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Dean's message



Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2020 of the Postgraduate Medical Education program of the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine.

Although your residency has finished during a most unusual time, I know that you are now very well prepared for the many other challenges you will face in health care through your careers, whether it is caring for an aging population, navigating a precarious health care infrastructure, or dealing with emerging or unforeseen obstacles.

During your time at McMaster University, you developed skills as competent, caring physicians. I am confident that you now have the much-needed skills of creativity, flexibility and determination to meet the medical needs of a changing society, while fostering a deeper understanding of the need to be advocates for your patients.

This past year the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine has been celebrating 50 years of exceptional innovations in education, research and care, while developing outstanding doctors, specialists and researchers. You belong to this elite

group of individuals who have made, and continue to make, a profound difference in health care and ensure McMaster's preeminent standing among the world's top medical schools.

Once again, congratulations on this important milestone and best wishes for much success as you progress in your medical careers.

Paul O'Byrne, MB, FRCP(C), FRSC
Dean and Vice-President
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"Together, advancing health through learning and discovery."



Vice Dean's message



On behalf of all the education programs of the Faculty of Health Sciences, may I extend my hearty congratulations to all of you in the 2020 Graduating Class of McMaster's Postgraduate Medical Education Program.

This has clearly not been the setting in which you probably imagined finishing your respective postgraduate residency programs. The expression "living in unprecedented times" has become a tired cliché, but despite the uncertainties you have faced as you completed your rotations and made plans for moving on with your lives, you can be sure that your training experiences at McMaster will have prepared you well for the challenges that you are about to face as you enter our thinly stretched Canadian healthcare system.

The current pandemic – and others sure to follow during your clinical careers, reflect only one type of challenge to inspire you to not only be smart, dedicated and socially responsive clinicians, but also vocal advocates for change.

As Canadian society changes – and ages, our healthcare workforce must be able to demonstrate creativity and flexibility, in order to adapt to these changes.

I am confident that as McMaster Postgraduate Medical Education Graduates you will rise to the occasion and make your alma mater PGME Program proud.

Again, many congratulations!! Sincerely,

Alan Neville, BMedBiol (Path), MBChB, MEd FRCP (Lond), FRCPC
Vice Dean, Health Professional Education
Professor, Department of Oncology
Faculty of Health Sciences
Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine
McMaster University



Associate Dean's message



Dear Graduating Residents of 2020,
congratulations to all of you moving on to
the next phase of your careers in medicine.

On behalf of our faculty and staff at McMaster,
I want to thank you – thank you for the care you have provided to
patients, the support and mentorship you have shown to our junior
trainees, and most of all thank you for inspiring us and making
us not only better teachers but also better physicians; a sincere
thank you for making our jobs as faculty easier and so rewarding.

Who could have possibly predicted how dramatically life
would change within a few short months? All of you were at
the forefront of this pandemic, when we did not fully know
the magnitude of the challenges we would face, through
the evolving discussions of self-isolation, PPE, virtual care
and virtual education, cancellation of examinations and
electives, and so many other changes. Believe me, I never
imagined a world where I would use the word redeployment
as many times as I have. But of course most importantly, it
has been and continues to be a time when the uncertainty
about the risks to our own health, the health of our families,
and the health of our co-workers has weighed heavily.

I have had the honour to be your Postgraduate Dean during this
time, and experienced first-hand the resilience, courage, patience,
and advocacy shown by all of you. So many moments stick in my
mind: an email I received from a resident asking if redeployment
could be extended to long-term care facilities as they needed our
help; a resident who emailed medical students after they had
been removed from clinical activities to offer help and support; the
many residents who were internally redeployed within their home
programs to help where it was needed most; the compassion

and reassurance conveyed by a resident to a patient receiving
care over the telephone. And so many more stories that your
program directors have shared with me. So many of you have
shown such mature leadership within your programs and beyond.

I hope that as you leave McMaster, you remember it fondly – for
the mentorship and support you received from your supervisors
and provided to others, for the close friendships that you
developed with your fellow residents; for the countless lessons
you have learned from your patients. It is always the relationships
that we develop along the way that form the memories of an
institution. These have been even more important in the last
few months as we learned together and supported each other.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank your program
directors and program administrators, who have been remarkable
in adapting to our current reality, and ensuring that as much as
possible, they could continue to provide you with educational
opportunities. Our collective hope is that the training you
received at McMaster has provided you with the skills to
successfully take the next steps in your career, and along
the way, you have made life-long friends and colleagues.

Congratulations and thank you! Wishing you
the very best in your future career.

Parveen

Parveen Wasi
Associate Dean, PGME,
Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine
McMaster University



Regional Assistant Dean's message



Congratulations to you on completing your postgraduate training and beginning the next stage of your medical career! This represents an accomplishment achieved through many hundreds of hours of

study, sleeplessness, concern, dedication, and focus. The transition from residency to practice is one of tiny steps and giant leaps. Your time at McMaster has equipped you very well. You have knowledge, skills, resources and supports, as well as many people that believe strongly in your ability to be successful and change the world with your care.

Thank you to all of you for the patient care you have provided during your training. Your communities have benefitted greatly from your skills, knowledge, and compassion. Thank you for the teaching you have done for medical students and junior residents. Your willingness to share your knowledge and train the next generation of physicians is something we hope you will continue doing during your practice and will benefit both you and your learners. We are thankful for those of you that have been part

of our Niagara Campus during your studies. We will miss you and are richer for having had you as part of our community.

We wish you well in all aspects of your life. Your physical health, your mental health, your connection to friends and family and your sense of self are all important and can be neglected in busy times. As you take care of yourselves, please also take care of each other. Look out for those working beside you and those you are teaching. Speak up when you see behavior that is unacceptable but also when you see kindness and grace and professionalism, so that we can learn from these examples and create environments that foster care and compassion as well as knowledge and achievement.

Amanda Bell
Regional Assistant Dean
Niagara Regional Campus



Regional Assistant Dean's message



This is a day of mixed emotions: one of great joy and pride in your accomplishment, as well as one of sadness that we cannot be together in person to share your celebrations with you, your friends and family. We are all so proud of you!

You are certainly finishing your residency at a significant time in history. You will be the first cohort to graduate in the middle of a pandemic. Your timing is impeccable; to have already completed most of your residency before COVID-19 took over our clinical settings, mandating changes for some of you in your final clinical and elective rotations.

You are also starting your medical career at a time of uncertainty and turmoil as a physician. You will be working in the clinical settings with faculty, nurses and other allied health professionals who are the true heroes in this pandemic. It is an unprecedented time in health care, and you are part of this history. I know that you are well prepared; you are resilient, you will adapt to your new career path, and your care and work will bring 'ease' to those who are suffering. You are now also part of the front line of health care workers, and I am proud of how you have adapted to the implications of the pandemic in the clinical settings and risen to the occasion to assist as needed.

I am sure that you also may have mixed emotions – joy, happiness,, maybe some relief, . . ., perhaps some trepidation about the future. All of these reactions are understandable, and I hope for today at least, that you can focus on the positive emotions, and spend time with family to celebrate what you have achieved. Graduating from residency is not something

that most people can say they have accomplished. It is a privilege to be a physician. People will share the most intimate parts of their lives with you: crises, births, deaths. You will touch many lives in many ways, and the privilege is one that I know each and everyone of you will take very seriously. I am honoured to now call you a colleague in health care delivery.

I am sorry to see you go; and at the same time, I am excited to see where you will go, and what you will do. I will close with two quotes: one from famous leader, Nelson Mandela, former Prime Minister of South Africa, and survivor of the racially segregated prison in Robin Island:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

I know that you will change the world; one patient at a time. And finally, from another wise man, Dr. Theodor Suess Geisel:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet on your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

Choose well! And wherever you go, please send us a note, a photo, and let us know of the wonderful things that you are doing. We are your WRC family.

Margo Mountjoy
Regional Assistant Dean
Waterloo Regional Campus



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A Message from our Medical Students

To our wonderful residents – congratulations on your graduation! This is a special moment in time, in an uncertain world. As you move on from residency, we wanted to share our gratitude for your teaching, for your mentorship, and for your friendship. As medical students from the classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022, we have been so fortunate to know you and to learn from you. Our thanks are merely a fraction of what you've shared with us.

Thank you for creating a warm and welcoming environment for us as we experience the medical world for the first time. Your guidance, patience, and support as senior residents made the learning process less intimidating and more exciting.

Thank you for making us laugh, showing us kindness on difficult days, answering our hundreds of questions, keeping us fed and caffeinated and, above all, serving as a constant source of inspiration throughout medical school.

Thank you for the energy, dedication, and enthusiasm that you brought to each clinical skills session. Running a three hour evening session after a day of work is bound to be draining, but you never showed it!

Thank you for bringing us into the special world of patient care, for demonstrating the importance of connection and kindness, and for showing us that cool case of subcutaneous emphysema.

Thank you for explaining the little things about medicine that we don't learn in our lecture halls. We noticed your smile and energy after that call shift, and appreciate it more than words can say!

Thank you for all the hours, patience, creativity, and humour you bring to Clinical Skills! You somehow make staying at school until 10 pm fun and rewarding.

Thank you for so deeply caring about our learning. We can't wait to pay it forward one day.

We wish you all the best in your future careers, and we can't wait to work with you again in the future.

Lots of love,
The Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022



Congratulations to our graduating residents for completing residency and moving on to the next chapter of your careers!

Thank you for your dedication to our patients, for caring for our community, and for being important and appreciated members of our teams at HHS.

I, along with everyone at HHS, wish you all the best on your future endeavours!

Dr. Alison Fox-Robichaud
Director, Medical Education
Hamilton Health Sciences



Congratulations to the class of 2020! This is a very special moment and a time to celebrate a major achievement in your lives. On behalf of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, I would like to thank you, for all your contributions in providing high quality, compassionate care to our patients and for respecting our community's rich diversity and in doing so, honoring our mission and vision.

This year has been unique, challenging, yet a time for innovation and growth. I hope, in reflection, you will take away the important messages learned of working together, recognizing the importance of equality and respecting the richness of diversity in your communities that you will practice in. You are privileged with great responsibility. You are the future of our healthcare and our forthcoming leaders. Use the privilege that has been granted to you responsibly and provide care with compassion and integrity.

On behalf of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, I would like to wish all of you, my very best as you enter the next phase of your careers.

Dr. Azim Gangji
Vice President, Education
St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton

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Anesthesiology

To say that five years would finish with a 'bang' would be to understate how it ended. Who would, on their best 'Woodstock' day, have believed such a chain of events would culminate all those years of residency. This year's group has been one of the largest cohorts we have had in the program. They have been an amazing, hard-working, enthusiastic and obviously resilient group. A significant part of their success has to be attributed to the strong bonds and support that was forged within the group. It has not been a smooth ride to the end, but everyone has done it successfully, responsibly and respectfully and have certainly made the department proud. I am sure that all are going to make invaluable contributions to both our discipline and society, and wish everyone all the success to make that happen.

Dr. Design Reddy
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been quite the year, to say the least! This is definitely not the way any of us would have envisioned the end of your residency training. It has been challenging with the uncertainty of exams and not being able to get together to help support one another has been a true test of your resilience! Virtual celebrations don't do justice to all of your hard work and dedication! It has been a real pleasure to get to know each and everyone of you! I'm sure you will do Mac Anesthesia proud as you begin your successful careers. I look forward to the day when our paths cross in the future and we can celebrate your success in person.

Dr. Michael Parrish
ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Our original group of seven has changed over the years. With all the changes brought a new diverse group of graduates. It won't be hard to say goodbye with most of you staying in Hamilton to work. To my self proclaimed (his words), "problem child", I will miss our weekly phone calls; to the guy who always makes me smile with his crazy mustache and genuine laugh, I can't wait to hear it again; to my fellow cat lady... Keep care of those fur-babies and to the guy who could argue about the sky being blue, never change. A lot of memories in 5 years but I know I will hear good things about you.

