on receiving the **Helios UCMG Post Fellowship Training Award**. Dr. Yang will be heading to the University of Miami to pursue a Complex and Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery Fellowship from July 2021 to June 2022. His research will be focused on improving perioperative outcomes after surgery, including through Enhanced Recovery After Surgery programs.

Dr. Yang has also been successful in the recruitment for the spinal neurosurgeon search and will join our faculty in Summer of 2022!



Dr. Hill receives Smith Award

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Hill who was recognized by the Cumming School of Medicine's Department Heads Committee and Dean Meddings on May 17.

The Smith Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes Dr. Hill's extraordinary contributions as a senior faculty member to the CSM.

Music to our ears...

Congrats to Dr. Stephanie Plamondon on receiving an Individual Citation Award from the Canadian Association of Music Therapists. Recipients are recognized as "agencies and non-music therapists who have provided employment and promoted the advancement of Music Therapy in Canada".



Researchers study Vitamin B3 as treatment for glioblastoma

DCNS members Dr. Paula de Robles and Dr. V. Wee Yong, along with collaborator Dr. Gloria Roldan Urgoiti, have launched a phase I-II clinical trial involving niacin and its potential to boost the body's immune system to fight the devastating brain tumour. [Click to read the story in UToday.](#)

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Effective July 1

PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR:



Dr. Lara Cooke



Dr. Bijoy Menon



Dr. Tamara Pringsheim

PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:



Dr. Mohammed Almekhlafi



Dr. Kevin Busche



Dr. Marcus Koch

PROMOTED TO CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:



Dr. Scott Jarvis



Dr. Justyna Sarna



Dr. Lisa Rosenegger

PROMOTED TO CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:

New leadership in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation



Dr. Sean Dukelow

The Department is pleased to welcome **Dr. Sean Dukelow** as the new Section Head and **Dr. George Francis** as the new Residency Program Director for PM&R.

Our sincere thanks to **Dr. Christine McGovern** and **Dr. Gentson Leung** for their exemplary leadership in these roles over many years.



Dr. George Francis

Dr. Hamilton wins multiple grant competitions



Dr. Mark Hamilton

In May 2021, Dr. Hamilton was successful in his application to the 2020/21 Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System (PRIHS) program. The grant, from Alberta Innovates and Alberta Health Services, was for his PRIHS 6 Stage 2 project "Reducing Ventricular/Lumbar Drain and Ventricular Shunt Insertion Infections in the Neurosurgery, Trauma, and ICU Patient Population in Alberta."

A month later, the Adult Hydrocephalus Clinical Research Network (AHCNRN), which Dr. Hamilton chairs, was also successful with a National Institutes of Health grant submission for a randomized placebo-controlled trial of

shunting in iNPH with the additional assessment of imaging, neuropsychology and CSF biomarkers.

"Our application was approved on the first submission with a requested budget of approximately \$14.3 million USD," says Dr. Hamilton.

"While the study will be run through John Hopkins University, Baltimore, it will include all of the eight AHCNRN centres and 12 additional preselected sites spanning four countries in North American and Europe."

Congratulations Dr. Hamilton!