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OPERATIONS UPDATE WITH DR. ELIJAH DIXON

The Block Booking Committee has done great work putting together a new formula and form, which will be refined in the following months. How the new formula can be used as a metric to evaluate needs between sections will also be examined.

Thank you to Dr. A. Crichton and J. Cabrera for all the work they have put into this. Dr. Crichton has taken over as the Interim Section Head of Ophthalmology, and consequently applications to Chair the Block Booking Committee will be accepted.

The department will be looking for a candidate to assume the role of Department of Surgery Patient Complaints Liaison. This person will be in charge of tracking all patient complaints that are filed within the department, which includes all five hospitals in the Calgary Zone. They will ensure timely handling of the complaints by site leads and section chiefs including direct involvement with complaints when needed. When required they will coordinate and at times take part in family meetings. Additionally, they will sit on the Surgical Executive Committee, provide updates at the surgical executive meetings and departmental business meetings. When knowledge gaps and opportunities for learning are identified they will coordinate educational activities to address these. The liaison will report directly to Dr. Grondin and myself.

The department is also putting together an ad hoc committee to address the current senior surgeon policies that currently exist within the department and various sections. As discussed at both surgical executive and the department business meetings, the mandate of the committee will be to create a policy that applies across all sections. Those interested in serving on the committee can contact me directly at elijah.dixon@ahs.ca.

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OFFICE OF SURGICAL EDUCATION UPDATE WITH DR. ARTAN RESO

Competency By Design (CBD) went into full swing with Surgical Foundations this summer. We have updated and improved our curriculum with a boot camp which occurred July 9-13 and hosted 24 PGY-1 residents from eight surgical specialties. Thanks to all those who helped cover call while the first year residents enjoyed time to develop their surgical and CanMEDs skills which will help them throughout their career.

Thank you also to all those surgeons, nurses, allied health and residents who volunteered their time to help make this year's bootcamp a tremendous success. As many of you may know, the residents are now hooked up with ePortfolio and are starting to get their repeated, low stake assessments done by both senior residents and staff alike (thanks in advance for your expertise with this). If you haven't signed up for ePortfolio yet, please do as soon as possible. We held our second competence committee meeting in late September and assessed how residents are progressing with their EPAs, with a suggested completion of their transition to discipline for the end of October.

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) office recently wrapped up the 16th Annual Canadian Orthopaedic Resident Forum held April 6-9 which hosted 68 orthopaedic residents along with 31 faculty preceptors in eight specialty areas from across Canada. On June 8th, the CME also helped coordinate the Young Hip Symposium which hosted 22 faculty and residents along with six faculty preceptors and visiting preceptor, Dr. Richard Santore from San Diego, California.

For more information on how the CME office can assist with organizing a CME event, conference or course for your department, please contact Jo-El Buerlen, CME Coordinator at 403-944-1434, or at Jo-ElC.Buerlen@ahs.ca.



OFFICE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH UPDATE WITH DR. CLAIRE TEMPLE - OBERLE

The fall 2018 roll-out of the OSR Refresh has begun. I have transitioned from Interim Director to Director of the OSR. The OSR has hired a full-time Research Facilitator, Maria Fernando, who started in August 2018. She will be helping researchers from across the department navigate the administrative barriers identified in the refresh as roadblocks to research productivity. The OSR's new part-time biostatistician, Kimberly Rondeau, joined the OSR in September and provides support for department members, fellows and residents. To request assistance, please complete the short survey that can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KWZ6W3F>.

The call for applications for the 2018 Research Pillar Awards was sent out earlier this fall. These awards will provide support for up to \$25,000/year for two years, and will support currently unfunded research programs with an exciting and novel focus. Research for the awards will fall within the OSR's four research pillars (basic science, health systems, clinical research and education research). Further information on all funding opportunities can be found in the Grants & Awards section of our website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/osr/grants-awards>.

Keep an eye out for more updates from the OSR as we will be working to develop new and exciting ways to enhance the research experience for department members. These will include hands-on training sessions, as well as information on upcoming external and internal funding opportunities.



THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

When Joanne started her career as a nurse in ICU at the Foothills Hospital in 1986 she could never have imagined her path would lead her to be the Executive Director at Calgary's newest, leading-edge Hospital, the South Health Campus (SHC).

