

UBC Department of Medicine

year in review

2022



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Department of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine

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ADMINISTRATION

- The Department Head met with the majority of full-time faculty members (over 100 faculty members).
- In June 2022 we held our annual departmental awards ceremony virtually on Zoom, to recognize our many outstanding faculty and staff.
- An external review of the Division of Nephrology was completed in January 2022. Dr. Levin has agreed to continue in her role of Division Head until 2024.
- An external review of the Division of Cardiology was completed in September 2022. As Dr. Krahn wishes to step down after serving with excellence in the Division Head role for two full terms, a search for a new head will commence.
- Working with UBC's Strategic Decision Support (SDS) office, the Department embarked on a strategic planning process in 2022.
- As part of the strategic planning process, Drs. Palepu and Townson visited several distributed sites to engage with department members across the Province in the spring and fall, including Prince George, Kelowna, Victoria, and Surrey Memorial Hospital and Royal Columbian Hospital in Fraser Health.
- The Equity Committee launched a professional development program for women faculty: "Success in Academia: Leading from the Inside Out" with facilitator/coach Callie Bland. The first cohort filled up quickly and the online sessions began in November. Plans for further course offerings are underway.
- In October the Equity Committee hosted a workshop on cultural safety training for healthcare providers with Avis O'Brien, a Haida/Kwakwaka'wakw artist and Land-Based Cultural Empowerment Facilitator.
- The Equity Committee is continuing its work in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine in alignment with respectful workplace and anti-racism initiatives.
- For the third year in a row, the Department participated in UBC's United Way campaign to raise funds for BC communities in need.

- The Department adopted UBC's hybrid work program for administrative staff.

EDUCATION OFFICE

- Resident Research Day was held in person for the first time since 2019 in May 2022 at UBC Robson Square.
- The annual Resident Retreat was held in person for the first time since 2019 and was hosted locally at UBC Robson Square with a reception at the Vancouver Aquarium.
- The PGY1 CaRMS Match was a great success, and the core program filled all its IMG, CMG, and Vancouver Island positions in the first iteration.
- The first Competency by Design (CBD) cohort of PGY3 residents completed the program in June 2022, with the first cohort of CBD Core PGY4s entering their Transition to Practice year in July.
- The Global Health Program, led by Dr. Marla McKnight, continued its collaboration with the University of Rwanda through virtual means to provide educational opportunities. Planning began for the relaunch of the elective for UBC residents in the late winter/early spring of 2023.
- Experimental Medicine delivered for the second consecutive year the Data Science & Health MEDI 504A course in the Fall of 2022. Plans are ready to deliver a new follow up Data Science & Health course MEDI 504 B in January 2023 to expand upon the original course focusing on interpretation and evaluation of Machine Learning analyses in health data.
- The Year 3 Undergraduate CTU rotation and Ambulatory rotation continued in their traditional six-week and two-week formats respectively adjusting when necessary for COVID and/or other virus challenges. Academic sessions continued to be offered with the hybrid option encouraging host site attendance to be in person.

- Out of Province Year 4 Electives for UBC students continued to be on hold.
- Visiting Student applications for penultimate and final year Canadian medical students opened in August of 2022.
- Several Discipline Specific Site Lead appointment changes occurred across the province as follows:
NMP - Dr. Fareen Din appointed as Dr. Paul Mullins stepped down.
IMP - Dr. Laura Fraser appointed as DSSL as Dr. Kari-Jean McKenzie was appointed as the Island IM Core Residency Assistant Program Director.
VFMP - Dr. Erin Sloan stepped in to assist as interim VGH DSSL during September and October.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Ainslee Huckvale and Sarah Soh, HR Assistants, left the DOM to pursue further opportunities.
- Flavia Oliveira joined the HR team as HR Assistant.
- Ana Sial left the DOM to pursue further educational opportunities.
- Lygia Siqueira was promoted to the role of Faculty Hires and Promotions Coordinator effective September 2022.

Division Head Searches and Appointments

- Dr. Antonio Aviña-Zubieta was appointed Head, Division of Rheumatology effective July 1, 2022.
- Dr. Diane Lacaille served as Interim Head, Division of Rheumatology from January 1 - June 30, 2022.

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New Faculty Appointments

- Clinical Instructors: 65
- Clinical Assistant Professors: 25
- Clinical Associate Professors: 5
- Adjunct Professors: 1
- Affiliate Assistant Professors: 2
- Affiliate Professors: 2
- Assistant Professors: 5

Faculty Promotions

- Clinical Assistant Professors: 27
- Clinical Associate Professors: 15
- Clinical Professors: 2

Retirements

- Dr. Neil Cashman
- Dr. Pearce Wilcox
- Dr. Stephanus Van Eeden
- Dr. Ian Mackie
- Dr. Manouchehr Javidan

Recruitments in Process

- ALS Professorship

RESEARCH OFFICE

- In FY21-22 Department of Medicine faculty members were awarded \$81.1M across 1159 projects and all divisions, including 12 CIHR Project Grant recipients, 1 CIHR Priority Announcement Grant, 2 MSFHRBC Scholar and 4 MSHRBC HPI Awards, 2 MSHRBC C2 Grants and 1 MSHRBC Reach Grant, 3 VCHRI Innovation and Translational Research Awards and 3 VCHRI Investigator Awards.
- The 2022 UBC Experimental Medicine Expo was held in hybrid format in May: Viorica Hrinco, Hanwei Sudderuddin, Dalia Ibrahim Othman, and Tenany Haglund were awarded presentation prizes.
- Sharon Xu joined the Research Office Team in the

Experimental Medicine Graduate Program as Program Assistant.