Candice Stroud-Grundy
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

**Congratulations
to our graduates!**

Thiago Appoloni Moreira
Justine Marie Denomme
Natalie Lidster
Scott McCusker
Tyler Benjamin Oswald
Jeffrey David Overington
Brodan Rutherglen
William Sanh
Joshua Tobe
Anthony John Valente



Critical Care Medicine

Dear graduating CCM Trainees of 2020,
What a whirlwind two years it has been for all of you!

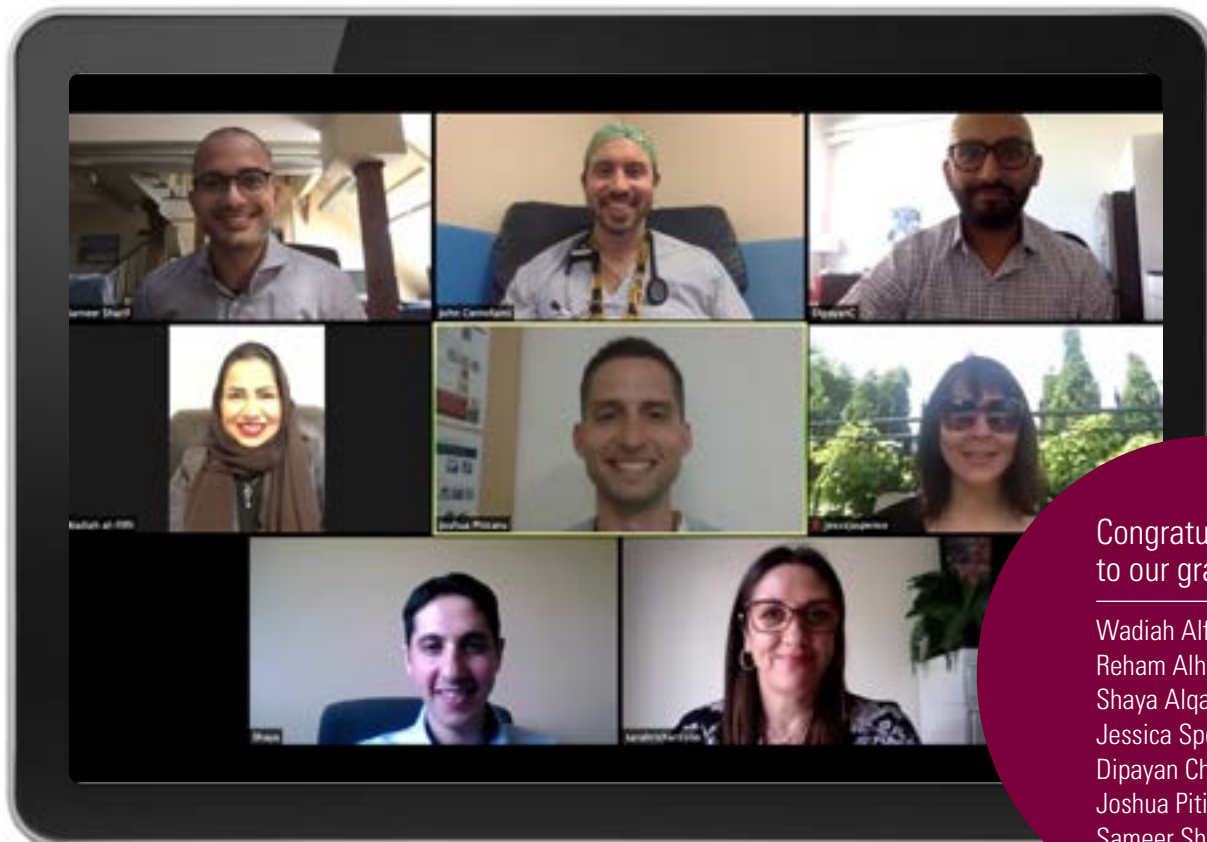
Change of Program Director halfway through, shifting electives and rotations, and a worldwide Pandemic to top it all off! I am truly impressed by your ability to adapt, respond, and continue to provide high-quality care to your patients and colleagues through what will hopefully be one of the more challenging portions of your career. I wish you all the best as you move forward in an exciting, dynamic, and ever-challenging career. Thanks for a great year!

Dr. John Centofanti
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Graduating Critical Care Medicine Trainees, Class of 2020,
I am certain when you were contemplating your application submission to CCM at McMaster you did not think you would be adding "Survived a Global Pandemic" to your CV. You have demonstrated hard work, determination and resilience during these past two years (and that was just putting up with me!). It has been a pleasure getting to know you and I am truly blessed to have been a part of your continuing education and academic growth.

Congratulations on your well-deserved success! I wish you nothing but the best on your "virtual" Graduation Day and Every Day!

Sarah Richardson
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



**Congratulations
to our graduates!**

Wadiah Alfifil
Reham Alharbi (*absent from photo*)
Shaya Alqahtani
Jessica Spence
Dipayan Chaudhuri
Joshua Pitcaru
Sameer Sharif

Pain Medicine

Congratulations, Eugene, on the successful completion of your pain medicine residency training! It has been a pleasure working with you and getting to know you. I look forward to working with you in the future as a colleague, as you embark on your career in pain medicine.

Dr. Phil Chan
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Eugene, you have been an absolute pleasure to work with. You are kind, caring and make an amazing Doctor. I know this will sound like a mom thing to say, but I am very proud of you! You worked hard, made a point of learning everything you could and it definitely paid off.

Congratulations on a job well done! I really look forward to working with you more in the future.

Tammy Purchase
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduate!

Eugene Maida



Anesthesia



I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST

— Messages from Dr. Karen Raymer

"It was amazing to witness your commitment to excellence and I know you are going to bring that same enthusiasm to your practice and you will be valued for it by your patients and co-workers alike."

"Your thoughtful, questioning approach to your clinical practice is going to ensure excellence of care to your patients."

"With your leadership skills, you are going to do great things in our specialty."

"Your quiet no-nonsense approach, along with your commitment to excellence and your razor sharp intellect has made you an excellent resident and will make you highly valued by patients and colleagues, during your career."

"Your sense of humour and patient-oriented approach have been there from day 1 and will be the notable characteristic of your practice, to the benefit of your patients and colleagues."

"Your quiet no-nonsense approach, along with your commitment to excellence and your razor sharp intellect has made you an excellent resident and will make you highly valued by patients and colleagues, during your career."

"It was impressive to watch you turn away from completing your first residency program, that would have had you "free" in less than a year, to commit to another four years of a different program, simply because you wanted to follow your passion."

"You have a quiet, calm demeanour that I know your patients and your colleagues and co-workers are going to appreciate."

"You are the ultimate team player and because of that you will be a valued colleague one day. I just hope you can find a hospital that has a tall enough parking garage for your truck!"

Cardiology

Congratulations to our graduates! On behalf of our faculty, we are proud to welcome you as colleagues into our cardiology community. We have watched you develop into highly capable and skilled physicians; we are privileged to call you our graduates.

Your journey through residency was truly remarkable. Despite many obstacles, you persisted with dedication, resilience and professionalism. You have been the cornerstone of our clinical services for the last three years, and earned the admiration and respect of our community.

Thank you for your compassionate care of our patients. Thank you for your collaboration and academic work with our faculty. Thank you for your excellence in teaching, on behalf of our junior Learners. We wish you all the best in the next stages of your career. We hope you look back at your time at McMaster with fondness, knowing that you will always hold a special position in our division as graduates of our training program.

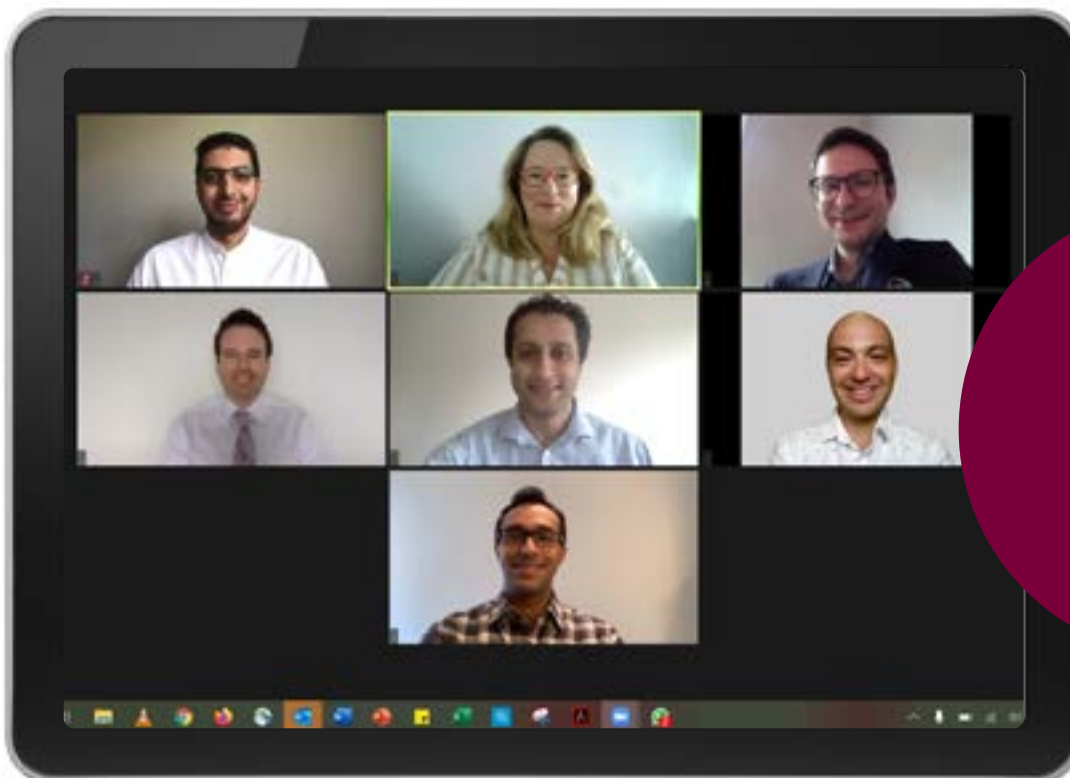
Dr. Matthew Sibbald
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations! You are a 2020 McMaster University Postgraduate Graduate.

This is a great achievement and I know the hard work and sacrifices you have all made to realize your goal of becoming a physician and now cardiologist. I am excited for each of you as you enter the next stage of your medical careers. I hope you are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel that is specialty training.

I know you will have long and successful careers caring for your patients, but my hope is that you never lose sight of taking care of yourself.

Doreen Reeve
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



**Congratulations
to our graduates!**

Saleh Abdulaziz Alghadeer
Andrew Kelly
Guerman Kisselman
Ibrahim Sadiq
Nima Zamiri

Clinical Immunology & Allergy

Congratulations CIA team! You should all be very proud of what you have accomplished in the last two years individually, as well as how well you have worked together as a team (and not just in the escape room). It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Abeer, you thrived in your leadership role as chief during a trying time for all of us. Adil, your FIT Bowl performance will be talked about for years! Benny, you always brought the team together, and not just for soap opera style photos. Josh, you managed to stay calm no matter what the situation, which will serve you well both in your career and parenthood.

On behalf of the whole faculty we wish you the best of luck moving forward in your careers. We are excited to watch you continue to grow and establish yourselves in the Allergy & Immunology community!