Joanne has worked in many roles since those early days as an RN in ICU. She has been a Nurse Clinician in Emergency at Foothills Hospital, Program Manager at the PLC, Provincial Director of RAAPID and PADIS and now the Executive Director of Surgery, Woman and Children's Health and Neurosciences at SHC. Her inspiring 31-year journey is the result of hard work, diligence and striving to do her best in every role.

She completed her Master's Degree in Health Science Administration and Education in 2009.

"I believe in continual learning and growth and that's essential in health care," says Joanne. "I'm very grateful for the opportunities I've had in my career and the chance to learn from wonderful role models."

These days Joanne is hard at work on programs that make a difference in the lives of Albertans including capacity and collaborative care initiatives and patient and family-centred focused work that transforms historic practices into new and exciting ways of providing care.

Throughout her career, Joanne has supported and worked alongside surgeons and the entire surgery team. Never was that more prominent than during the opening of the SHC.

"The teamwork and the dedication to the department and to the site that everyone had, became the culture of SHC as a hospital," explains Joanne. "The team still works very closely together."

Joanne believes her role as a leader is multi-focused and being connected is something she strongly believes in. "It is important to know and understand that we can't do our roles without each other," shares Joanne. "We need each other, and together we make the journey for the patients and their families the best it can be."

One way Joanne works to accomplish her part is by 'trading places' with a staff member in her portfolio. "It's such an eye-opening experience for the staff member being the Executive Director for the day and for me to be a staff member for the day," says Joanne. "The learnings I take away are so beneficial."

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Joanne believes there are many ways to make a positive difference.

"Another part of my job is supporting the staff, surgeons and physicians so that they can provide the best possible care to their patients," explains Joanne. "Sometimes there are challenges, but part of being a leader is navigating through challenges." Joanne believes that commitment, innovation and collaboration are key to moving things forward.

Outside of work, Joanne brings the same enthusiasm and commitment to her life where she spends time doting on her six grandchildren, running distance marathons (she is participating in the New York Marathon this November) and recharging at her winter home in Mexico.



Joanne cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the operating room at the SHC.



Dr. Sean Grondin and Dr. Mark Zivot

ZIVOT LIMB PRESERVATION CENTRE NAMED IN HONOUR OF DR. ZIVOT

In a special ceremony on September 27, 2018, the Zivot Limb Preservation Centre was named in honour of Dr. Mark Zivot who donated \$1M to enhance world-class care for patients managing diabetes and vascular disease and at risk of amputation of feet and lower limbs.

A portion of the funds from the \$1M donation will go towards the purchase of state-of-the-art technology that can help with early detection, and assessment of vascular issues that are a major risk factor in limb loss. Funds will also be dedicated to research on limb disease progression and recurrence for individuals managing conditions including diabetes, neuropathy and poor circulation.

"Philanthropy has played an important part in my life and I wanted to provide a substantial donation with direct purpose and passion. Not just a gift of dollars, but a gift of my knowledge, experience and time," explains Dr. Zivot. "The naming of the Zivot Limb Preservation Centre is a great honour, and I am most gracious for the opportunity to give back to healthcare."

The formal celebration included remarks from the Calgary Health Trust President and CEO Dr. Chris Eagle, MLA Ricardo Miranda, PLC Site Medical Director Dr. Elizabeth MacKay, longtime friend of Dr. Zivot and member of the Department of Surgery, Dr. Phillip Lelievre, and the guest of honour, Dr. Mark Zivot.

The Department of Surgery also honoured Dr. Zivot with an appointment of Honourary Clinical Assistant Professor. This honorary appointment is in recognition of his contributions to the development and function of the Limb Preservation Centre. The appointment also recognizes Dr. Zivot's philanthropic work within the section of podiatric surgery and the time he has spent sensitizing the greater medical community on diabetic foot related issues.

The Zivot Limb Preservation Centre, located at the Peter Lougheed Centre in Calgary Alberta provides expert care for diabetics with foot ulcers and/or infection. The centre is staffed by podiatric surgeons who maintain close contact with physicians specializing in vascular surgery, infectious disease, plastic/reconstructive surgery, orthopaedic surgery, nephrology and endocrinology, along with wound care nurses and orthotic technicians.

The Limb Preservation Centre opened to patients in October 2016, and provides care to approximately 6,500 patients each year.

