

FOCUS ON GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

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 **Ongoing Excellence – Congratulations!** 



Dr Linda Snell received the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award!

The field of medical education would not be anywhere near where it is today if it weren't for the outstanding vision, leadership and dedication of Dr Linda Snell, this year's winner of the McGill University Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Education. Dr Snell accepted her award during the Convocation Ceremonies on 31 October.

[Read more](#)

Dr Ernesto Schiffrin has been selected as the recipient of the **2017 Prix Galien Canada - Research Award** for having made the most significant contributions to pharmaceutical research in Canada. The Prix Galien Canada - Research is the most prestigious award in the field of Canadian pharmaceutical research and innovation. Referred to as the Nobel Prize of pharmaceutical research, it recognizes the efforts and achievements of pharmaceutical research and development.

Dr Michelle Elizov has been appointed to the newly created position of **Assistant Dean, Faculty Development**, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University. She will contribute to the creation of new faculty development initiatives, collaborate with members of other educational programs and units, and provide individual and team consultations for specific faculty development portfolios. Michelle will also work to promote faculty development initiatives throughout the McGill Academic Health Network.

Dr Emily McDonald received the **2017 CSIM New Investigator Award** for her work on over diagnosis and over treatment of venous thromboembolic disease.

Dr Romina Pace received the **2017 CSIM Hui Lee Health Promotion Scholarship**.

Dr Stella Daskalopoulou was awarded the **Award of Excellence John J. Day MD - Heart and Stroke Foundation**.

Thanks to all who were able to attend, the **McGill University GIM Retreat** was a great success. A full report coming soon!

Upcoming Events: Everyone is encouraged to attend!






**2017 MCGILL DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
CLINICAL SYMPOSIUM ON
HIGH VALUE MEDICAL CARE**

Friday, November 10th, 2017
08h00-13h30

**RI MUHC
1001 Décarie Blvd
Glen Bloc E – RI Auditorium ES1.1129**

Along with other presentations, **Dr Emily McDonald** will present *Final Results from the MedSafer Pilot Study* and **Dr Todd Lee** will present *High Value Clinical Trials – How to Do More with Less*



McGill University Division Rounds

Wednesday 22 November

Drs Michelle Elizov and Patrick Willemot will present

Competence by Design in GIM: practical application of Royal College EPAs and milestones with our trainees

With Competence by Design for our GIM program slated for implementation in July 2018, we will use this opportunity to present the practical aspects of the expected "Entrustable Professional Activities" – what they mean, how we can observe and assess them, and how the program will ensure that every GIM trainee in our program will be supported to achieve the competencies expected in the program.



Medical Education Corner

**First GIM Division Faculty Development Activity of the Year!
Ultrasound Course accredited by CPD McGill**

Saturday 25 November: 1:00 – 5:00

Steinberg Centre for Simulation and Interactive Learning

Dr Vicky Tagalakis is organizing the Ultrasound course that promises to be a great ½ day!

Dr Joel Turner will lead faculty facilitators who will cover lung / pleura, the heart and deep vein thrombosis.



In the Media

Dr Susan Kahn was interviewed for the September issue of *Le Specialiste!*

Les grands noms de la médecine au Québec!

[See the article here, go to p 17!](#)

tctMD/the heart beat interviewed **Dr Michael Quon** about his article published for his Clinical Scholars project on secondary A-fib.

[Read here!](#)



Life at Lachine

by Dr Charith Sairam

Hopital St. Joseph, as it is known by the community, is a French language and family medicine-based institution that has a longstanding tradition of care to the West Island community. The centenary was celebrated in 2013. It has an ideal capacity for 14 stretchers in the ER, 5 ICU/CCU beds, and a maximum capacity of 50 inpatient beds of medicine, surgery, and palliative care. Life here is what I always envisioned community GIM practice to be. It is fulfilling, challenging and exciting. We use every skill from GIM fellowship training regularly, and the practice certainly keeps us on our toes clinically.

We cover the ICU/CCU, which is a significant element of our on-call emergency service. Regular peri-operative medicine clinics are offered with a focus on bariatric surgery. We participate and impact many of the key hospital committees with our leadership and knowledge. Fellows in GIM come at least once a year to benefit from one-on-one teaching and mentoring. We regularly see multisystem pathology as the primary medicine subspecialists and decision makers. This expands our competencies and comfort zone.

One challenge for the future is the restriction on recruitment. We are a small, enthusiastic, and hardworking group that is hoping to recruit GIM staff to expand our services offered at the hospital.

We are excited about the start of construction of a brand new hospital in 2018. We invite colleagues and GIM fellows to serve here and experience community GIM close to home.



GIM Residency Training Program Corner

Dr Miriam Harris will be doing a fellowship in Addictions Medicine at the well-established and widely recognized Boston University program.

Gradual implementation of the Royal College-mandated Competence By Design framework is ongoing. Please come to Wednesday November 22nd GIM Division Rounds!

Possible Future Recruits!

Congratulations to

Dr Jed Lipes and his wife, Lori Kahwajian, on the birth of their son, Hugo, on 5 July 2017!

Dr Blair Schwartz and his wife, Sabrina, on the birth of their son, Gabriel Avery on 25 July 2017! (Photo not available.)

Dr Maral Koolian her husband, Randy and their son Matthew welcomed their daughter and baby sister, Chloe Liv Margalith, on 31 July 2017!



Hugo



Chloe Liv Margalith

Revamped McGill Division Website evolving!

Please send your jpeg photo, CV and special interests to Antoinette
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Lest we forget