Dr. Michael Cyr
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

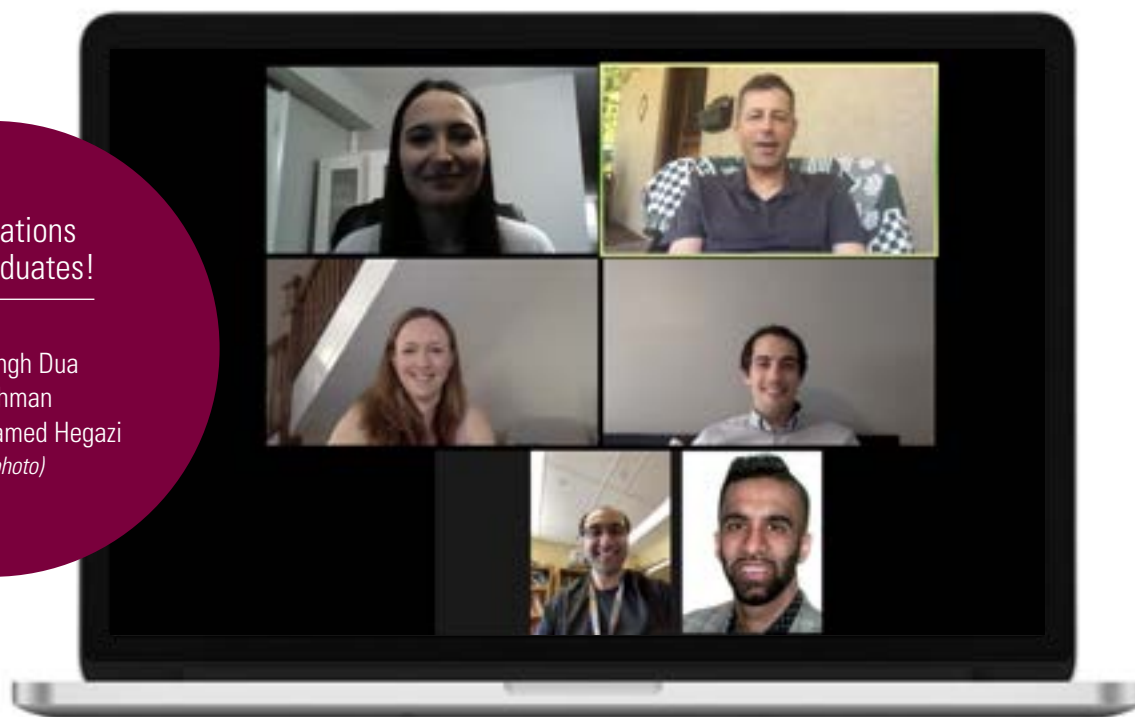
Congratulations to the team! We are all very proud of what you have accomplished in the last two years. It has been such an honor working with all of you. Best of luck in your adventures ahead.

Jennifer Lourenco
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

“On behalf of the whole faculty we wish you the best of luck moving forward in your careers.”

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Adil Adatia
Beninder Singh Dua
Joshua Hochman
Abeer Mohamed Hegazi
(absent from photo)



Emergency Medicine / RCPSC Stream

Dear PGY5s!

We can't believe it has been five years since you all started with us! It has been our privilege to work and learn with you. You have been a great source of inspiration and knowledge and have helped our program become better since you arrived, either through advocacy work, international development, curriculum development, research or by helping us navigate the current crisis.

You will be missed after you leave (although we hope that many of you will come back to teach or just visit) and we wish you lots of success in your future careers. We know that you will make us look great wherever you go. Please do keep in touch and we look forward to seeing you at the massive party we plan on holding when this is all over. Alim Pardhan and Kelly van Diepen

Dr. Alim Pardhan

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Kelly van Diepen

ASSISTANT PROGRAM
DIRECTOR

Dear PGY5s, You did it!

After five years of hard work and dedication as a resident it's time to celebrate all of your accomplishments and the excitement of your careers that lie ahead.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know each and every one of you. You all made our job easy and most importantly, fun! We wish you all the best in your careers and hope to see you all again soon. Congratulations and all the best.

Julia Smerilli

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Teresa Vallera

PROGRAM MANAGER

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Filgen Yut-Tou Fung
Rakesh Gupta
Ashley Lubberdink
Spencer Bradford MacDonald
Ali-Asghar Mulla
Christopher Skappak
Blair Bigham (*absent from photo*)



Endocrinology & Metabolism

On behalf of the RPC and the entire division of Endocrinology at McMaster, I would like to congratulate you on graduating from our program! We wish you every success in your career as an Endocrinologist. I also want to thank you for all your hard work and contributions to our program throughout your training. We will miss having you with us but are proud to see you go into independent practice! This quote from Dr. Seuss expresses my thoughts quite eloquently: "Congratulations! Today is your day! You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed.)"

Dr. Meera Luthra
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Anasuiya Sherhee Surendran
Jasmine Bahrami
Manijeh Mohammadi

Congratulations on your well-deserved success! May your graduation be the beginning of many more wonderful achievements in your life. Best wishes for your next adventure. You will be missed!

Dana Gordon
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

"Congratulations! Today is your day!
You're off to Great Places! You're off
and away! And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$
percent guaranteed.)"



Gastroenterology

It has been a wonderful two year journey we have been on. It is my honour and privilege to have worked with such an outstanding group of young physicians. I am so proud of all you have accomplished and I have no doubt that you will continue to make this world a better place.

Dr. Eric Greenwald

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the GI team!

We are all very proud of what you have accomplished in the last two years. It has been such an honor working with all of you. Best of luck in your adventures ahead.

Jennifer Lourenco

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Kriste-Kaye King-Robertson
Danah Mohammad
Navid Hejazifar
Fatema Alalkim
Matthew Collins
Kathryn Woodman



General Internal Medicine

Congratulations to you all for completing your two-year journey through the GIM residency. All of you have taken different paths in training, but what you share is the passion for GIM with its challenges and rewards. It has been an exciting two-year journey and you will now go in your different directions, but you will always share a common bond as trainees from McMaster General Internal Medicine. I am proud and certain that each of you have bright futures ahead as General Internists and will help define and improve the brand of General Internal Medicine in Canada. Best of luck to all of you and I look forward to working with you as colleagues in the future.

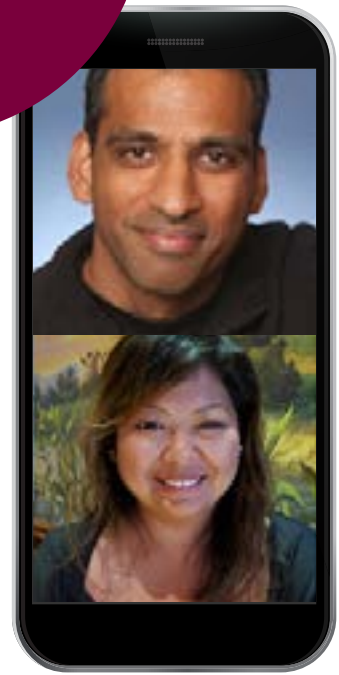
Dr. Raj Hanmiah
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

While working as a medical production editor, who knew I'd be working so closely with medical residents. It is indeed a privilege to work with you throughout your residency. You're going out on your own when it seems surreal with COVID but you've been brave soldiers on the frontline and that, along with all of your hard work and dedication, is commendable. Per Dr. Seuss, "Why fit in when you were born to stand out"! To my GIM godchildren, I wish you all the best and I have no doubt you will do the right thing for the people in your care.

Kimmy Rolfe
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Michael Ke Wang
Abdulrhman Abulaban
Jessica Tieu-Uyen Huynh
Marie Leung
Aashish Kalani



Geriatric Medicine

Congratulations to our brilliant, resilient, amazing 2020 graduates in Geriatric Medicine!

Tempis fugit – time flies. It seems like just yesterday that we welcomed you to the residency program. Even though graduation is going to look different this year, the achievement is still the same. You have put in the hard work and experienced long days in the hospital, in clinic and in the community. You have learned and contributed to academic life in our Division. During the COVID-19 pandemic you have exhibited flexibility and creativity as we pivoted our clinical services. You have improved the lives of the older adults in your care and we are confident that you will become leaders in our field.

On the commencement of your professional lives – please accept hearty congratulations from myself, the residency program and the Division of Geriatric Medicine.

Dr. Tricia Woo
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been a pleasure working with each of you. You are all hard working, polite and professional at all times. We enjoyed listening to you unravel your life stories for us. This is a very important part of the relationship. It allows us to learn who you are, not just as a physician.

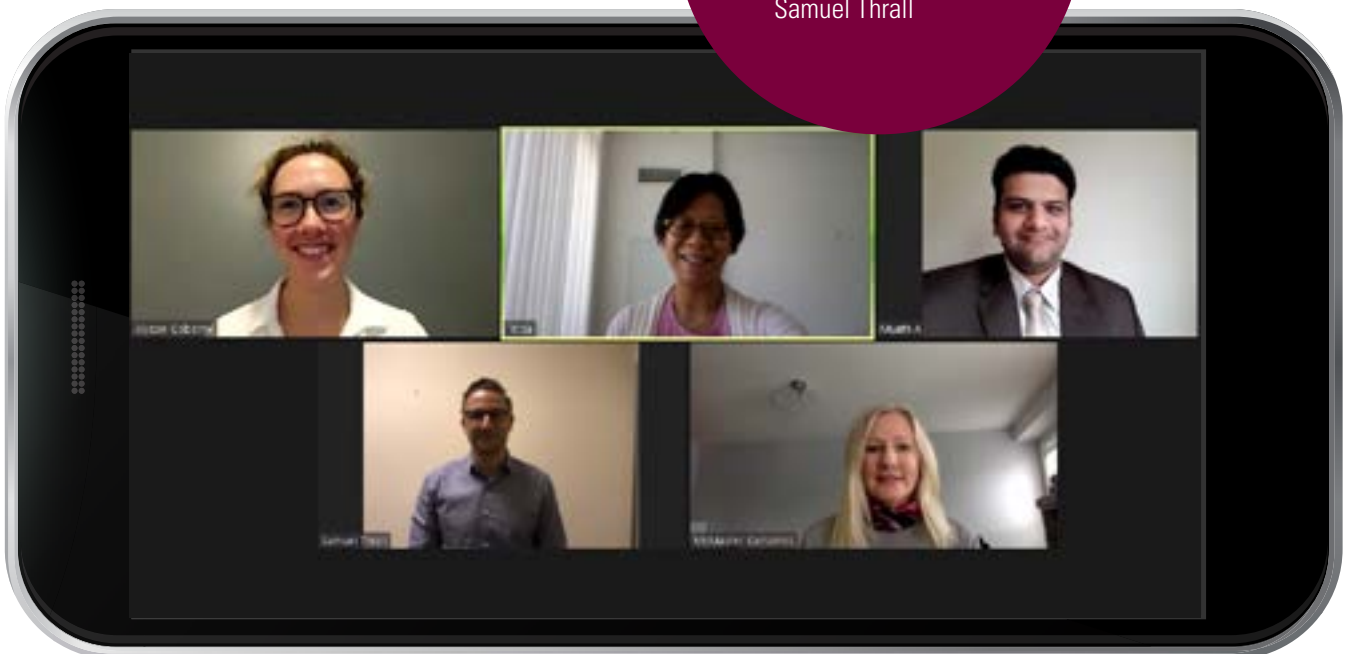
Always eagerly looking for ways to improve your rotations and educational experiences. You cheerfully fill in the holes of on call schedules (LOL) and have been very creative and proactive in developing a new pandemic way of learning and teaching.

We will miss you class of 2020.

Lynn Pacheco & Karen Archer
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Alyson Osborne
Muath Alkhunizan
Samuel Thrall



Hematology

On behalf of the RPC and the entire Division of Hematology and Thromboembolism teaching faculty, congratulations on the successful completion of your residency training! You are a group of remarkable women and I couldn't be more proud of all that you have achieved, both personally and professionally, during your residency. As outstanding clinicians, teachers, and scholars, you have been flawless representatives and ambassadors for our program and perfectly embody our core values. Thank you for your tireless commitment to your patients and for the many important contributions you have made to improve our residency program and your training experiences. I have no doubt your careers are going to skyrocket. I believe your residency training has provided the skills required for continued professional and personal growth and to achieve a fulfilling work-life balance. I wish you every success in what I hope will be long and meaningful careers. Please stay in touch – I can't wait to hear what your futures hold!

Dr. Graeme Fraser

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Jane Klie

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

“As outstanding clinicians, teachers, and scholars, you have been flawless representatives and ambassadors for our program and perfectly embody our core values.”



Congratulations
to our graduates!

Marissa Liselle Laureano
Rebecca Rosart
Andrea Cervi

Infectious Diseases

I wanted to take a few words to convey how proud I am of all of you. You have each shown the characteristics of great doctors: commitment, compassion and humility, a thirst for learning and for giving back. Your support (Slack tutoring included!) and humor in these chaotic COVID times have kept the program moving forward and served as inspiration for the rest of the division. Your contributions from sitting on committees, contributing to QI to creating a web-based handbook or a self-learning public health curriculum have enriched the program for those who come behind you. I know that your passion and engagement will carry forward throughout your careers and I am honored to call you a colleague!