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The 2018 Surgeons' Day at the Foothills Hospital Libin Theatre was a huge success with a record number of attendees (approximately 140).



The guest judges, Drs. Lor Randall and Serdar Yilmaz, gave outstanding lectures.



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Top podium presentation by a resident was awarded to Dr. Joseph Kendal (Orthopaedic Surgery) for his talk on the role of BMP-2 signaling in pre-clinical models of osteosarcoma.

The runner-up was Dr. Maher Sabalbal (Vascular Surgery) for his presentation on the same day discharge percutaneous endovascular aneurysm repair pathway.



SAVE THE DATE: THE 2019 SURGEONS' DAY IS ON JUNE 14, 2019.

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Poster presentations were categorized based on the four research pillars within the OSR. The winners for best basic science, education, clinical and health systems poster presentations were Kristen Barton (Medical Student), Dr. Michael Liss (Plastic Surgery) pictured above, Dr. Eva Gusnowski (Orthopaedic Surgery) and Ashley Matkin (Medical Student), respectively.

This year we introduced the “Sharpest Knife” event, a live grant competition with the winner receiving a \$10,000 research grant. Dr. Neil White received the inaugural award for his pitch to look at the effect of weather patterns on orthopaedic trauma volumes.



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*Research award winners (from left to right):
Drs. Quan, Hildebrand, Ball, and Clark.*



Surgeons enjoy the awards ceremony at the gala event.



Dr. Grondin and Dr. Bowen



*Distinguished service award winners (from left to right): Drs.
Bowen, Dougall, Joughin, Dort, and Beveridge.*

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SURGEON WITH DR. ROB HARROP



Dr. Harrop is no stranger to a busy schedule but for him, every moment is worth it because he is able to do what he loves each day.

Dr. Harrop is a pediatric plastic surgeon with a special interest in brachial plexus reconstruction and facial reanimation surgery. He is in his sixth year as Chief of the Section of Plastic Surgery, and is also the current President of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Vice-President of the Educational Foundation of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons. He served as the Director of the Office of Surgical Research from 2008-2013.

Dr. Harrop says he enjoys the variety of work he has the chance to do each day, and the problem-solving that comes with his role.

"Some days in the OR are filled with a bunch of short straight-forward cases while other days involve big complicated operations that can take 10 - 12 hours," shares Dr. Harrop. "What people often don't realize though, is that plastic surgery is a broad specialty which uses a collection of principles and techniques to solve problems all over the body rather than just one specific area. This means, often as plastic surgeons we have to come up with solutions to problems that we have never encountered before." Along with tackling challenges, Dr. Harrop enjoys working with children.

"Being a surgeon for children is especially rewarding because I often get to meet kids as newborns and then continue treating them until they become adults," says Dr. Harrop. "Watching them grow up is a truly rewarding experience."

Another perk that comes with being a pediatric plastic surgeon is the opportunity to travel to and treat children in developing countries who have limited access to surgical care. In 2015, Dr. Harrop went on a surgical mission to the Amazon River basin in Peru where he, and his colleague Dr. Frankie Fraulin and a team from the Alberta Children's Hospital treated 30 children with cleft lips and palates.

He also enjoys getting involved with the Department of Surgery in a leadership capacity.

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"Being a part of decisions that make a difference for department members and patients is something I am grateful to be able to do. Leadership roles also give me the chance to develop new skills. I often feel like a big part of leadership has been learning to understand why people feel or behave a certain way about some issue – it's like being a pedestrian-level psychologist."

On top of a busy surgical practice, Dr. Harrop has three sons aged 12, 16 and 18 that keep him busy outside of the hospital. He enjoys hiking, camping, exercising and even takes part in a couple of surgery ski groups each year where he enjoys a mix of skiing and scientific talks on surgical problems.



DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Harrop's wife, Dr. Marcy Mintz, is a specialist in Internal Medicine who is also the program director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program, "so there is a lot of juggling of schedules at my house."

NEW RESIDENT EDUCATION ROOM



Pictured (from left to right): Renee Ryan, Stormy Marshall, Dezi Pereira, Dr. Mary Brindle, Dr. Richard Leigh, Dr. Marcy Mintz, Brennan Leslie, Trudi Jersak, and Stacey Dickinson. Missing: Darcy Andres and Dr. Sean Grondin.

