



Medical Director, Associate Medical Director, Advanced Technical Skills Simulation Laboratory

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The Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Chandrew Rajakumar MD, FRCSC, as Medical Director and Dr John Kortbeek, MD, FRCSC FACS, as Associate Medical Director of the Advanced Technical Skills Simulation Laboratory (ATSSL). The appointments are effective January 1, 2021.

As director and associate director Drs Rajakumar and Kortbeek will provide medical leadership and strategic advice for the educational programming of the ATSSL grounded in inter-professional practice competencies, quality and patient safety, oversee RCPSC Simulation Program accreditation and lead change in the adoption of simulation across the continuum of medical education integral to the CSM Mission of “Creating the Future of Health”.

Dr Rajakumar is currently Division Head for Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the University of Calgary; President of the Section of OBGYN for the Alberta Medical Association; Provincial Lead for Benign Gynecology for ERAS Alberta; and Simulation Lead for the Dept. of OBGYN, CSM.

Dr Rajakumar brings over 5 years of experience producing educational programs for UME, PGME and CME. In addition, he is a regularly invited simulation lead at the University of British Columbia's Advanced Technical Skills Course as well as the endoscopic suturing courses both nationally (SOGC) and internationally (AAGL). Dr Rajakumar is also the education lead nationally (CanSAGE) for fellowships in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery.

Dr Kortbeek is currently a Professor with the Departments of Surgery, Anesthesia and Critical Care, University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services. Dr Kortbeek has served as regional Trauma Services Director for Calgary, as Director of the Intensive Care unit at the Foothills Medical Centre, Site Chief of Surgery at Foothills and as Chairman of the Department of Surgery for the University of Calgary & AHS.

Dr Kortbeek has been an active member of many surgical and trauma organizations and editorial boards and has authored many books and publications. He has previously served as President of the Trauma Association of Canada, as Chair of the Advanced Trauma Life Support subcommittee of the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma, as a Governor for the American College of Surgeons and as a Director of the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society in Canada.

Please join us in welcoming Dr Rajakumar and Dr Kortbeek to their new roles.

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