

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

As we enter into summer, I want to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone for all they have contributed to the Department and to the provision of health care within the AHS Calgary zone over the past year.

I particularly want to thank the DOM Section Heads and DOM Site Leads for their effective leadership throughout the pandemic. The COVID pandemic has challenged us all in variable ways over the past 16 months. Hopefully over the coming months we will be able to begin to see the end of the pandemic. Please try to take some time over the summer to recover, recharge and reconnect with your family and friends.

The Department will be developing a new Strategic Plan this fall, to help guide us through the next five years. Please stay tuned for opportunities to provide input. The Department Deputy Heads are also planning an orientation for new members in the fall (targeted towards those recruited between July 2019 and September 2021) – more information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Also please plan to join us in November for the annual DOM Awards night – we are hoping this will provide a much needed opportunity for all of us to come together for an in-person celebration. We will be sending out a request for DOM award nominations in the coming weeks. This year we have added two new DOM awards – an Early Career Award for Clinical Excellence and a Physician Wellness award. Please review the remainder of the newsletter for some additional Departmental highlights.



*Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc
Zone Clinical and
Academic Department Head*

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT MANGER



*Allison Mirotnik
Manager, Department
Of Medicine*

I want to express my appreciation to the physicians and staff of the DoM for the kind welcome I encountered as I joined the Department. Transitioning roles in the midst of the pandemic has been an adventure, and I still have lots to learn, but with certainty I can attest that I have been met with openness and warmth.

I hope that you are all able to find some time to relax with family and friends this summer as we move away from the peaks of the pandemic. I encourage you all to establish boundaries on your vacation time, and take it truly as time away with no work emails or interruptions. Wishing you all a safe and happy summer, I look forward to getting to know you all this coming year.

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WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT

Join us in welcoming the following new members to the Department of Medicine over the past few months



ALLISON MIROCHNIK **DEPARTMENT MANAGER, INTERNAL MEDICINE, CALGARY ZONE**

The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce that **Allison Mirochnik** is now in the position of **Department Manager for the Department of Internal Medicine**, effective **February 22, 2021**. Allison brings with her a variety of knowledge and experience with a background in kinesiology, education, consulting and leadership.

Allison began her career with AHS in 2013, working as a Service Planning Consultant with the Department of Family Medicine. She then moved to an Academic Service Planning Consultant role where she was responsible for planning, developing, and implementing departmental projects and operational initiatives. Since 2016, Allison has worked as the Manager of the Department of Family Medicine, where she has played a key role in the Department's operational, fiscal, and strategic management. Allison holds a Bachelor's of Kinesiology, a Bachelor's of Education and a Master's of Science, specializing in Cardiovascular Physiology.

PIP HAZELL **PROJECT COORDINATOR & COMMUNICATIONS**

We are pleased to announce that **Pip Hazell** joined the Department of Medicine as **Projects Coordinator & Communications**, effective **May 10, 2021**.

Pip comes to us from the Tourism Industry where she has been the Marketing Manager for the past three years. Prior to that she was a Digital Communications Specialist. As of last year, she further expanded her skillset by taking Medical Terminology courses towards bridging the gap to work for Alberta Health Services. Pip has over 5 years of experience in digital communications, marketing and graphic design including managing large design projects, content development, information organization and managing content contributors across North America.



HEATHER WRAY **RECRUITMENT AND PRIVILEGING ASSISTANT**

We are pleased to announce that **Heather Wray** has joined the Department of Medicine as the **Administrative Support IV (Recruitment and Privileging Assistant)**, effective **May 25, 2021**.



Heather comes to us from Kelowna, BC, where she has been working for Interior Health as Credentialing and Privileging Assistant within Medical Affairs for the past five and a half years. Heather graduated in 2015 from the Administrative Assistant program at Okanagan College. In her spare time Heather enjoys baking and keeping active including hiking, going to the gym and Kickboxing and has recently joined a multi-sport team with Calgary Sport and Social Club.

ROBERT OVENDEN **AMHSP FINANCIAL COORDINATOR**

We are pleased to announce **Robert Ovenden** will returning to the Department of Medicine as the **AMHSP Financial Coordinator**, effective **June 28, 2021**.

Robbie's previous position in the Department was with the Residency Program as the resident scheduler and stipend coordinator. Over the past year he has been working with Medical Affairs working with non-affiliate accounts, physician recruitment and the Zone Medical Administrative Committee. Robbie comes to us with a Bachelor of Business Administration from St. Francis Xavier University and a BA, Economics from the University of Calgary.



On a personal note, Robbie enjoys playing and watching sports. He is an avid mountaineer, skier mountain biker and general outdoor activity enthusiast.

LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us in congratulating the following members on their leadership roles in the department



DR. JOLENE HAWS **DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE SITE LEAD FOR SHC**

The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce that **Dr. Jolene Haws** will be taking on the role of **Department of Medicine Site Lead for South Health Campus (SHC)**, effective **February 1, 2021**.

The Department would like to thank Dr. Leanne Reimche for her significant contributions and many years of service in this role. Dr. Reimche has transitioned into to her new leadership role as the Division Head / Section Chief of General Internal Medicine.

DR. BONNIE MEATHERALL **INTERNAL MEDICINE CLERKSHIP DIRECTOR**

The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce that **Dr. Bonnie Meatherall** has been appointed as the **Internal Medicine Clerkship Director**, effective **April 1, 2021**.

Dr. Meatherall is a full time member of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Calgary in Calgary, Canada since 2010. She received her medical degree at the University of Manitoba and completed her training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at the University of Calgary. She perused further training in tropical infectious diseases and received a Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTM&H) from the Gorgas Course in Tropical Medicine in Lima, Peru. She completed a master's degree in epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, UK.



Dr. Meatherall's main areas of interest within infectious diseases are tropical medicine, HIV and global health. She is currently the director of the Calgary adult tropical infectious clinic and her current research interests include the epidemiology and management of tropical diseases imported to Canada. Dr. Meatherall is also actively involved in undergraduate medical education programs at the University of Calgary as well as developing a post-graduate infectious diseases training program at the University of Gondar, Ethiopia.



DR. PAUL GIBSON **INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce that **Dr. Paul Gibson** will be taking on the role of **Internal Medicine Residency Program Director** as of **June 1, 2021**.

Dr. Gibson has been a member within the Department for nearly 20 years, and brings extensive leadership expertise to this position. He has previously served in the role of Co-Director and Associate Program Director within the Internal Medicine Residency Program, as well as being previous Head of the Obstetric Medicine group within the Section/Division of General Internal

Medicine and the Site Lead for GIM at the Foothills Medical Centre.

The Department would also like to thank Dr. Rahim Kachra and Dr. Stacey Hall for taking on the role of Interim co-Program Directors over the past few months. Dr. Hall will be returning to her role as Associate Program Director starting May 1, 2021. Dr. Kachra will spend the month of May working with Dr. Gibson on transitioning the Program Director role, before moving on to his leadership role in reforming the UofC Undergraduate Medical Education curriculum.

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DR. KAREN FRUETEL **LEADERSHIP ROLES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

Effective **September 1**, **Dr. Karen Fruetel** will be taking on the leadership position as **Section/ Division Head of Geriatric Medicine**, as well as **Medical Director, AHS Calgary zone Specialized Geriatric Services and Transition Services**.

She will also be continuing in her role as Vice Chair of Education within the Department of Medicine. She is coming back from her sabbatical as a Certified Executive Coach and will be spending part of her time providing leadership coaching to members within the department.

Dr. Fruetel completed her undergraduate medical training at the University of Western Ontario followed by specialty training in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at the University of Calgary and University of Toronto. She holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Toronto. Prior to being recruited to Calgary in 2008, she held faculty positions at the University of Toronto and the University of Western Ontario and held multiple leadership positions in Education (Program Director for Geriatric Medicine - Toronto and Internal Medicine - Western) and Clinical Services (Deputy Head, Department of Medicine, Site Chief of Medicine).

She was recruited to Calgary as Section Head for Geriatrics and the Medical Director of Specialized Geriatric Services, a position she held until 2016. From 2008-2016 she has also held leadership roles as the Medical Leader of Seniors, Palliative and Continuing Care and Acting Associate Zone Medical Director. The Department welcomes Dr. Fruetel back from sabbatical and into these new leadership roles.

DEPARTING FROM THE DEPARTMENT

DR. ANNA PURDY **SENIOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR, MEDICINE SCN**

Congratulations to **Dr. Anna Purdy** for being the successful candidate for the **Senior Medical Director position, Medicine Strategic Clinical Network**, effective **August 3, 2021**.

We want to wish Dr. Purdy great success in this AHS Provincial Leadership Role and take this moment to thank her for many years of service to the Department of Medicine as the RGH Site Lead.

Dr. Anna Purdy was trained at the University of Calgary in General Internal Medicine, graduating in 2001. Dr. Purdy worked as an internist in the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Denver Colorado, which offered a unique look at managed care, and how it might translate in the Canadian context.

Dr Purdy held progressive leadership roles including: General Internal Medicine Fellowship site lead (2011—2015), the site lead for Rockyview General Hospital Division of General Internal Medicine (2011—2021) and as the site lead for the Rockyview General Hospital Department of Medicine (2015—2021). She has also had a major role in coordinating the COVID response for Medicine at the Rockyview General Hospital.



AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Join us in congratulating the following members for their achievements over the past few months

RESULTS OF THE 2021 HELIOS AWARDS - March 15, 2021

Dr. Amlani	Dr. Kerkerian	Dr. Mponponsuo	Dr. Bouras-sa-Blanchette	Dr. Philipenko	Dr. Thonton
Rheumatology	Infectious Diseases	Infectious Diseases	Pathology & Lab Medicine, Infectious Diseases	Respiratory Medicine	Respiratory Medicine

We want to acknowledge all the hard work that everyone put into their applications. It is exciting to learn about all the additional training many residents are proposing to pursue once they have completed their clinical residency training within the DOM. The future of medicine is in great hands!

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY AWARD WINNERS - May 19, 2021

The department would like to recognize and congratulate all those whose contributions were recently acknowledged through the UofC Awards.

Dr. Gabe Fabreau	Dr. Doreen Rabi	Dr. Cheryl Barnabe	Dr. Leslie Skeith	Dr. Michael Hill	Dr. Shannon Ruzyki
The CSM Distinguished Achievement Award for social accountability	The CSM van de Sande Distinguished Achievement Award for contributions to mentorship	The CSM Watanabe Distinguished Achievement Award for overall academic excellence	The CSM Cochrane Distinguished Achievement Award for research excellence	The CSM Smith Distinguished Achievement Award for outstanding contributions by a faculty member	The Clinical Research Award for Clinical, Adjunct and Research Faculty



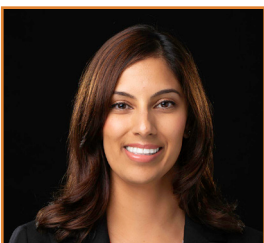
HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION - NATIONAL NEW INVESTIGATORY AWARD

Congratulations Dr. Alexander Leung for successful application for the 2021/2022 Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada's (HSFC) National New Investigate award. The HSFC stipend of \$60,000 per year for a period of 3 years will support Dr. Leung's "Evaluation of Diagnostic Testing for Primary Aldosteronism" research. Join us in congratulating Dr. Leung on this achievement.



PGME AWARD - THE DR. MARNIE HINTON AWARD FOR PHYSICIAN WELLNESS

Congratulations Dr. Amita Mahajan for being selected for one of two awards to residents from The Office of Resident Affairs and Physician Wellness with PGMR awards—the Dr. Marnie Hinton Award for Physician Wellness. This award was established by Dr. Marnie Hinton, an Alberta physician, who was a fierce advocate of physician wellness. Dr Mahajan was nominated by fellow co-workers for the award this year. Join us in congratulating Dr. Amita Mahajan on this achievement.



DR. SONIA BUTALIA—PRESENTED AT THE CANCUS ON DIABETES—June 16, 2021

Congratulations to Dr. Butalia for being invited to present at the Parliamentary Cancus on Diabetes on June 16, 2021. Dr. Butalia was one of 2 researchers (4 speakers in total) to present. This was a fantastic opportunity to influence policy in an important area.

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DEPARTMENT OF ONCOLOGY RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR - February 2021

Congratulations to Dr. Nizar Bahlis for receiving an award that is given to a member of the Department of Oncology with the most notable accomplishments in research in a given year. Dr. Bahlis received this award for his research on immunotherapy of multiple myeloma.



EARLY CAREER VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR THE CANADIAN DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION - June

Congratulations Dr. Michele Ramien on your Early Career Volunteer Award for the Canadian Dermatology Association. This award is given in recognition of significant volunteer contributions at a local, provincial, national, or international level. Dedicated to improving the lives of patients, Dr. Ramien has volunteered for many health and patient advocacy programs, such as the Canadian Skin Patient Alliance, the Canadian Dermatology Association, and the Camp Liberté Society.



JONES AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION - May

Congratulations Dr. Jori Hardin from the section of dermatology on your Leadership in Undergraduate Medical Education award. Awarded in recognition of excellence in teaching and leadership within the Undergraduate Medical Education Program at the Cumming School of Medicine.

Congratulations



HONORABLE MENTION FOR PARA CLINICAL TEACHING AWARD (2020-2021)

Congratulations Dr. Laurie Parsons for an honorable mention for Professional Association for Resident Physicians of Alberta (PARA) Clinical Teaching Award (2020-2021) which is awarded in recognition of excellence in resident education.



ROYAL COLLAGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Congratulations Dr. Bayan Missaghi for receiving a Royal College Professional Development Grant.

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FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH FUND 2020 EXPLORATION GRANT

Congratulations to Dr. Leslie Skeith for receiving a new Frontiers in Research Fund 2020 Exploration grant for her project to develop a web-based app to coordinate research efforts in thrombosis.



CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY/PFIZER CONTINENCE RESEARCH AWARD

Congratulations Dr. Selyne S Guo for the award received at the Canadian Geriatrics Society 40th Annual Scientific Meeting (May 26-28, 2021). One of our residents, Dr. Selyne S. Guo was awarded the CGS/Pfizer Continence Research Award. The aim of this national award is to support resident / fellow research projects that promote excellence in overactive bladder and urinary continence care for older people.



WHO TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Dr. John Conly for his appointment as a member of the WHO Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Hand Hygiene in Health Care and other IPC interventions. The advisory group will map scientific evidence for best practices, impacts and research gaps as well as develop priorities for the next five years to develop hand hygiene in health care.



CIHR GRANTS & UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY PEAK SCHOLAR AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Parkins for two successful CIHR grants. The first for proof of concept of wastewater-based surveillance for SARS-COV2 to mitigate secondary COVID-19 disease transmission in First Nations in Alberta and the second for establishing an early warning system for emerging variants of concern through Wastewater-Based Epidemiology. Dr. Michael Parkins also won the University of Calgary, Peak Scholar Award for applied research in April 2021, for the Wastewater Surveillance of SARS-COV2 to enable real-time clinical case-finding in Calgary.



2020 FMC MSA DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD

Congratulations Dr. Caley Shukalek on the FMC MSA Diversity and Inclusion Award. The FMC MSC awards are virtual this year.

To watch click on the image on the left or visit: www.albertazmsa.com/fmc-msa-diversity-and-inclusion-award

FACULTY PROMOTIONS 2020/21

Congratulations to all those who were promoted this year.

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR



Dr. Cheryl Barnabe



Dr. Carla Coffin



Dr. Rob Quinn



Dr. Jennifer MacRae

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



Dr. Alex Leung



Dr. Claire Barber

PROMOTION TO CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



**Dr. Alexander
Aspinall**



Dr. Vimal Prajapati



Dr. Victor Zepeda



Dr. Nowell Fine

CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



Dr. Kim Cheema

HEALTHY CITIES IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE (HCIS) TEAM GRANT

The Healthy Cities Implementation Science (HCIS) Team Grants funding opportunity will support multi-site implementation science — population health research studies in specific thematic research areas to understand which interventions/ solutions can improve the health and wellbeing of people living in cities, the differential health impacts of these interventions within populations and why they occur. For the purpose of this funding opportunity, interventions must have a population health focus and aim to positively affect all or some of the people within a city by improving the environmental, social, cultural, and/or structural determinants of health. The interventions can include policy changes, introduction of a new program or practice, and/or physical changes to the environment.

Research Areas (one project will be funded in each area):

- Healthcare systems, services and policies
- Healthy aging
- Musculoskeletal health, mobility or prevention (including skin and oral health)
- Type 2 diabetes prevention
- Urban Indigenous health
- Population and public health

Deadlines

LOI Internal Deadline	August 6 at 12:00 PM	Approvals through RMS
LOI Notice of Decision	November 4, 2021	
Full Application Internal Deadline	April 25, 2022 12:00 PM	
Full Application Deadline	April 28, 2022	

Value and Term:

- LOI: \$25,000 for one year for project development (up to 18 LOI's will receive funding)
- Full application: \$500,000/year for 6 years (6 projects funded)

Eligibility: All proposals must include a Principal Knowledge User who holds an active position in policy development, senior community leadership or management at a municipal or community-based organization (e.g. community health centres, community-based primary healthcare practices, Indigenous representative organizations, etc.) that developed the intervention of study and/or will be involved in testing/rolling out the intervention.

LOI Application: Proposal is 5 pages maximum.

For more information, or if you're planning to apply, please contact [Clint Westgard](#) in the **Grant Development Office**.

For more information on these and other Funding Opportunities, please visit the [Funding Deadline Calendar](#).

PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

PLUS 3E: EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

This four part virtual course will run, September 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 2021 from 9am-12pm. and focuses on enhancing your skills in educational strategy, curriculum development and review, program evaluation, handling tricky educational issues, and more. This course is recommended for those with leadership responsibilities in specific and relevant areas.

Tuesday, September 21, 28, Oct 5 & 12, 2021

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

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PLUS 3A: ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

This four-part virtual course will run Jan 6, 13, 20 and Feb 3, 2022 from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. It focuses an enhancing your technical skills in administrative leadership. This course is ideal for all those who've worked their way up to a leadership role but still feel like there are activities they need to engage in that they've never been taught how to do. Set up committees for success, run effective and efficient meetings, manger your time to focus on priorities, and actively manage your team.

Thursday, January 6, 13, 20 & February 3, 2022

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

[Sign Up Now!](#)