After months of planning and recent renovations, the Departments of Medicine and Surgery are excited to announce the opening of a Resident Education Classroom for use by both our residency programs.

The room is located at the Women's Health Centre, North Tower on the second floor in Room 258 (WHC 258) and will be used for Academic Half Days on Tuesdays by Nephrology, Wednesdays by Internal Medicine and Thursdays by Surgery.

To book the room any other time, please contact Trudi Jersak at trudi.jersak@ahs.ca.

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MEET SUSAN ISHERWOOD PROJECT MANAGER

Susan Isherwood's official title is project manager, but around the department, she is known for her uncanny ability to provide insights on all things research related. She is now branching out to projects within DoS.

"I've been lucky to work on a great number of projects including clinical trials for Dr. Ball and Dr. Dixon and breast cancer research for Dr. Quan," says Susan. "I enjoy the variety of work I do."

She first started at the University of Calgary on a four-month term, six years later Susan continues to make a strong impact. "Each day I have the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives and move things forward in terms of research and knowledge," she shares.

Susan currently divides her time between working on the breast cancer research project for Dr. Quan and in the last year, project management for the department. She is involved with putting the OSR refresh into action, improving the department's communications, and helping to organize Surgeons' Day among other things.

Susan has an extraordinary background with a Ph.D. in International Relations, and first started her career as a professor at the University of Warwick in England. In 2007, she came to Calgary with her husband and accepted a position in research services at Mount Royal University.

"An opportunity came up to apply for permanent residency in Canada and we seized it," says Susan. "I enjoy new challenges and this was an exciting new adventure for us."

Susan is no stranger to the world of health and medicine either. "My grandparents were pharmacists, my aunt a professor of immunology and my sister is a veterinarian," she shares. "Because of this, I've always had an interest in health research and policy."

Susan is looking forward to continuing to work in her dual roles to support Dr. Grondin in moving key projects forward and to help put the OSR refresh in place.



FAVOURITE HOBBIES

Cooking and reading historical novels



TWO THINGS SHE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

Coffee and books



FUN FACTS

- Susan attended the London Olympics in 2012
- Susan went to school with some members of the Coronation Street cast

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DORY GLASER-WATSON IS RETIRING

After a career, spanning more than 40 years, Dory Glaser-Watson is retiring. Dory received a Diploma of Nursing from the Foothills Hospital School of Nursing in 1979 and subsequently received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Alberta. She worked as an RN at the Foothills Hospital CCU/ Trauma Unit until 1982 when she moved to the BC Coast. In 2001, she moved back to Calgary to be with family. She has three grown children – all in their 30's.

Before joining the Department of Surgery in 2014, she worked as a Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE) in surgery/PACU and previously as a staff Registered Nurse (RN) for various areas in health care including CCU/ICU, Labour/Delivery, DI Angio and PACU. "With my extensive background in nursing I had transferable skills that I was able to use as an Education Coordinator for the department," shares Dory. Over the years, she has collaborated with physicians, residents and scheduled clinical clerks from all over North America for surgical electives and the surgical rotation.

As the Chair for the Regional CNE meetings for the last 10 years, Dory collaborated with AHS managers, directors and CNEs for policy updates, product changes, clinical practice standards and sat on various working groups.



Dory was instrumental in the development of the pre-operative teaching classes for patients undergoing TURPs and Radical Prostatectomy at the SAIU at the Rockyview General Hospital. She was also, recognized by the Nursing Director of Surgery for the creation and implementation of an orientation for RNs to PACU who did not have a critical care background. This forward initiative enabled a retention of skilled RNs at the Foothills Medical Centre PACU when the South Health Campus hospital opened.

Outside of work, Dory has served on national, provincial and local boards including a board position at College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA), the National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association of Canada and President of the PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association of Alberta (Southern Alberta Chapter) for many years. She assisted with the recognition of PeriAnesthesia Nursing as the 20th Nursing Specialty with the Canadian Nurses Association and assisted with the creation of a national exam for this certification which is being utilized by RNs in Canada and the United Arab Emirates.

