

UME Newsletter

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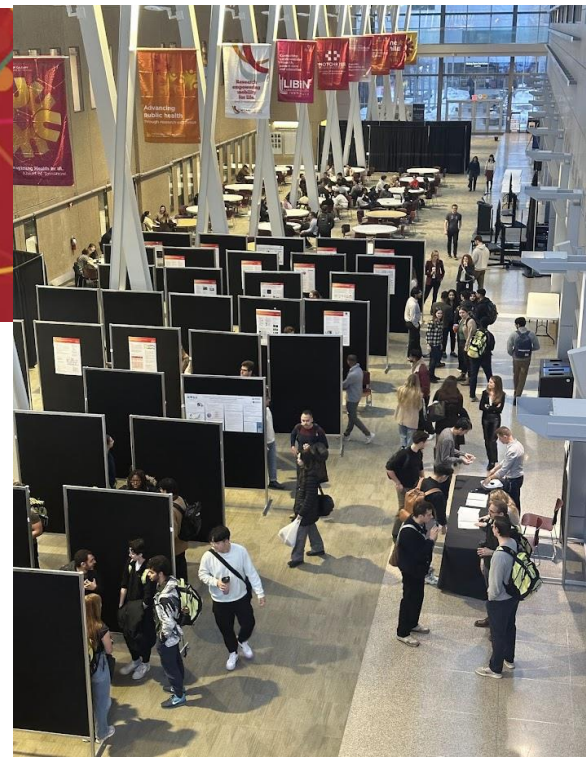
Improving Communication

Introducing the Monthly UME Newsletter

We've heard your feedback – there are too many emails! We've developed this newsletter as a way of communicating the newsworthy changes and updates from the UME office, and to let you know some of the work we're doing behind the frosted glass doors.

In addition to the newsletter, we'll also be circulating a new report to highlight how student feedback informs changes within the program. This report, Progress In Action, will be circulated once a quarter, and focus on the data-informed changes for continuous quality improvement. Our goal is to highlight that your voices are heard, and to help contextualize some of the changes.

These communication pieces are keys to improving transparency between the UME office and our students.



ECLIPSE

Last December was the first ECLIPSE event. Supported by the Jones Family Endowment for Medical Education Research, the event included:

67 student posters

Keynote from UBC scholar Dr. Kevin Ewa

Faculty recognition from the Class of 2026

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

- Arthur Ashe

New to the UME Team – Dr. Lea Harper

Director, Continuous Quality Improvement

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Lea Harper has accepted the position of Director, Continuous Quality Improvement on the UME Team.

Dr. Lea Harper is an adult lung transplant respirologist and medical educator. She completed medical school, internal medicine residency, and respirology fellowship at the University of British Columbia. Following this, she pursued an advanced fellowship in Lung Transplantation at the University of Toronto, and a Masters of Health Professions Education through Johns Hopkins University. Her educational interests include enhancing mentorship for learners, and the integration of program evaluation with quality improvement frameworks. Prior to joining the Undergraduate Medical Education team, she was the Director of Research and Evaluations for Postgraduate Medical Education.

Dr. Harper officially started on January 1, 2025 but has been part of meetings and participated in the accreditation site visit.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Harper!



Important Announcements and Upcoming Important Dates:

Class of 2025:

Good Luck on your interviews! We're all rooting for you!

Class of 2026:

We hope you're settling into clerkship

Make sure you check out the new [mistreatment reporting pathway](#)

Class of 2027:

Make sure you get your scholarly project proposal in if you had an extension.