Dr. Eva Piessen

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

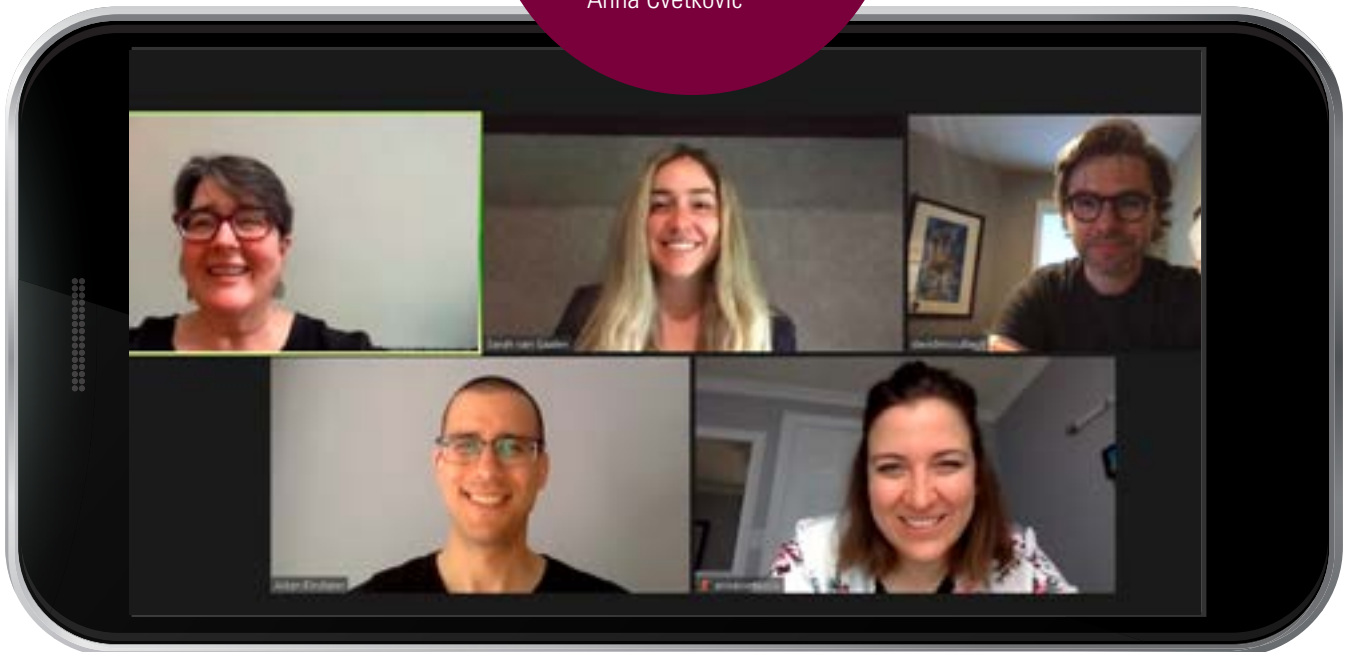
Jane Klie

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

"I know that your passion and engagement will carry forward throughout your careers and I am honored to call you a colleague!"

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Sarah van Gaalen
David McCullah
Aidan Findlater
Anna Cvetkovic



Internal Medicine

The word Doctor comes from the Latin word for “teacher”, itself from docere, meaning, “to teach”. As resident physicians, you have become experienced teachers who have refined the balance of providing for your own learning needs, while promoting the education of others. Your patients, students, peers, and supervisors have all been benefactors of your expanding wisdom. For the next phase of your lifelong adventure, you will gather knowledge and build skills to “master, improve upon, and pass on to the next generation of physicians”*. I know you have been witness to your achievements while at McMaster and hold every confidence you will accomplish great things over the next 40 years. Congratulations and best wishes for the brightest future!

**George E. Thibault, MD, at Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine’s 2018 Commencement*

Dr. Lori Whitehead
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Mohammed Rashid
Gabriel Jeyasingham
Maryan Graiss
Emily Baxter



Congratulations
graduates!

Hernan Franco Lopez
Zachary Gowanlock
Ankur Goswami
Albert Chiang
Laura Goodliffe
Clara Lu
Zahra Merali
Danny Zita
Lorin Dodbiba



Internal Medicine

It has been an incredible privilege to be connected with your residency training for the past three years. From first-day orientation all the way through to your last call shift, I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know you, to work with you, and to watch you develop. One of my greatest joys is watching you support each other, and to nurture the residents coming along behind you. It's a lovely paradox that you can be both consumers and contributors to our training program, and you have left many important marks and improvements behind as you leave us. Please stay in touch. I will be thinking of you often.

Jan Taylor, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

We wish you all the best as you move forward to your next stage of training. We have enjoyed working with you and look forward to hearing about life's milestones from you in your future.

Warmly, **Sharlene Honaizer, Susan Serro, Christine Knight**

OFFICE STAFF ADMINISTRATORS



Mashrur Rahman
Alec Campbell
Carly Barron
Cindy Cin Yee Law
Moayad Alshehri
Majeed Alosail
Torrance Oravec
Nehal Tarazan
Ali Someili

Congratulations
graduates!



Mats Juneke
David Youssef
Heather Bannerman
Laiya Carayannopoulos
Tyler James
Olivia Geen
Siobhan Deshauer
Samna (Annie) Khan
Andrew Collins
Mohammed Alfawaz
Kristen Sullivan (*absent from photo*)
Liam Cole Finlay (*absent from photo*)
Waleed Ali Aljohani (*absent from photo*)

Nephrology

Graduation is not only a celebration of your amazing accomplishments but a celebration of our Nephrology family. I am so very proud of you and your achievements. You have made our nephrology family and residency education program richer. I would like to thank you for your support in making our program unique and one of the best in the country. Take the knowledge you have gained and utilize it to provide the best care possible in the most compassionate manner for patients. As I had mentioned to you at the beginning of training, this is the start of a lifelong friendship. The end of your training is the beginning of another lifelong bond between you, our education program and the Division. My very best wishes for continued success in your career and in achieving your personal goals.

Dr. Azim Gangji
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

As your graduation approaches, I want you to know that I consider it a privilege to have been a part of your training in Nephrology. I am also grateful that we are not just colleagues, but friends. Your decision to train in Canada and choosing our program to do so is a high honor indeed. I know that you will be wonderful ambassadors of our program.

A wise person instructed me that with hard work comes success. You have all lived this motto admirably and that hard work has paid off in a successful completion of training. Wherever your career takes you, I wish you all the very best and please know that I am proud of your accomplishments!

Wendy Clark
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Majed Mihmas E. Alosaimi
Grace Kansime
Haimchand Barran
Mona Alshahrani
Ola Tarabzuni
Mohammad Al-Thnaibat
Faisal Basonbul (*absent from photo*)
Mutlaq Alotaibi (*absent from photo*)



Neurology

I will always remember my residency training with fondness, and hope that each of you will, as well. The friendships with peers and mentors becomes lifelong. It's so wonderful to be able to officially welcome you into the Canadian Neurology community!

Dr. Demetrios Sahlas
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

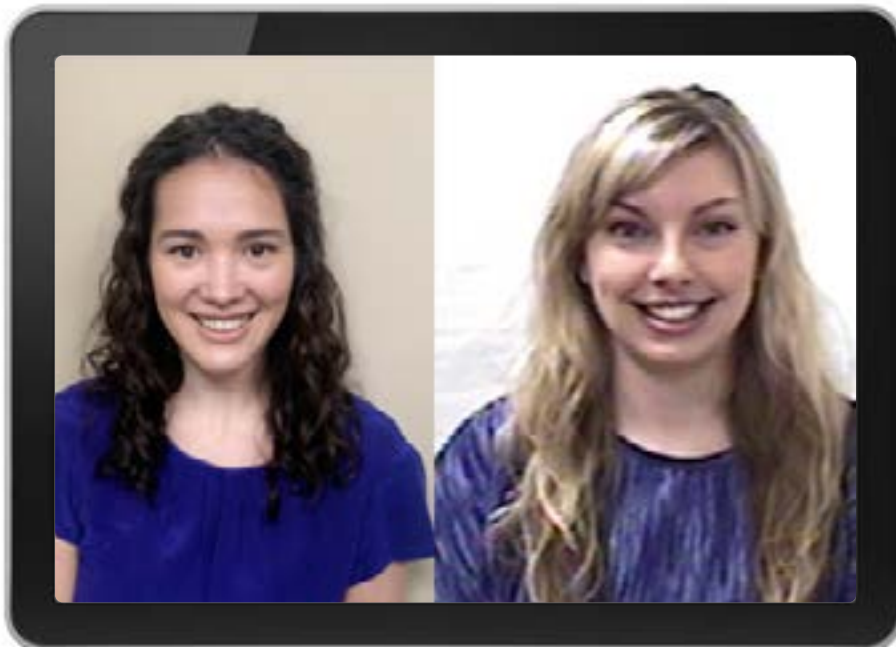
It's been five years already – wow that was fast! We are all so proud of the two of you, both of you have set a high standard for the rest of the residents to follow. I know each of you will be very successful in the future and I wish you all the happiness and success to come!

Erica Pratt
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

"It's so wonderful to be able to officially welcome you into the Canadian Neurology community!"

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Ginette Moores
Leslie Witton



Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

I am very proud of all of your numerous accomplishments! It has been a pleasure to watch you grow during your residency. You have been instrumental in improving our program and future generations of residents will benefit from your hard work. The world has changed a great deal in the last few months, and I commend you on your ability to adapt to the circumstances. Overcoming adversity shapes us into the individuals that we become, and I am certain that you will thrive in the future. You have both committed yourselves to excellence during your training and I wish you nothing but the best as you embark on your future careers.

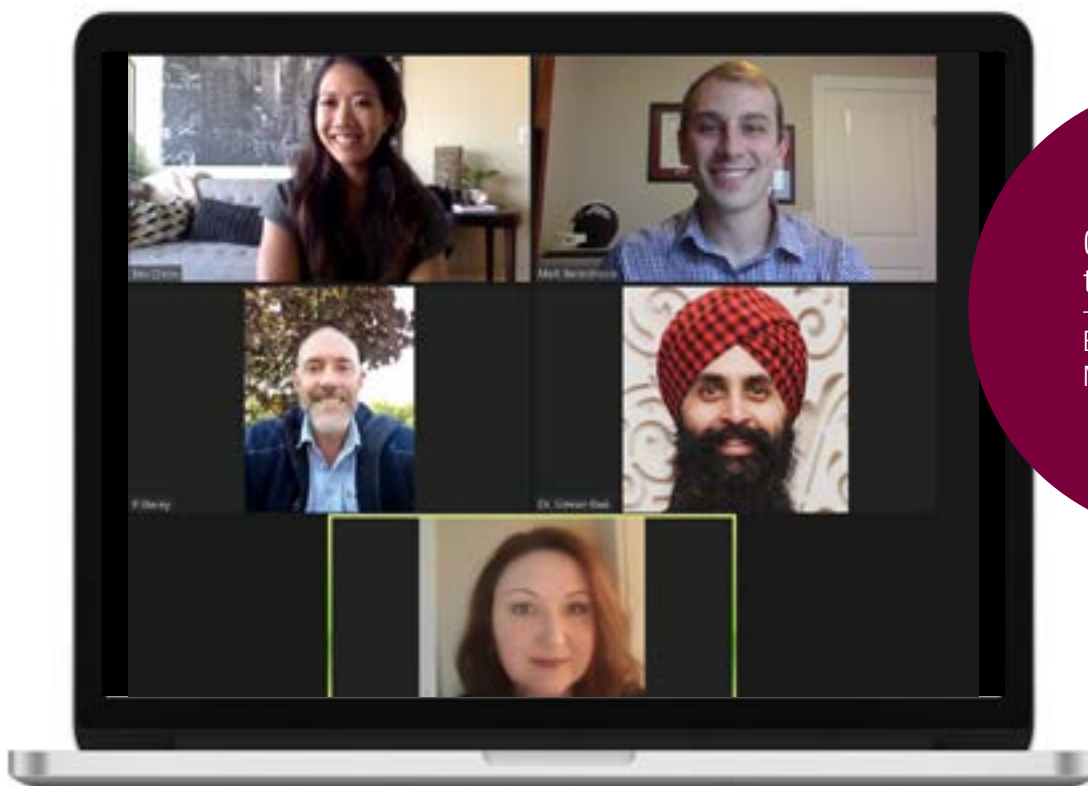
Dr. Simran Basi
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I have been very glad to know you and work with you during your residency. You are both competent and compassionate physiatrists and you will represent the profession and our program well in your chosen communities. Thank you for your efforts within the program and in caring for our patients. I wish you great happiness and success in the future, and I hope you will find meaningful engagement in your work and in the other important aspects of your lives (yes a real life is coming and you should embrace things outside of Braddom's words!).