She continues to be the CARNA Rep for the CNPS (Canadian Nurses Protective Society). In 2016, she was awarded the CARNA Centennial Award for her unique contributions to the nursing profession. In 2017/18, she was nominated for the CARNA Excellence in Education Award by her CNE peers. "My 40-year career has been phenomenal, I have learned a lot, made friends and helped others along the way," shares Dory. "I never set out to be great, only to be involved in great things."

Dory has plans for her retirement that will keep her very busy – sailing and travelling with her husband Neil, sewing, yoga/fitness and enjoying life with family and friends. She will continue her work as an expert nurse consultant for legal cases and teaching NRP. "Thanks, everyone for the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Surgery," says Dory. "Fair winds and following seas!"



BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE DOS WITH RHONDA SIEMENS

So many personnel behind the scenes are integral to the work the Department of Surgery does and Rhonda Siemens is no exception. She has worked as the administrative support for Dr. Goldstein and the Section Chiefs of Pediatric Surgery, Dr. Hyndman and Dr. Fraulin since she started in 2011 and her passion for her work has only continued to grow.

"I love the people I work with, and I've loved my job since I started," shares Rhonda.

Rhonda is in charge of section support, operating room bookings, hiring new surgeons, payroll, meeting minutes, and clinical work. She started as a practicum student and after only two weeks of work was considered so valuable that she was offered a position as a casual employee and received full-time employment six months later.

"I jumped at the chance to work at the Alberta Children's Hospital and have been here ever since," says Rhonda.

Rhonda goes on to share the children's hospital is a great working environment with frequent events and activities for the children including the annual Calgary Flames and Halloween parades, but the real rewards of her career are the impact she has helping families.

"A family got in touch to tell me how very grateful they were that I was able to get their son scheduled in for surgery," says Rhonda. "Helping families along with supporting the work Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Fraulin do are the best part of my job here."

Rhonda also provides essential support when it comes to recruitment for Pediatric Surgery.

"I have facilitated and organized eight recruitments for Pediatric Surgery since starting my position here," shares Rhonda.

She explains how she has met interesting people from all over North America and how very rewarding it is to see the process come to completion as from start to finish it takes about six months.

When she isn't juggling her many work responsibilities, you can find her spending time with her two daughters aged 15 and 17, practicing her new hobby as a passenger on her fiancé's motorcycle or enjoying the great outdoors.

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Dr. Kamaljot Kaler

Clinical Assistant Professor, Urology

Dr. Kam Kaler completed his undergraduate training at the University of Calgary while earning both his BA in Economics and BSc in Biological Sciences with distinction. Thereafter, he earned his medical degree at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta and completed his Urology residency in the Department of Surgery at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. He is certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Kaler joined the Department of Urology at University of California, Irvine in 2015 as a fellow in endourology, image-guided therapy, and robotic surgery. He was then recruited to join their faculty in 2017. Subsequently, he was recruited to the University of Calgary and Southern Alberta Institute of Urology in 2018.



Dr. Rob Hart

Clinical Professor, Otolaryngology

Dr. Robert Hart was born and raised in New Brunswick. His undergraduate education was at the University of King's College in Halifax. He went on to do both his medical school training and residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Dalhousie University. He then attended the University of Alberta for a fellowship in advanced head and neck cancer/microvascular reconstruction and surgical endocrinology. He was on staff at Dalhousie University (2006-2018), and was the divisional research director and head and neck fellowship director. His clinical practice centers on advanced head and neck cancer resection and reconstruction but he also has a significant interest in endocrine surgery including all aspects of thyroid and parathyroid pathology.



Dr. Aaron Knox

Clinical Lecturer, Plastic Surgery

Dr. Aaron Knox grew up in High River Alberta and completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Calgary, MD at the University of Alberta and residency in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of British Columbia. During his residency he obtained a Master in Health Professions Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago with special interest in competency based medical education and assessment in surgical education. He has completed a medical education fellowship at the Wilson Centre in Toronto and a clinical fellowship in hand, wrist, and peripheral nerve surgery at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney, Australia before joining the Plastic Surgery Group at Peter Lougheed Hospital. His non-academic interests include strength training, CrossFit, snowboarding and spending time with his family who are very excited for his return home to Calgary.

