

Department of Medicine - Year in Review

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Administration

- Remote working arrangements for all Admin Office staff continued in alignment with UBC's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Department Head met with the majority of full-time faculty members (over 100 faculty members).
- In June 2021 we held our annual departmental awards ceremony virtually on Zoom, to recognize our outstanding faculty and staff.
- An external review of the Division of Rheumatology was completed in September 2021. A new division head will be appointed January 1, 2022, as Dr. Shojania will be stepping down from this role after many years of exemplary service.
- The Equity Committee is continuing its work in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine in alignment with respectful workplace and anti-racism initiatives, including the launch of an Upstander Engagement initiative for faculty in November 2021.
- In lieu of a December holiday reception for faculty and staff, the Department donated to UBC's charitable partner, the United Way, and also launched a donation drive for department members, for the second year in a row.
- In addition to the completion of an overall refresh, the departmental website now includes a section on Indigenous Resources.
- The UBC DOM Centralized Communications email was launched to streamline communications from the DOM.
- Redesigned UBC DOM Newsletter.
- Conducted a communications survey of department members.
- Completed UBC's UniForum data collection.
- Implemented Certificate of Merit initiative to

recognize full time faculty with sustained excellence in academic achievement over the past 4 and 5 years.

Education Office

- Resident Research Day was held virtually in June, 2021.
- The PGY1 CaRMS Match was a great success and the core program filled all of its IMG and CMG positions in the first iteration.
- PGY1 Boot Camp was able to be delivered in full for the first time since 2019, complete with the successful relaunch of the ultrasound and simulation curriculum.
- Staff update: Amy Meyer joined the postgrad team to assist in coordination of CTU call schedules with the Chief Medical Residents, and facilitation of Academic Half Day.
- Melissa Nightingale was recognized with the PGME Program Administrator Award, and the PGME Faculty & Staff Wellness Award.
- The first Experimental Medicine: Emerging Topics course, MEDI 504 Data Science and Health, was successfully launched from October to December 2021 in collaboration with the Department of Statistics prerequisite course STAT 545A.
- The Global Health Program, led by Dr. Marla McKnight, continues its collaboration with the University of Rwanda through virtual means to provide educational opportunities.
- Undergraduate CTU rotation changed back from the 2020 shortened rotation of 5 weeks to a 6 week rotation in September of 2021.

Ambulatory clinics returned to a full two week rotation also in September, 2021. In person academic sessions became an option again in October but all sessions continued to be available virtually to adapt to COVID phases as they occurred throughout the year.

Finance

- Workday 2021 Release 2 resulted in overall system improvements.
- Continued efforts were made to provide support for Workday through monthly Q&A sessions with Senior Administrators and FinOps.
- Successful President's Academic Excellence submissions for both the Donor Initiatives (ALS professorship) and Non-Donor Initiatives (Academic Renewal).
- Endowment review identified additional spending opportunities and future spending plans for endowment funds.

Human Resources

Staff Updates

- Lygia Siqueira, Ainslee Huckvale, and Sarah Soh joined the HR team as HR Assistants

Division Head Searches and Appointments

- Dr. Thomas Kerr, Head, Division of Social Medicine
- Dr. Fify Soeyonggo, Head, Division of Palliative Care (Jan. 1, 2022)

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Human Resources (continued)

Retirements

- Mary Doyle-Waters, Librarian, retired on March 31, 2021

New Faculty Appointments

- Clinical Instructors: 57
- Clinical Assistant Professors: 38
- Clinical Associate Professors: 4
- Adjunct Professors: 2

Faculty Promotions

- Clinical Assistant Professors: 14
- Clinical Associate Professors: 11
- Clinical Professors: 8
- Professors: 2

CRC Hires:

- Dr. Janice Leung – Assistant Professor, tenure-track, Division of Respiratory Medicine, CRC recipient in Translational Airway Biology (starting January 2022)

Recruitments in Process

- Faculty Renewal Position: Data Science; job posting recently posted and active
- Faculty Renewal Position: Virtual Rural and Remote Health; job posting recently posted and active
- ALS Professorship: job posting recently posted and active

Research Office

- A total of \$69,268,557 across 805 research projects in all the divisions.
- DOM was successful in obtaining support through UBC VPRI Grants to Catalyze Research Clusters Emerging Cluster (GCRC) for the Data Science and Health (DASH) Cluster in March 2021.
- The 2021 UBC Experimental Medicine Career and Research Expo was held virtually in May.
- Delaram Behnami joined the DOM in June as Research Manager while Dr. Anna Meredith is on maternity leave.
- Yasaman Jalalkamali left the department in August 2021 to pursue her Masters's Degree at UBC.
- Diane Kim joined the DOM in September 2021 as Research Coordinator.
- Research Office successfully held VGH Medicine Grand Rounds (Jan-Mar, Jun, Sep-Dec) with an average of ~50 participants monthly, and has distributed certificates of completion to interested participants.
- Research Office is in the process of handing over the Grand Rounds organization for 2022 to the VGH team (Dr. Ken Gin).
- The Data Science and Health Cluster (DASH) held its 2nd annual Data Science and Health Conference on November 9, 2021, with the theme "Impact and Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic." (9.0 credit MOC/Mainpro+ accredited)
- DASH held multiple invited talks as part of the speaker series with a focus on state-of-the-art data science and AI in health (building

relationship with scholars from Stanford, MIT, Oxford, University of Toronto etc.)