Dr. Paul Stacey
ASSOCIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been such an honour to work with you both over the years. We are all so proud of what you have achieved and will surely miss your presence at the RRC. You have enhanced our program in so many ways, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Keep in touch!

Ann-Marie Turner
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



Congratulations
to our graduates!

Beverley Mallory Chow
Matthew Anthony Berardocco

Respirology

Your journey through your Undergraduate education, Medical school, Internal Medicine and Respirology residency has brought you here, on the brink of graduation from your career as a student. This is an incredible moment in your life, as you transition from residency to clinical practice as an independent practitioner in the breath-taking field of Respirology. Your journey from this point will be exciting and challenging, but know that we will always be here to support you on whatever path you choose next. Take all that you have learned and continue to help others who are less fortunate, care for the sick and continue to mentor those who follow in your footsteps. In the words of Sir William Osler "...let me congratulate you on the choice of calling, which offers a combination of intellectual and moral interests found in no other profession." The McMaster community is so proud of you, and wishes you all the best in your future career.

Dr. Rebecca Amer
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

While working as a medical production editor, who knew I'd one day be working so closely with medical residents. It is indeed a privilege to work with residency. You're going out on your own when it seems surreal with COVID but you've been brave soldiers on the frontline and that, along with all of your hard work and dedication, is commendable. Per Dr. Seuss, "Why fit in when you were born to stand out"! To my Respirology godchildren, I wish you all the best and I have no doubt you will do the right thing for the people in your care.

Kimmy Rolfe
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Lisa Ha-Yeon Kim
David Yoo
Rayyan Almusally
Cedel Thom-Fernandes



Rheumatology

Jason, I've enjoyed seeing your skills and knowledge develop. I am inspired by your critical thinking, interesting questions, and pursuit of knowledge, particularly in the area of rare diseases. I anticipate you will become a forerunner in investigation and management of rare rheumatological diseases, and will become a critical advocate for this population of patients. I appreciate your leadership as chief rheumatology resident during the uncertain, and ever-changing times of the pandemic. All the best.

Kenji, I greatly appreciate your sense of camaraderie and your easy leadership style. Your energy and enthusiasm are infectious! Junior learners have often expressed their appreciation for your willingness to share your time and expertise in teaching, and staff members have often commented on your professionalism and strong communication skills. You are masterfully efficient, with no expense of work quality. I expect you will rise to great heights and have no doubt you will be highly successful!

Dr. Kim Legault
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Kenji, it has been almost six years since we met, when you were a student. Your humour, easy going nature, roll with the punches, and step up attitude made you a great leader and excellent resident role model. I will miss you coming into my office saying "whaddup"!

All the best in Sauga!!

Jason, I have enjoyed getting to know you over the past two years. I am disappointed we never got to practice a few guitar songs and perform for your grad!!!

All the best in your next fellowship.

Rennée Tremblay
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



Congratulations
to our graduates!

Zheng Hung (Jason) An
Richard Kenji Onizuka

Medicine



You began this journey many years ago when the world was predictable and full of opportunity. Much has changed in recent months for all of us. In these trying times I salute your courage and professionalism. You have adapted so well to the new clinical and learning environment. You begin a new journey in a challenging time however, I am certain you will not only persevere but thrive. Best wishes.

– Dr. Alfred Cividino

What a year! I can confidently say that with what has gone on the last few months you guys are more than well equipped to handle any situation that comes at you. You possess a high degree of compassion, perseverance, and commitment. Your future patients will be so lucky to have you as their physician. It was truly a pleasure working with all of you. I wish you all nothing but success in your future endeavors! Peace out!

– Kim Pusung

CONGRATULATIONS

Although we are all sad to see you go, I am certain you will be a great asset to the new community that you will practice in. I wish you all the greatest success in the future, and look forward to partnering in possible endeavors as they arise. – Dr. Arthur Lau

Family Medicine



Congratulations! It's been a joy and privilege to be part of your journey over these last two years. Thank you for your hard work, valuable contributions to the program and community, and above all, the compassionate, capable care you provided our patients.

As you take these next steps, I encourage you to be courageous. Say yes to new opportunities, stretch yourself clinically! You have the strong foundation you need to provide safe, quality care, and your confidence and skill will continue to grow over the next few years.

We all know the power of family medicine lies in relationships. I'm excited for you to fully experience that potential as you invest in relationships with your own patients – I promise it will provide real joy and fulfilment that will sustain you throughout your career.

Finally, family medicine is an amazing community – build a network around you that provides mentorship, support and allows you to maintain a sense of balance. Don't forget to stay in touch!

Dr. Sarah Kinzie – PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Nancy Devlin – EDUCATION MANAGER

Christine Marits – PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Congratulations graduates!

Hamilton: Community Based Residency Training

Jiyeh Joo

Joanne Kearon

Cindy Ochieng

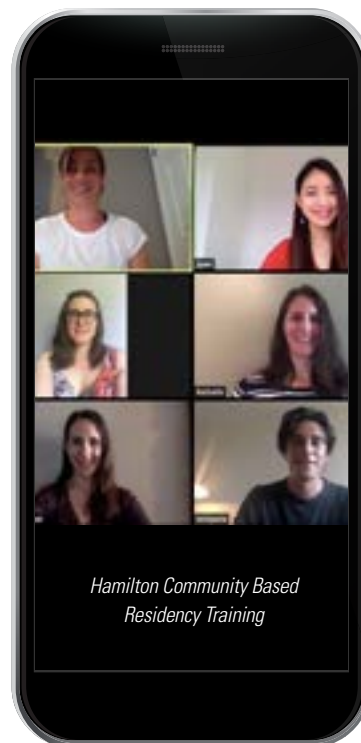
Nick Parle

Julie-Anne Wroblewski

Dr. Heather Waters – Site Director

Dr. Nathalie Desbois – Education Coordinator

Lina Beltrano and Karyn Bailey – Clinical Education Associates



Hamilton: McMaster Family Practice

Mehdi Aloosh

Gavin Boisjoli

Darwin Chan

Yeshale Chetty

Tiffany Chow

Michael Gallea

Cara Groves

Nick Harrower

Dulitha Jayasekera

Leah Jones

Fatima Mahdi

Haseeb Naveed

Jeffrey Poon

Sofija Rans

Sohail Sardar

Michael Teitelbaum

Sandra Trat

Rachel van Oostveen

Alice Wang

Wendy Wang

Roland Wong

Dr. Heather Waters – Site Director

Dr. Danielle O'Toole – Education Coordinator

Karyn Bailey, Paula Davies-Barlow and

Sarah Mullen – Clinical Education Associates

Family Medicine



Congratulations
graduates!

Rural

Mo Moore
Ryan Cross
Rezi Edington
Meghan Garside
Drew Moore
Joel Phillips
Natalie Ramsay
Steven Wong
Claire Schiller (*absent from photo*)

Dr. Wade Mitchell – Site Director
Natalie Graham and Alex Breedon – Education Associates



Grand Erie Six Nations

Lauren Kielstra
Ji-Haeng Lee
Leo Rozenfeld
Joel Schmidt
Tanveer Singh

Dr. Amy Montour – Site Director
David Johnston-Weiser –
Education Associate

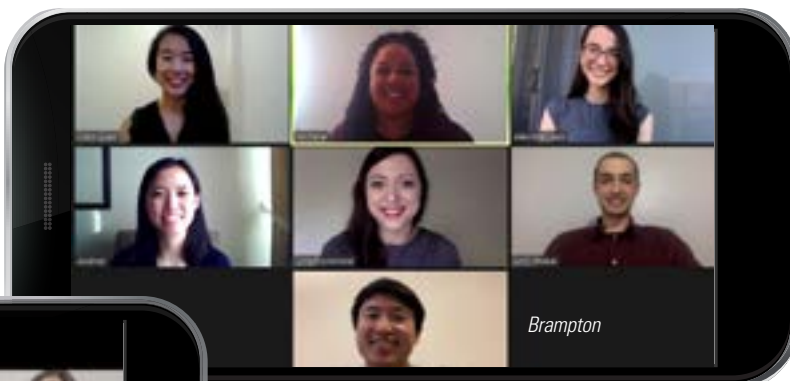


Halton

Emma Dudley
Ibidayo (Dayo) Kuye
Mary Mankarious
Andrew Oh
Tom Xu
Sarah Chauvin (*absent from photo*)
Rahul dev Kalsi (*absent from photo*)
Jen He (*absent from photo*)

Dr. Susan Borden – Site Director
Catherine Arruda – Education
Associate

Family Medicine



Brampton

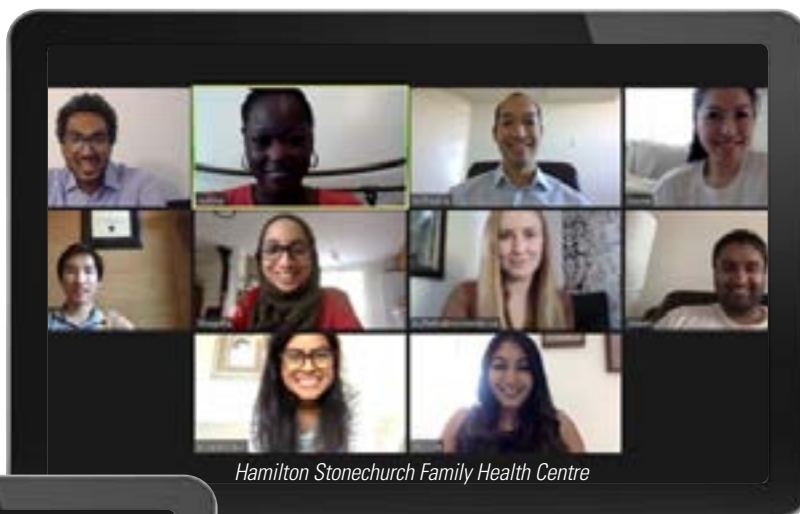
Jason Hu
Mallika Kapur
Andrea Kwong
Diliana MacLean
Ameir Makar

Ria Oommen
Iuliia Povieriena
Cassandra Quan
Robert Saforo-Appiah
Kelly Silver
Kristine Stolarski

Dr. Jobin Varughese – Site Director
Michelle Salfarlie – Education Associate



Congratulations
graduates!