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Dr. Grant Moffat

Clinical Assistant Professor, General Surgery

Dr. Grant Moffat is opening a general surgery practice at the Peter Lougheed Center where he will be seeing consults and operating. He will also be performing screening colonoscopies at the High River Hospital. Dr. Moffat is new to the province but has been a practicing general surgeon for the past 16 years in Mississauga Ontario with Trillium Health partners. Outside of his clinical practice, he has established breast and rectal diagnostic units, completed both the Advanced Health Leadership Program through Rotman School of Management and an MSc in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety through the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. He has held numerous leadership positions including Division Head of Surgical Oncology and President of the Medical Staff Association.



Dr. Bhindi Bimal

Clinical Lecturer, Urology

Dr. Bimal Bhindi is a urologic oncologist working at the Southern Alberta Institute of Urology. He completed his urologic oncology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic and his residency training in urologic surgery at the University of Toronto. He cares for patients in all areas of urologic oncology and uses robotic-assisted, laparoscopic, and open surgical approaches. His academic interests include clinical outcomes and health services research pertaining to active surveillance, optimization of patient selection for local therapies, personalized medicine, and multimodal therapy for prostate and kidney cancer.



Dr. Donal Graham

Clinical Lecturer, Plastic Surgery

Dr. Donald Graham is a plastic surgeon working at the Rockyview General Hospital. He completed his plastic surgery residency at the University of Calgary, and then a fellowship in hand and microsurgery at the Kleinert Institute in Louisville, Kentucky. He then stayed on as an attending surgeon in the United States with his fellowship group, Kleinert Kutz with a practice that focused on major hand and limb trauma at the University of Louisville. He is excited to return home to Alberta and cares for patients in all areas of plastic and reconstructive surgery, with a special interest in hand surgery. His academic interests include composite tissue allotransplantation, fat grafting, and medical education.

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Dr. Ugo Dodd

Clinical Lecturer, Pediatric Ophthalmology

Ugo Dodd is thrilled to be joining the Vision Clinic at Alberta Children's Hospital as a Pediatric Ophthalmologist. After completing her undergraduate degree in Physiology (Hons) and Masters of Science in Nutrition at the University of Alberta, she moved east to the University of Ottawa to obtain her Medical Degree in French. She completed her residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Saskatchewan. Her life was forever enriched by her Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus fellowship at the prestigious Boston Children's Hospital and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary at Harvard University. A native Calgarian, she is enjoying reuniting with her family and long-time friends. On the weekends, you might catch her skating with her children and husband at the Olympic Oval.



Dr. Don He

Clinical Lecturer, Dentistry and Oral Health

Dr. Don He was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta and graduated from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, attaining a Bachelor of Medical Sciences Degree (BMedSci) and a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree (DDS) in 2013. He practiced general dentistry for several years in Calgary and then completed specialty training in pediatric dentistry at the British Columbia Children's Hospital and the University of British Columbia completing a Master of Science in Craniofacial Science Degree (MSc) and a Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (Dip.Ped). He is a board certified specialist in pediatric dentistry, a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (FRCD(C)) and is an active member of the Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (CAPD) and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD). He accepted a position as a staff pediatric dentist at the Alberta Children's Hospital in October 2018.



Dr. Prabhdeep Chahal

Clinical Lecturer, Dentistry and Oral Health

Prabhdeep Chahal is honoured to be joining the Section of Dentistry and Oral Health as a Pediatric Dentist at the Alberta Children's Hospital. She was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. After completing her BSc in biochemistry at the University of Saskatchewan in 2003, she pursued her goals of becoming a dentist at the University of Manitoba. After graduating in 2007, she practiced general dentistry for six years in Calgary and Ontario. She then decided to realize her dreams of specializing in pediatrics and completed her residency at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2015. She relocated to Calgary and now works at the Smile Team Pediatric Dentistry in North West Calgary. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her husband and three young children.

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Dr. Michael Deutschmann

Clinical Lecturer, Otolaryngology

Dr. Michael Deutschmann received his BScH from Queen's University and his MD from University of Calgary. He completed his otolaryngology residency at the University of Calgary, a Fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center and worked at the Red Deer Regional Hospital from 2015 – 2018.



Dr. Kate Elzinga

Clinical Lecturer, Plastic Surgery

Dr. Kate Elzinga was born and raised in Calgary. She completed medical school at the University of Calgary, a plastic surgery residency at the University of Alberta, a hand/wrist/peripheral nerve fellowship at the University of Michigan, and a microsurgery fellowship at the University of Manitoba. She is currently covering a one year locum at the Peter Lougheed Centre in plastic surgery and is starting as a clinical lecturer at the South Health Campus on March 1, 2019.