- DASH submitted a Canada Foundation for Innovation application to the UBC IPO in November, "Transforming Heart Failure: Integrated Network Redesigned for Improved Outcomes (TOHFINO): An AI- Empowered Paradigm."
- DASH is working on an application for a GCRC renewal to be submitted in January 2022.
- DASH has hired an MHA Capstone student for a landscape analysis, working with Health Authorities and researchers to identify resource and infrastructure requirements in accessing health data.
- DASH has hired a Computer Science Coop student to build a pipeline for a metadata commons pilot project with COVID-19 studies.
- DASH has participated in the UBC FoM/ PHSA Health Data Workshop and is providing support in writing an outcomes report.
- DASH has provided trainees with career development opportunities, such as through research presentation, conference moderation, financial support for student-led AI projects etc.
- DASH co-hosted a multicenter event addressing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in AI technology.

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Awards & Significant Honours

- Dr. Cary Cuncic (Division of General Internal Medicine) appointed Regional Associate Dean, Vancouver Fraser, August 1, 2021.
 - Dr. Laura Farrell (Division of Community Internal Medicine) appointed Interim Associate Dean, Student Affairs, July 1, 2021.
 - Dr. Agnes Lee (Division of Hematology) appointed Associate Executive Director, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI), May 1, 2021.
 - MSFHR HPI Awards:
Paxton Bach,
Clinical Assistant Professor, Social Medicine;
Troy Grennan,
Clinical Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases;
Matthew Kadatz,
Clinical Assistant Professor, Nephrology;
Florian Kutchenbauer,
Associate Professor, Hematology;
Tricia Tang,
Associate Professor, Endocrinology & Metabolism
 - David Thompson (Clinical Assistant Professor, Endocrinology) discovered a stem cell-based treatment through an implantable device that produces insulin in human body.
- 2021 UBC FoM Awards
- Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusiveness – Lynn Straatman (Cardiology)
 - Award for Excellence in Mentoring Early Career Faculty – Andrei Krassioukov (PM&R)
 - Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Leadership/Service – Shane Arishenkoff (General Internal Medicine)
 - Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Research – Jason Andrade (Cardiology)
 - Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching – Jim Spence (Community Internal Medicine)
 - Award for Innovation in CME/CPD – Paul Winston & Rajiv Reebye (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation)
 - MSFHR C2 & Reach Awards
Brittany Bingham (Social Medicine)
Chris Carlsten (Respiratory Medicine)
Jerilynn Prior (Endocrinology & Metabolism)
Daniel Renouf (Medical Oncology)
Ken Madden, Naaz Parmar, Larry Dian (Geriatric Medicine)
M-J Milloy (Social Medicine)
 - 2021 Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Fellowship - Dr. Anita Palepu, Dept. Head
 - MSFHR Scholar Award - James Lan (Nephrology)
 - 2020 Brain Canada's Future Leaders in Canadian Brain Research Program - Shannon Kolind, Neurology
 - BC Knowledge Development Funding - Don Sin, Respiratory Medicine
- CIHR Spring 2021 Project Grants
- Najib Ayas (Critical Care Medicine)
 - Edward Conway (Hematology)
 - Rodney Knight & Danya Fast (Social Medicine)
 - Shannon Kolind & Anthony Traboulee (Neurology)
 - Jonathan Loree (Medical Oncology)
 - David Moore (Infectious Diseases)
 - Noah Silverberg (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation)
 - Don Sin (Respiratory Medicine)
 - Mark FitzGerald (Respiratory Medicine)
 - Yossef Av-Gay (Infectious Diseases)
- UBC FoM Distinguished Researcher Award - Judy Illes, Neurology
- UBC FoM Distinguished Achievement Awards
- Excellence in Education – Kevin Eva (General Internal Medicine)
 - Overall Excellence Early Career – M-J Milloy (Social Medicine)
 - Advancement of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Kate Shannon (Social Medicine)
 - 2021 VCHRI Team Grant Award - Sara Belga & Jan Hajek (Clinical Assistant Professors, Infectious Diseases)
- VCHRI 2021 Innovation and Translational Research Awards
- Liam Brunham (General Internal Medicine)
 - John Staples (General Internal Medicine)
 - Scott Tebbutt (Respiratory Medicine)
 - 2021 UBC Distinguished University Scholar - Judy Illes (Neurology)

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- 2021 VCHRI Investigator Award - Christina Luong (Cardiology)
- National Institute of Mental Health Grant - Kathleen Deering & Kate Shannon (Social Medicine)
- Andrei Krassioukov (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation) recognized by the International Paralympic Sport Science Committee for his research in Paralympic Sports
- 2021 Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) Certificate of Merit Award - Cary Cuncic (Clinical Assistant Professor, General Internal Medicine)
- 2021 Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) Certificate of Merit Award - Parvathy Nair (Clinical Associate Professor, Cardiology)

+ DoM Faculty & Staff Awards:

<https://medicine.med.ubc.ca/congratulations-to-the-2021-ubc-department-of-medicine-faculty-staff-award-recipients/>