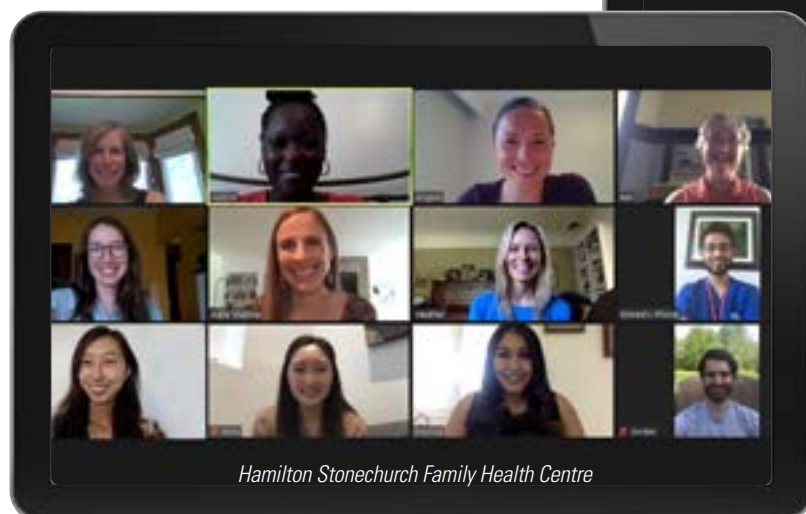


Hamilton: Stonechurch Family Health Centre

Shaf Al-Shafayeen
Shawn Brar
Belle Cao
Matthew Got
Monica Grewal
Wilfred Ip
Keeth Krishnan

Jordan Lafranier
Angela Lambrakos
Waed Mallah
Katie Mattina
Laura Ovens
Shagufta Panchbhaya
Aliya Ramjaun
Marina Wang
Ashley Yu

Dr. Heather Waters – Site Director
Dr. Judy MacKinnon – Education Coordinator
Karyn Bailey, Sarah Buffett and Justina Owusu-Mensah –
Clinical Education Associates



Family Medicine

Kitchener-Waterloo

Adam Agate
Jessica Ashbourne
Aryan Ashou
Patrina Cheung
Brianna Clouthier
Krista Dowhos
Deanna Gunson
Danusha Jebanesan
Dimitar Kolev
Rachel Loebach

Sandra Loureiro
Thomas McGill
Jan Piskorz
Emma Scotchmer
Alistair Scott
Jessica Siu
Matthew Smith
David Stavrou
Richard Tang
Jonathan Taylor
Adriana Stoesser (*absent from photo*)

Dr. Marc Sawyer – Site Director
Heidi Hallman, Becky Thom and
Larysa Soroka – Education Associates



Niagara

Todd Arseneault
Adriana Cappelletti
Sarah Chadwick
Ryan Chadwick

Keil Elliott
Christopher Russell
Mo Moore (Grimsby)
Natalie Ramsay (Grimsby)
Ellen Robb (*absent from photo*)

Dr. Karl Stobbe – Site Director
Laura Cousineau – Education Associate



Congratulations
graduates!

Family Medicine – Enhanced Skills

Congratulations! You represent a unique cohort of Family Medicine generalists certified in primary care with specialized skills. This extra certification training is challenging under standard academic circumstances. You all witnessed a novel educational experience given the COVID-19 Pandemic. All faculty were impressed with your ability to continue to work both clinically and academically during imposed physical restrictions and under significant personal stress around the pandemic. The Department of Family Medicine is proud of our graduating Enhanced Skills and Emergency Medicine residents and we know you are all on track to become Academic Leaders. You all model exemplary scholarship and should be deservedly proud.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Dr. Henry Siu – CARE OF ELDERLY

Dr. Erich Hanel – EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Dr. Anne Boyle – PALLIATIVE CARE

Dr. Wade Elliott – SPORTS AND EXERCISE MEDICINE

Melissa Hymers – Program Coordinator, EM

Connie Shen – Education Associate

Congratulations
graduates!



Care of Elderly

Keya Shah

Emergency Medicine

Jenifer Truong
Thom Ringer
Nicholas Lant
Jonathan Gravel
Neil D'Souza
Mehwish Idrees
Katelyn Baker

Palliative Care

Abby Maybee

Sports and Exercise Medicine

Michael Larocque
Joshua Yuen

Anatomical Pathology

Thank you to our graduating residents for being a part of McMaster Anatomical Pathology Residency program. Even if you have only been here for a few years, thank you for sharing a part of your life with us to help make our program better. This should be a really exciting time for you, joining our community of pathologists with a mission, advocating for our specialty and improving a quality of our health service. I am confident that you will be great ambassadors of our program. I wish you success in all your future endeavours. You will be great!

Dr. Snezana Popovic,
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

“I am confident that you will be great ambassadors of our program.”

Your last few months of residency have been interesting and will go down in the history books. It has presented challenges for you and you have embraced them well. Your five year program is coming to an end and I must say it has been a delight to log on with you every week for your Academic half day. I do not get the opportunity to see you often, but this experience seems to have given us that. Thank you for your bright personalities and minds. I wish you the best in your future.

Gina Furlong,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Soha Ramadan,
Joseph Mathew,
Nermine Elmaghraby,
Christine MacColl,
Brigitte Courteau



General Pathology

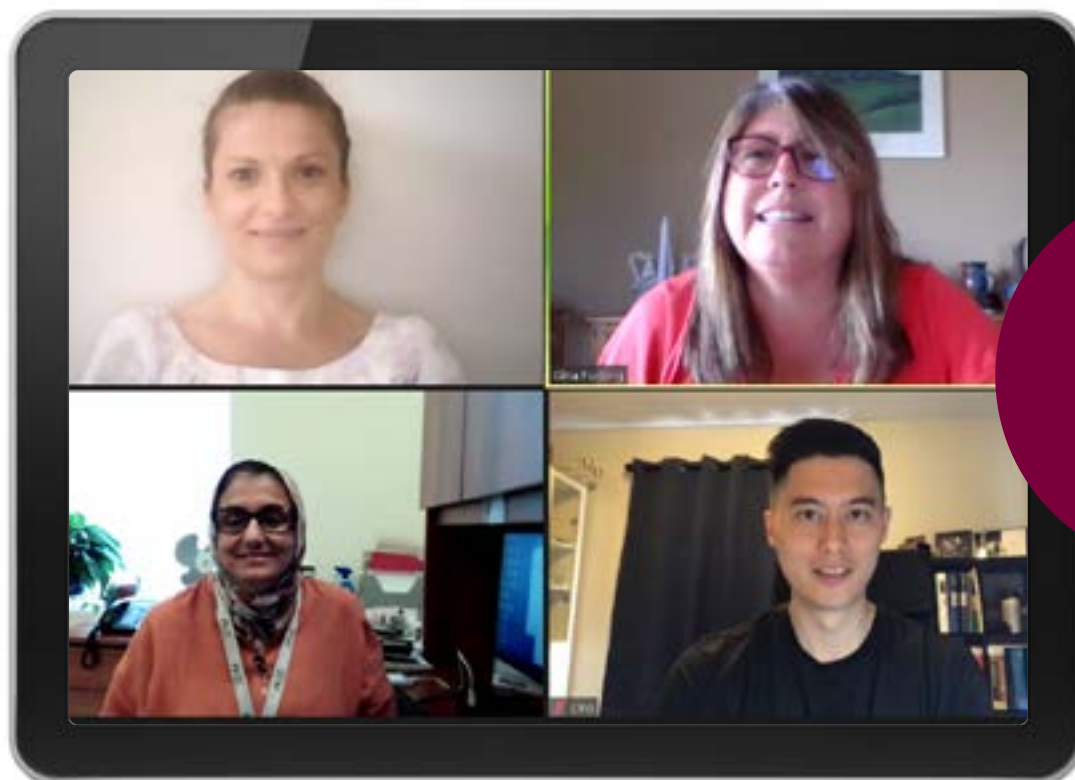
What an exciting time for you both as you journey into the next chapter of your careers. I want to thank you for supporting me as a program director part way into your training to help and understand the training you have undergone and how to support others that will follow you. I hope the best for you as future Pathologists and I wish you much success.

Dr. Sarab Mohamed
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Gina Furlong
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

“I hope the best for you as future Pathologists and I wish you much success.”



Congratulations
to our graduates!

Florentina Nadia Matea
Christopher Simon Ma

Medical Microbiology

It is difficult to put into so few words how appreciative I feel to have had the privilege to work with you and get to know you over the past five years. Your kindness, integrity, dedication, and sense of humor is inspiring, and you will be truly missed around here! Best of luck Amir, I wish you happiness and countless successes. You will always remain a part of the fabric of the McMaster Micro community.

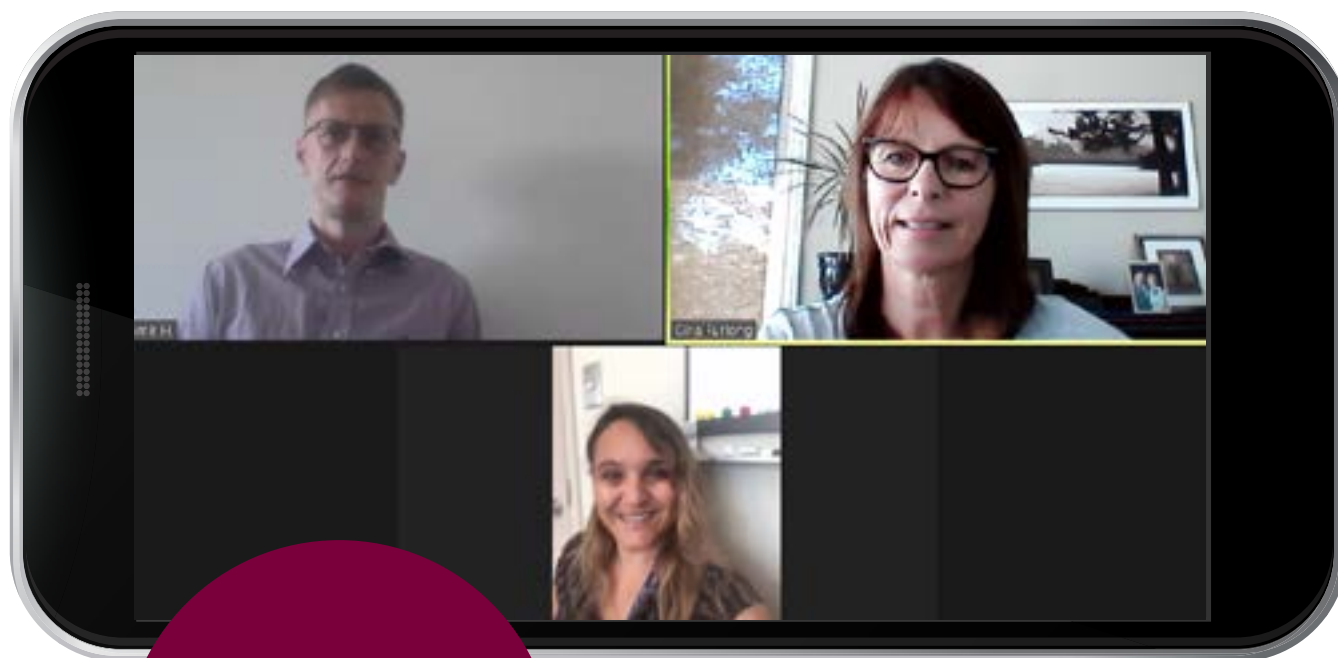
Dr. Daniela Leto

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been a pleasure to be a part of this process during your residency. Sending only the best of wishes as you transition to your next adventure to take on new challenges. Congratulations!

Elena Bidochka

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



Congratulations
to our graduate!

Amir Hadzic

Laboratory Medicine



"He was always friendly and professional. It was clear that patient care was at the top of his priority list." – Deborah Johnson

"Congratulations on completing your residency. You have been a great colleague and have enjoyed working with you!"

– Dr. Deb Yamamura

"You were always there when I needed someone to get into computer system....and drive me back to the books with challenging questions, so thank you for all you taught me."

– Dr. Lindsay Wilcox

CONGRATULATIONS

"Not only is he bright, energetic, and conscientious but he is just one of the nicest people I've worked with."

– Mark Gaskin

"keen, clever, and motivated as well as being one of the nicest people I know. I wish him all the best."

– Candy Rutherford

"Your life has been full of new beginnings – my best wishes for this next exciting adventure; you will again thrive with the new opportunities that BC offers."

– Dr. Fiona Smaill

"I know your future will be a bright one and I am blessed to have known you."

– Dr. Cheryl Main

Obstetrics and Gynecology

To the graduating residents in Obstetrics and Gynecology, it has been my absolute pleasure to have you as my first group of graduates during my time as your Program Director. Going forward, you will each be following your own paths. For some, this will mean moving to a new province. For others, it may mean doing subspecialty fellowships. Despite these differences, what will never change is the bond that you share from your time at McMaster. You have built a new family here.

