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DCNS Neuro News

The Department of Clinical Neurosciences

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Welcome to DCNS!

A number of new team members have joined the department in the past few months. Please join us in welcoming them!

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Shaye has joined the Neurosurgery Section of DCNS and provides support and coordination for all the activities of the section.



She has assumed the desk and phone number of Linda Menzies-Burrows, who recently retired.

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Edina brings to us over 12 years of financial analysis and accounting experience. Edina holds an MBA and a Master of Science in Accounting. She is proficient in full cycle accounting, forecasting, budgets, management and performance reporting. Before joining AHS, Edina worked as a senior financial analyst for Rogers Communications.



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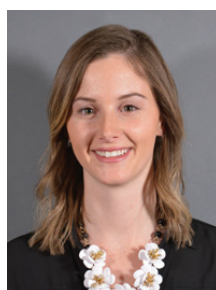
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Aoife supports Clinical Neurosciences AARP Manager Essi Rust as well as all of DCNS AARP business affairs. Aoife received a Bachelor of Arts with distinction at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia where she studied communications and publishing.



Professionally, Aoife comes with organizational and administrative experience gathered from working as a Conference Coordinator for SFU Conference and Guest Accommodations, a Community Advisor for residences, and as an Education Programming Assistant at Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.



Dr. Fletcher recognized by AAN with A.B. Baker Award

The American Academy of Neurology has selected Dr. William Fletcher for the 2015 A.B. Baker Teacher Recognition Award.

The A.B. Baker Section of Neurologic Educators believes that "excellent teachers deserve recognition for their contributions to improving neurology now and in the future".

Dr. Fletcher, a professor of neurology and ophthalmology in the Departments of Clinical Neurosciences and Surgery, says he thoroughly enjoys sharing his expertise with learners.

"It's important that they learn their craft well," he says, "and that I'm confident in what they can do as neurologist colleagues."

"They are going to be out treating patients on their own in the not-too-distant future," he adds.

"Five years is not that long."

Dr. Fletcher's award follows that of DCNS neurologist Dr. Keith Brownell, who was honoured in 2013.

"We are so proud of the calibre of our teachers at the University of Calgary," says Dr. Michael Yeung, director of the Neurology Residency Program at DCNS.

"This award speaks to the teaching excellence we have here in the U of C residency program. To have two teachers recognized by the AAN is quite incredible."

Dr. Burton awarded PFUN grant

Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Jodie Burton has been awarded a grant from the HBI/ DCNS Pilot Research Fund Program to expand her stem cell transplant trial in neuromyelitis optica.

The add-on study is called *Studying the Immunological Profile of Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) Patients Undergoing Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant*.

"In our existing and new patients, we will be looking at pre and post-transplant results in a novel

assay on B and T cell subsets," says Dr. Burton.



"We'll be collaborating with Dr. May Han at Stanford University in California as this set of assays may be predictive of impending clinical disease activity whereas the existing antibody testing for the disease

does not appear to be highly correlative with clinical breakthrough."

The research, which is expected to begin this summer, also involves Dr. Han and Dr. Jan Storek as co-Principal Investigators.

Congratulations to Dr. Jetté

The Department of Clinical Neurosciences would like to congratulate Dr. Nathalie Jetté on having had her Canada Research Chair in Neurological Health Services Research renewed.

The DCNS neurologist also recently received the Jones Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Medical Education.

The Jones Award, from the Cumming School of Medicine, recognizes faculty members who have significantly contributed to the education of undergraduate medical students.

In addition, effective July 1, Dr. Jetté has been promoted to professor — the highest academic rank in the professorial stream at the University of Calgary.



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Cher joins the busy DCNS admin team after previously working as a clerk at the Urgent Neurology Clinic on the 5th floor of SHC.



GRAND ROUNDS

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Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
Translational Neuroscience

Fall Grand Rounds presenters

There are still a few openings in October, November and December of 2015 for Grand Rounds presentations in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, or would like to present yourself, please forward details to [Quentin](#).

Once they're confirmed, upcoming speakers are listed on the DCNS site.