

# *PG & Me*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2020

## PG Community News, Events & Updates

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### **Assistant Dean, Resident Affairs**

PGME and Resident Affairs welcomes Dr. Catharine Munn, Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioural

Neurosciences, to the role of Assistant Dean, Resident Affairs. Dr. Munn has been the Lead, McMaster Student Mental Health and Well-being Strategy, Office of the Provost, McMaster University.

Thank you Dr. John Miller for laying the foundation for a strong Resident Affairs office and providing countless hours of advocacy and support for our Learners.

Congratulations to Dr. Catharine Munn and a sincere thank-you to Dr. John Miller.

### **Dr. Heather Waters – Chair, EAB**

The Education Advisory Board (EAB) is happy to announce that Dr. Heather Waters (@heatherwatersmd) has accepted the role of Chair, EAB. Dr. Waters is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and the Hamilton Site Director for Postgraduate Family Medicine, and has participated in the work of the EAB for the past two years. She has 20 years of experience in clinical and academic teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate medical Learners, and has been active in providing educational support to residents in difficulty over the past decade through educational leadership roles in Family Medicine.



**A New Academic Year**



The end of the 2019–2020 academic year was certainly one to remember. Our graduates completed their training during a global pandemic, and our new Learners began their medical training under the same unimaginable circumstances. With

the 2020 year underway, there are multiple virtual events and development opportunities scheduled for Learners, Program Directors, Program Administrators, Faculty and Staff.

Everyone is encouraged to visit our [News & Events](#) page regularly to sign up for sessions of interest.

**New this year**, and specific to PGYI's, the PGME team will be hosting multiple virtual information session throughout the year. We understand orientation is saturated with information so we wanted to give all new Learners the chance for a refresher on different topics and an opportunity to ask questions.

The next session is November 14th and the topic is Transfers. [Visit the event page](#) for more details.

## Thank you Program Directors

The following Program Directors stepped down from their role during the 2019–2020 academic year and the PGME community would like to thank them for their hard work, continual leadership and mentorship to all Learners, and ongoing support to their programs.



Dr. Olufemi Ajani – Neurosurgery 2014 – 2020

Dr. Ronen Avram – Plastic Surgery 2015 – 2020

Dr. Keyna Bracken – Family Medicine/Enhanced Skills 2015–2019

Dr. Rajendar Hanmiah – General Internal Medicine 2014 – 2020

Dr. Som Mukherjee – Medical Oncology 2011 – 2020

## POLICY UPDATES

This month, PGEC has updated and approved the Resident Selection Policy. All policies can be viewed on the [PGME policy website](#).

## More PG & Me News

We welcome you to review community news, events and updates by group.



**Learners**



**Program Directors**



**Program Admins**

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include CMA Foundation  
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