As I reflect on your time in the program, I am struck by how much you have all grown over the course of your training. You have matured into incredibly skilled surgeons, excellent obstetricians and overall amazing physicians. I am extremely proud to have been witness to your progress, and to now be able to call you my colleagues.

Dr. Michelle Morais
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been so wonderful getting to know you all. From our formal get togethers to our “hallway catch-ups,” I have cherished all of our time together.

All of your hard work has brought you to this moment – cherish every bit of it. I know you will also look back on the pandemic and its impact on your residency. I hope it serves as a heartwarming lesson of perseverance in your careers. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope you will come back to visit!

Chelsea White
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Graduates

Alison Carter Ramirez
Sabrina Mariam Youash
Katerina Pizzuto
Jayesh Tigdi
Ashley Dawn Mucci
Simon Robert Deluce
Nourah Ibrahim
(absent from photo)
Rosaria Rita Siervo Sassi
(absent from photo)

Congratulations
graduates!



Gynecologic Reproductive Endocrinology Infertility Medicine

Dear Katie and Ingrid: It has been my absolute pleasure to see you go through your GREI training at McMaster University. You have grown to become knowledgeable, confident, independent and exemplary GREI physicians. We will truly miss your active engagement and enthusiasm at One fertility. I am confident that you will be great additions to any REI practice. Best of luck to you in all your future adventures both in your career and your personal life. You have a very bright future awaiting you!

Dr. Mehrnoosh Faghih
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

“You have a very bright future awaiting you!”

This will be the first year I will get to congratulate Learners which I have seen grow from the start of their journey through GREI training and I couldn't be more proud of both of you! It has been an absolute pleasure being there to support you throughout your time at McMaster and getting to know you personally. Although you may be moving on after you graduate, your bond has been forever formed.

I have full confidence that you will flourish in your field and be incredible physicians and mentors to future Learners. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope to keep in touch!

Kate Lockley
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Ingrid Lai
Katharine Ruth Bowland Phillips



Gynecologic Oncology

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

To Mohammad Alyafi and Justin McGinnis, You are the first fellows of the McMaster University Gynecologic Oncology Training Program. Through your courage and determination, patience and flexibility, insight and thirst for knowledge, tireless practice and crafting of your skills, you not only transformed yourselves; you created and defined our program. We are all so proud of you and your achievements. We joyfully look forward to all of your future success and accomplishments. You will be dearly missed in our operating rooms, our clinics, our wards and our rounds. Your place in our highest esteem is secured. We wish you all of the best as you move forward in your practice and inspire along the way.

Dr. Lua Eiriksson

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It is so exciting to recognize you two fine gentlemen as our first graduates of the Gyne Onc Training program! I have seen you grow from the start of your journey throughout your training and I couldn't be more proud. It has been an absolute pleasure being there to support you during your time at McMaster and getting to know you personally. Although you will be moving on after you graduate, your bond has been forever formed.

I have full confidence that you will flourish in your field and be incredible physicians and mentors to future Learners. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope to keep in touch!

Kate Lockley

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



Congratulations
to our graduates!

Justin McGinnis
Mohammad Alyafi

Obstetrics & Gynecology



"You are both excellent Reproductive Endocrinologists and wonderful people. It has been a pleasure to work with both of you and your patients will be extremely lucky to have such caring and talented physicians." – Dr. Karnis

"There is no doubt that you will serve your community and patients well. We have been fortunate to have you as part of our team. We wish you success and happiness. Your future is bright!" – Dr. Deniz

"It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know you, both as physicians and as friends, and I look forward to seeing you help our field grow in the future, Mazel Tov and Best of luck to you both going forward." – Dr. Taerk

CONGRATULATIONS

"Congratulations to our Obstetrics & Gynecology graduates!! It is always so amazing to me how residents progress from brand new PGY1s to fully competent and confident graduates. You have all done the program proud! I know you will all go forward into your careers with the strength and determination to further advance our specialty. I wish you nothing but the very best!" – Dr. Val Mueller

"Congratulations on completing your Gyne-Onc Fellowship and for having the courage to be the first trainees in our programme! Your presence has enriched both the cancer centre and its staff and the lives of the patients we look after. Thank-you and good luck in your future career as gynec-oncologists." – Dr. Hal Hirte

Medical Oncology

I would like to congratulate our two graduates, Dr. Michela Febbraro and Dr. Shivani Dadwal, for completing their two years of Medical Oncology residency. They are dedicated advocates for all of their fellow colleagues in their shared roles as co-chief residents this past year. Dr. Febbraro has served in a number of leadership roles in PARO and I would like to recognize her for this superb work. She is starting a fellowship at the Juravinski Cancer Centre and Brantford General Hospital in combination with her Masters in Health Research Methodology. We wish her all the best. Dr. Dadwal has served in a number of different leadership roles including with the Resident Doctors of Canada (RDoC) and their resiliency training modules. She is starting a two-year fellowship in July 2020 along with a Masters in Health Professions Education through Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Congratulations to both and we wish them all the best!!

Dr. Som Mukherjee
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I have had the privilege to work with Drs. Shivani Dadwal and Michela Febbraro over the last two years in my role as Program Assistant for the Medical Oncology residency training program, and can say they are exceptional residents within the Medical Oncology training program. They are valued and respected members of the clinical team, assets to the culture of clinical excellence and collaboration at the Juravinski Cancer Centre. Their commitment to the quality care for patients and their families will be an asset as they embark on their Medical Oncology Fellowship at the Juravinski Cancer Centre this coming July. Congratulations!

Maria Campagnolo
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Michela Febbraro
Shivani Dadwal



Radiation Oncology

“her steadfast advocacy for patients inspires the confidence and trust of everyone.” – Michele Cardoso

The Program in Radiation Oncology is fortunate to have bright, conscientious, caring, and skilled residents year after year, and our 2020 graduate couldn't be a better example of this. Dr. Julianna Sienna has been moving the program forward with innovative and thoughtful scholarly educational initiatives; providing collaborative, patient and family-centred care to our patient population; role-modelling, teaching professionalism at its best, and advocating for our residents and program from day one, while progressively developing the extensive skill set required to be a superb Radiation Oncologist. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to participate in this period of Dr. Sienna's career in medicine and Radiation Oncology. All the best, Julianna, from the Program, the Division of Radiation Oncology, and the JCC.

Dr. Barb Strang
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

“Such a ray of sunshine to the JCC
Radiation Administrative team!”

– Allie, Rachel & Shelby

Congratulations
to our graduate!

Julianna Sienna

I have had the privilege to work with Dr. Julianna Sienna over the last two years in my role as Program Assistant for the Radiation Oncology residency training program. Dr. Sienna is an outstanding resident within the Radiation Oncology training program. She has distinguished herself as a valued and respected member of the clinical team, an asset to the culture of clinical excellence and collaboration at the Juravinski Cancer Centre, and as a conscientious, caring physician who goes well beyond expectations to ensure high quality care for patients and their families.

Maria Campagnolo
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

“Always offered the nurses a
listening ear and kindness beyond
your years” – Karen Ellis



“This brings congratulations
in a very hearty way, and
the very best for all your
tomorrows' wishes on your
Graduation Day!” – Emilia Timotin

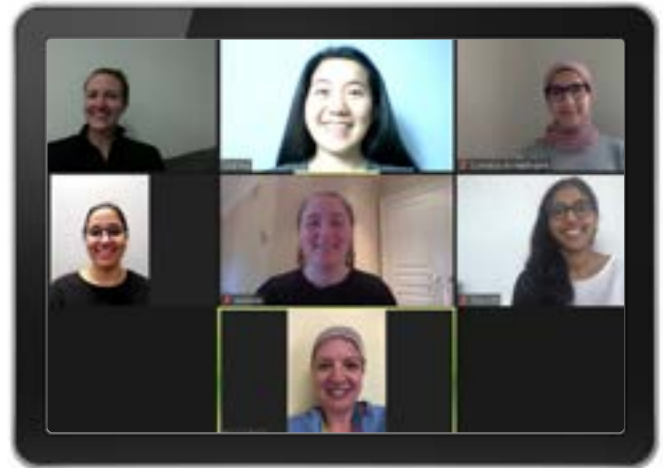
Pediatrics

Congratulations!! You have accomplished great things in a few years with MacPeds, and although we will miss you all greatly, we are so excited for you as you start on the next phase of your adventures as a pediatrician! We are so proud of each of you... for your kindness to your patients/families and each other; for your tenacity, particularly in the face of physical distancing, virtual learning and exam delays; for your advocacy for children/youth, their families, their communities, and for your learning community; for your growth mindset and adaptability; and for your incredible skills, caring for children and youth.

We look forward to watching your careers unfold and being amazed at all that you accomplish in the years to come!

"You're off to great places, Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so.... get on your way!" – *Dr. Seuss*

Dr. Andrea Hunter – PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Dr. Bojana Babic – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
Dr. Quang Ngo – INTERIM PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Congratulations
graduates!

Graduates

Jeanine McColl
 Sabrina Lue Tam
 Sumaiya Al-Hadhrami
 Sharondeep Kaur
 Melanie Tannenbaum
 Ranu Malhi
 David Zorko
 Brittany Howson-jan
 Kal Anne Mungovan
 Cal Robinson
 Oyinkansola Oyefeso
 Lisa Christine Brown
 Arend Strikwerda
 Aban Bahabri
 Mohammed Alrowayshed
 Ahmad Jaafar (*absent from photo*)
 Jason McConnery (*absent from photo*)
 Mary Woodward (*absent from photo*)



Critical Care

Being PD is bitter-sweet. It's been such a joy to work with you over the past few years. From orientation to graduation. I'm so proud to have witnessed the three of you develop into such strong, capable and competent physicians. Ahmed, your absolute calm and grace is such a reassuring presence. Not just for patients and families, but for the staff who work with you and who will have the privilege of working with you. Jasmin, you have such passion for what you do. It energizes me, and will energize your colleagues and those you teach. Saif, we've had the honour of working with you as a new fellow and then again this past year. Your sense of humour has always been loved, but now to see your wisdom and mentorship guide others, I find I am learning more from you than I'm teaching.

Selfishly, I would hope you could all stay with us forever. But it's time to share you with others. Please don't forget about us and make sure to keep in touch!

Dr. Naveen Sidhu
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Although I have only been doing this job for a few months I would like to express how pleased I am to have gotten to know each of you and to have worked with each of you over the last few months. It has been a pleasure watching you grow in your career path. Your wisdom and support to the Junior Fellows has been great and I'm sure much appreciated. Your patience, understanding and support to me as I learn this role has made this learning curve much easier.

Although it will be sad to see you move on from the program to your different lives, I have no doubt that each of you will excel in your career path. You will be sorely missed by all of us. Farewell Ahmed, Jasmin and Saif and the best of everything life has to offer each of you.

Nancy Murphy
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Ahmed Al-Farsi
Jasmin Moradi
Saif Awladthani



Endocrinology & Metabolism

I first met Hannah when she was a first year McMaster Pediatric resident. She was eager, enthusiastic and such a great team member. She was always open to take on challenges and to further her learning – she even took on the daunting task of explaining the physiology of Diabetes Insipidus to pediatric residents at their Academic Half-Day! (Remember the cool graphics of the 2 cups with water and salt!). Hannah consistently demonstrated these same amazing qualities and more throughout her Pediatric Endocrinology residency. She is an exemplary communicator, organic collaborator, natural leader, and an amazing human being. I am proud that I had a role in her education as a pediatric endocrinologist and I am extremely happy to call her my colleague!

Hannah – I wish you all the best in this upcoming exciting chapter in your life!

Dr. Ereny Bassilious
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Hannah - it has been a pleasure to work with you during your fellowship! All the feedback about you is always overwhelmingly positive and I know that the entire team greatly values the contributions you have made to our program. I personally value how organized and innovative you are, and I know many of the projects you worked on and contributions you have made are going to be around for years to come. I wish you continued success in your career and look forward to seeing what the future holds for you!

Rochelle Deacur
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduate!