- Dr. Delaram Behnami led all activities until mid-September, with support from Diane Kim, DASH and DOM Research Coordinator.
- DOM was awarded a Faculty of Medicine SIF grant to advance its Data Science and Health initiative, including: further development of a Metadata Commons; collaborative projects with PopdataBC to increase access to, and impact of, administrative health data sets; and efforts to streamline research approvals processes in BC.

Data Science and Health Cluster (DASH):

DOM continued work on the data access, literacy and mapping activities of the Data Science and Health Cluster:

- DASH hosted a series of invited speakers as part of an ongoing seminar series focused on AI in health care, including speakers from University of Toronto and MIT.
- DASH is working on a GCRC renewal application, to be submitted in 2023.
- DASH completed a landscape analysis of research approval processes across BC to help support researchers undertaking multijurisdictional research studies.
- DASH is collaborating with PHSA on developing new educational programs to advance analytics capabilities in the health care sector.
- DASH trainee members developed and published original research on AI education in Canadian medical schools (Hu, R., Fan, K. Y., Pandey, P., Hu, Z., Yau, O., Teng, M., Wang, P., Li, A., Ashraf, M., & Singla, R. (2022). Insights from teaching artificial intelligence to medical students in Canada. *Communications medicine*, 2, 63. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43856-022-00125-4>)

AWARDS & SIGNIFICANT HONOURS

FOM Applegarth Staff Service Award

- Nakta Jahromi (Respiratory Medicine)

FOM Dean's Staff Award for Creativity/Innovation

- Vishaldeep Sidhu (Cardiology)

FOM Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Early Career

- Dr. Scott Apperley (Respiratory Medicine)

FOM Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Mentorship, Mid/Late Career

- Dr. Melanie Murray (Infectious Diseases)

FOM Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research

- Dr. Zachary Laksman (Cardiology - joint appointment in School of Biomedical Engineering)

FOM Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Education

- Dr. Rose Hatala (General Internal Medicine)

FOM Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence, Early Career

- Dr. Nadia Fairbairn (Social Medicine)

FOM Distinguished Achievement Award for Overall Excellence, Mid Career

- Dr. Liam Brunham (General Internal Medicine)

Order of Canada

- Dr. Allen Eaves, Professor Emeritus (Hematology)

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Michael Smith Health Research BC (MSHRBC) Reach Award

- Dr. Liam Brunham (General Internal Medicine)

2022 CSEM Dr. Harvey Guyda Educator of the Year Award

- Dr. Breay Paty (Endocrinology)

UBC Department of Medicine Researchers Awarded over \$5.1M in CIHR Spring 2022 Project Grant Competition

- Dr. Teresa Tsang, Dr. Michael Tsang (Cardiology)
- Drs. Jade Boyd, Danya Fast, Thomas Kerr, Rod Knight, Andrea Krüsi; Ryan McNeil (Social Medicine)
- Dr. Chris Carlsten (Respiratory Medicine)
- Dr. Thalia Field (Neurology)
- Dr. John Staples (General Internal Medicine)
- Dr. Anna Tinker (Medical Oncology)

Health Innovation Investment Funding (HIFI) Awards

- Dr. Diane Villanyi (Geriatric Medicine)
- Dr. Robin Hsiung (Neurology)

BC Business 2022 Women of the Year: Change Maker Award

- Dr. Brittany Bingham (Social Medicine)

Academic Gowns recipients, in recognition of promotion to the rank of Clinical Professor or Professor:

- Dr. Monica Beaulieu (Nephrology)
- Dr. Hannah Briemberg (Neurology)
- Dr. Kristine Chapman (Neurology)
- Dr. Michael Copland (Nephrology)
- Dr. Gerald Da Roza (Nephrology)
- Dr. Jasmine Grewal (Cardiology)
- Dr. Shannon Jackson (Hematology)
- Dr. Kenneth Madden (Geriatric Medicine)
- Dr. Yazdan Mirzanejad (Infectious Diseases)
- Dr. Christopher Ryerson (Respiratory Medicine)

Department members who received Emeritus status

- Dr. Jeff Beckman (Neurology)
- Mary Doyle-Waters

- Dr. Vincent Duronio (Respiratory Medicine)
- Dr. Neil Reiner (Infectious Diseases)
- Dr. Stephen Sullivan (Gastroenterology)
- Dr. H.C. George Wong (Allergy & Immunology)

Distinguished Scholar, outstanding contributions in Neuroethics

- Dr. Judy Illes (Neurology)

2022 VCHRI Innovation and Translational Research Award

- Dr. Kenneth Madden (Geriatric Medicine)
- Dr. Mypinder Sekhon (Critical Care Medicine)
- Dr. John Boyd (Critical Care Medicine)

2022 VCHRI Investigator Award

- Dr. Sonny Thiara (Critical Care Medicine)
- Dr. Karen Tran (General Internal Medicine)
- Dr. Darwin Yeung (Cardiology)

Fellow of the Canadian Geriatrics Society (CGS) in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of geriatric medicine and gerontology

- Dr. Roger Wong, Vice-Dean, Education (Geriatric Medicine)

JDRF - Brain Canada Addressing Mental Health in Type 1 Diabetes Team Grant

- Dr. Tricia Tang (Endocrinology)

2022 CAME Certificate of Merit Award

- Dr. Andrea Townson (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation)

Link to DOM Awards: <https://medicine.med.ubc.ca/congratulations-to-the-2022-ubc-department-of-medicine-faculty-staff-award-recipients/#more-19263>