Dr. Todd Fairbanks

Clinical Lecturer, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Todd Fairbanks is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon working at the Peter Lougheed Centre. He completed his Dental Degree at the University of California, San Francisco and residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Washington. He has established a private practice in Southwest Calgary where he cares for patients in all areas of oral surgery with specific interests in dentoalveolar surgery, orthognathic surgery, dental implants and hard tissue augmentation.



Dr. Richard Ng

Clinical Lecturer, Orthopaedics

Dr. Richard Ng joined the group of orthopaedic surgeons at the Rockyview Hospital this fall. He has a MSc in 2017 from Western University, a MD in 2010 from the University of British Columbia, and a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alberta in 2006. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery in Calgary and successfully completed his FRCSC certification in 2016. Dr. Ng has since completed fellowships in hip and knee arthroplasty (London, Ontario) and orthopaedic trauma (Edinburgh, UK). He is enthusiastic in continuing his research interests in medical education and hip and knee arthroplasty.

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Dr. John Toole

Clinical Lecturer, Podiatry

Dr. John Toole was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba and received his BA from the University of Western Ontario and his BSc from the University of Manitoba. His medical training started at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, Illinois where he obtained his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. Upon completion of his medical degree, Dr. Toole did his residency at Presence Saint Joseph Hospital in Chicago and was appointed Chief Resident of the Podiatric Surgery Residency Program. After residency, he completed a fellowship at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky where he specialized in diabetic limb preservation and foot reconstruction. Dr. Toole will be working at the Peter Loughheed Center with clinic also at the Richmond Medical Center.

Dr. Vikram Lekhi

Clinical Lecturer, Ophthalmology

DATES TO REMEMBER 2018/2019

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Department of Surgery Retreat

March 8, 2019, at the Glencoe Club

Surgeons' Day and Awards Gala

June 14, 2019, at Foothills Medical Centre and Calgary Olympic Park (Gala)

CME EVENTS

Canadian Shoulder & Elbow Course

January 31, February 1- 2, 2019

Surgical Foundations Teacher's Training Retreat

February 20 - 22, 2019

Canadian Orthopaedic Resident Forum

April 5 - 8, 2019

Glen Edwards Day

May 31, 2019

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2018/2019

ALBERTA INNOVATES: ACCELERATING INNOVATIONS INTO CARE (AICE)

The AICE program provides funding support to generate real-world evidence in a clinical setting for new technologies developed by small-medium enterprise innovators that have the potential to address priority needs of Alberta's health system. The project lead must hold an appointment at an Alberta post-secondary institution, and must be partnered with a small-medium enterprise partner providing an innovation or technology that can be tested in a real-world clinical setting.

Funding Available: \$150,000 for up to 18 months

Internal Deadline: December 19, 2018, 12 p.m.

TEAM GRANT - TRANSITIONS IN CARE

The goal of the Transitions in Care (TiC) CIHR multi-institute initiative is to improve the health and wellness of Canadians by supporting research that transforms the health system to optimize the outcomes of patients experiencing transitions in care. The research team must include: a scientific lead, a clinical lead, patient/family/caregiver, a health system decision-maker, an eHealth innovation partner. At the time of application, a minimum of 30% of the budget in partnership contributions is required, with 15% representing a cash contribution.

Funding Available: \$240,000/year for 4 years

Deadline: January 22, 2019, 12 p.m.

CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT

The Spring 2019 Project Grant has not officially launched, however, the registration deadline is anticipated to be early February 2019 and the application deadline is anticipated to be early March 2019. More information will be distributed as it is made available.

The Department of Surgery Principles

Awareness/Readiness



**Reliability/Integrity/
Accountability**



Compassion & Respect



Privileged Stewardship



Cooperation/Ethics



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A **HEALTHY** CAREER STARTS WITH A **HEALTHY** LIFE

Honesty

Practice integrity in
everything you do



Happiness

Find time for what
makes you happy



Health

Make your health and
wellness a top priority



Hardwork

Work hard to
achieve your goals



Heart

Spend time with
your loved ones