Hannah Geddie



Gastroenterology

Dear Zhaolu & Fat'hiya,

Congratulations on the completion of your Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Fellowship! You have both enhanced each others' training and our program with your positive energy and enthusiasm for learning. It was such a pleasure to see the growth of knowledge and confidence in your expertise as you transitioned through the stages of training. Your engagement and feedback about learning experiences, as well as the impact of the pandemic, stimulated improvement and changes in our program as well. Your camaraderie and adaptation to the various challenges was very commendable. The best part of the role of program director is the lifelong relationships we form with each other and seeing the impact your training will bring to the communities you will be working in. On behalf of the entire GI team, I would like to wish you all the very best as you embark on the next stages of your career paths!

Best wishes,

Dr. Mary Zachos
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Fat'hiya and Zhaolu,

It has been a pleasure having you both as part of the Pediatric Gastroenterology Team. You will be greatly missed!

Zhaolu, you are very caring and enthusiastic in all you do. Congratulations on acceptance to the Masters Program in Health Research Methodology. Good luck with your future studies at McMaster!

Fat'hiya, you are very compassionate and self-motivated. You will make an amazing addition as a Pediatric Gastroenterologist in Oman. Congratulations on all your achievements and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Harris
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Fathiya Al-Harthy
Zhaolu Ding



Hematology-Oncology

I may lament the fact that we can't have a traditional get-together to cheers Dr. Samji...to reflect on how far she's come and how many people's lives she touched along the way... but if Nasrin's learned anything from becoming a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist, it's that you need to be infinitely adaptable and expect the unexpected. This is an "unexpected" way to celebrate... but it might be fitting in some ways for Dr. Samji, who doesn't come across as someone who needs to be the centre of attention; her quiet presence and dedication to others has been an obvious strength over the past three years. Being Nasrin's PD has been an honour and a privilege, watching her learn like a sponge from a complex group of people & patients, progressing from novice to master... she caught on quick to the fact that this field demands a lot from us, professionally and personally, which sometimes means taking our work home with us (or never making it home that night!). She does her job by bringing her best to the patients and her colleagues each & every day.

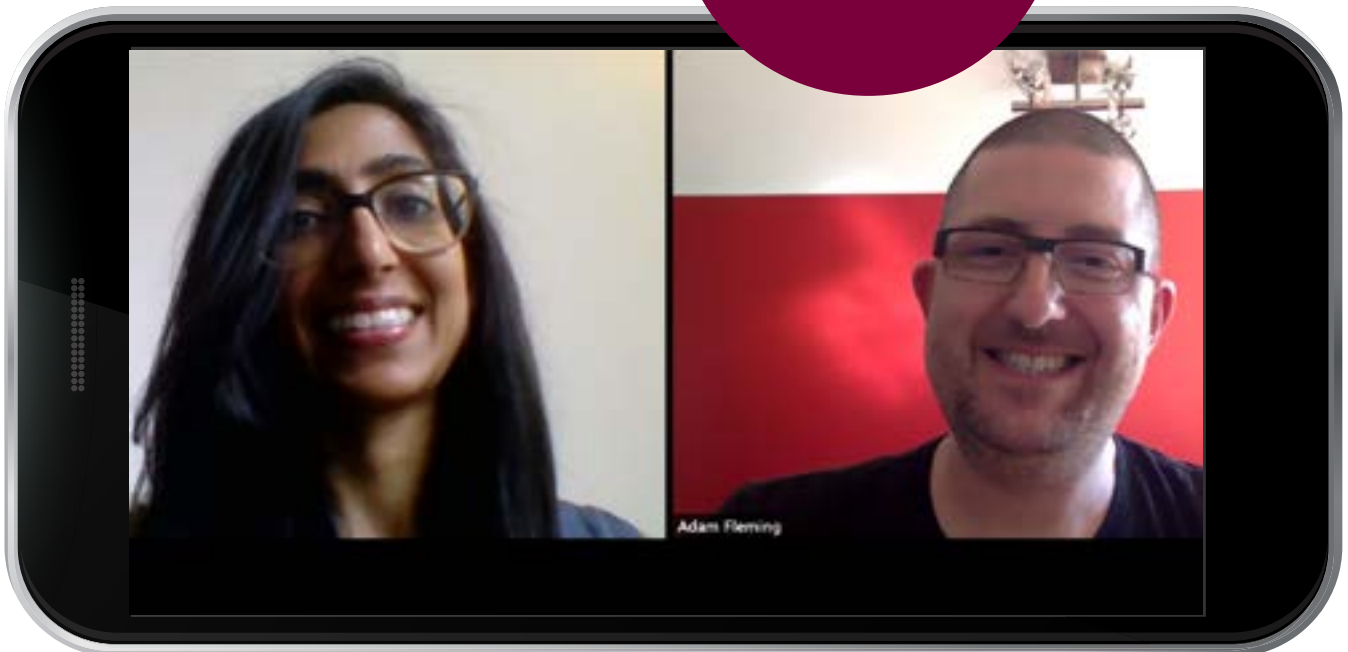
Dr. Adam Fleming
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been a privilege to watch you learn and grow as a person and a physician. I have no doubt that you will do amazing things in your career. Chasing a dream requires hard work, passion, and many sacrifices and you've overcome them all. Congratulations Nasrin on your well-deserved success!

Wendy Armstrong
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduate!

Nasrin Samji



Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Class 2020, Congratulations! It was my honor and privilege to work with each one of you. You shared your heart, soul and mind. You demonstrated dedication, hard work and a great deal of compassion. We hope that you learned from us as much as we learned from you. It makes us all proud to see your growth personally and professionally. This may be the end of a journey, but it is also the beginning of a new one!

Along your new journey, you will stumble upon some barriers, you will fall, you may fail, but just remember failure is a learning opportunity. A time to reflect on how to get back up and be better and stronger. I wish you a wonderful new journey filled with achievement and a sense of fulfillment.

Dr. Enas El Gouhary
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I am so impressed with the strength you have shown over the last two years. We have experienced many challenges together. I watched optimistically as you navigated with grace and determination the uncertainty of starting your fellowships in a new city, and for many of you, a new country. I watched with pride as you persevered with dignity and resolve through unprecedented challenges. I am proud of how strong each one of you has proved yourself over the last two years, and I have every confidence that you will carry this resilience with you in all of your future endeavours.

Kelly Binkle
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

**Congratulations
to our graduates!**

George Jacob
Patricia Lima Furtado Lofiego
Yasser Balhareth
Hussain Ali Alsaïd Ahmad
Talal Al-Wardi
Cindhu Ceema Jacob
Youanna Daoud



Neurology

I am extremely proud of our graduating residents!! I have no doubt that they will be excellent Pediatric Neurologists! I would like to say a few words to each of you.

Jini, you should be extremely proud of yourself. Having two children in the middle of your training and continuing to be a wonderful and attentive mother, wife, and daughter is no mean feat. You have always displayed maturity and insight.

Mandeep, your easy-going manner and effortless competence will be missed. You make knowing the intricate details of neuroanatomy look easy! You are compassionate, have high ethical standards, and are an amazing communicator.

You will both be fondly remembered by our entire Division. I look forward to many future interactions with you both as colleagues!

Dr. David Callen
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

This year I have the privilege of congratulating not only one, but TWO fabulous, talented and smart graduating Pediatric Neurology residents, Jini and Mandeep. It was such a pleasure having you with our team for five important and fun years! Come back for regular visits and good luck with all your future plans! P.S – expect frequent invites to all of our social and educational events!

Trish Van Sickle
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Mandeep Sidhu
Surejini Thamaradinam



Pediatrics



"It doesn't seem very long ago that we were scrambling around to get opportunities for chest drains and central lines and now you are teaching others and running the unit. You all bring so much to PICU with your keen interest and wonderful way of working with your nursing and allied health colleagues."

— Dr. Robert Yates

"It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you over the past years in the continuity clinic."

— Leah Morgenstern

"It's been a pleasure to work with you over the years. I wish you all the best for your future as a neurologist."

— Dr. Kevin Jones

"Thank you for your everlasting impact on all patients and families in our NICU. You have shared your knowledge with all of us, sharing your wisdom with the frontline team to improve our smallest patient's outcomes. Thank you for leading the way on numerous initiatives and projects. Wishing you all health and happiness as you venture on your new journey. All the best."

— Maddie White

"On behalf of the RTs, CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Was (is) great working with all of you. So many more future successes on the horizon for all of you!" — PICU Respiratory Therapists

CONGRATULATIONS

"Congratulations for all your accomplishments and achievements. Your compassion, patience, understanding and professionalism with our team, our children/teens and families has been an inspiration to all. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams."

— Sarah Mizener

"Her intelligence and compassion will serve her well in whatever career choices she makes. I wish her all the good things in life as she moves forward to her next adventure and will miss her a ton when she is gone!"

— Rena Coomber RN

"She is kind and caring in her approach with children and their families. She is thoughtful and compassionate in dealing with challenging clinical situations and sensitive in her interactions with others."

— Dr. Vicky Breakey

"I hope you took as much from our program as you gave." — Dr. Zubin Punthakee

Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Dear Rabia,

It's been an absolute pleasure to see you grow as a resident over the course of your training, especially in the last year. You have developed into a confident and thoughtful leader and we are proud that we will soon be able to call you a colleague. You have been indispensable in the response to COVID-19 and I know I speak for everyone in our program when I say you'll be missed. Staff have universally said that they enjoyed working with you, appreciated how you listened and were willing to learn from them, and how glad they would be to work with you when you graduate. These strong words of praise are a reflection of who you are as a leader. Please stay in touch and know that you can reach out at any time to any of us, no matter where you land.

Dr. Julie Emili
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Rabia,

I'm so grateful to have had the honour of seeing you progress from a PGY1 to graduation!

You are a kind, articulate, selfless and passionate individual who is such a positive influence not only in your field of study, but also in your community.

The unanimous message amongst the leaders in your field is that you are also an impactful leader who will be a tremendous asset to both public health and family medicine. I will miss you dearly, but I look forward to watching you excel in this next chapter.

Stay in touch!

Hilary Nolan Haupt
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



Congratulations
to our graduate!

Rabia Bana

"You have been an excellent complement to our physician team in Halton and we will miss your calm, positive and thoughtful nature. Wishing you the very best in this next phase of your life!"

Dr. Hamidah Meghani

Psychiatry

To our Psychiatry Graduates,

Congratulations on the amazing accomplishment of successfully completing your residency, made even more amazing by the challenges you have overcome. We are extremely proud of you. Thank you for all that you have brought to our program. It has been a pleasure to work with you and an honour to get to know each of you.

Please do stay in touch. Wishing each of you much success and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Dr. JoAnn Corey
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations on your accomplishment over your residency. We sincerely thank you for your contributions to our residency program and the clinical care of patients during your residency. Celebrate the many accomplishments you have made, and I hope all the best for you as you embark on the next stages of your career.

Dr. Shuang Xu
REGIONAL EDUCATION LEAD, WATERLOO REGIONAL CAMPUS

Congratulations
graduates!

Madeleine Wootton
Amanda Ritsma
Marc Legault
Farid Ahmad
Mara Smith
Lauren Forrest
Anne Lizius
Sarah Payne
Alyssa Wang
Avni Pardasani
(absent from photo)

To the 2019-2020 Psychiatry Graduates,

I would first like to honour your resilience and perseverance in what has deemed to be an extremely challenging and unpredictable year. Each of you have not only managed the ever-changing nature of your final year, you have excelled; that in itself is a feat that should not go unnoticed. I would also like to thank you for your kindness and patience as I too transitioned into my role during a difficult time. Each one of you has offered both your support and understanding, in which I am forever grateful. Congratulations class of 2019-2020! You all deserve nothing but the best.

Cheyenne Reid
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congrats PGY-5s! You did it! I know that the end of this year was not what you expected, and I wish that I could be there with you in person to celebrate as we usually do. However – despite this – you should still be incredibly proud of all the hard work you have put in, and proud of the psychiatrists you have become. I hope I have the opportunity to work with many of you again in future!

Dr. Natasha Snelgrove
CORE CURRICULUM COORDINATOR



Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

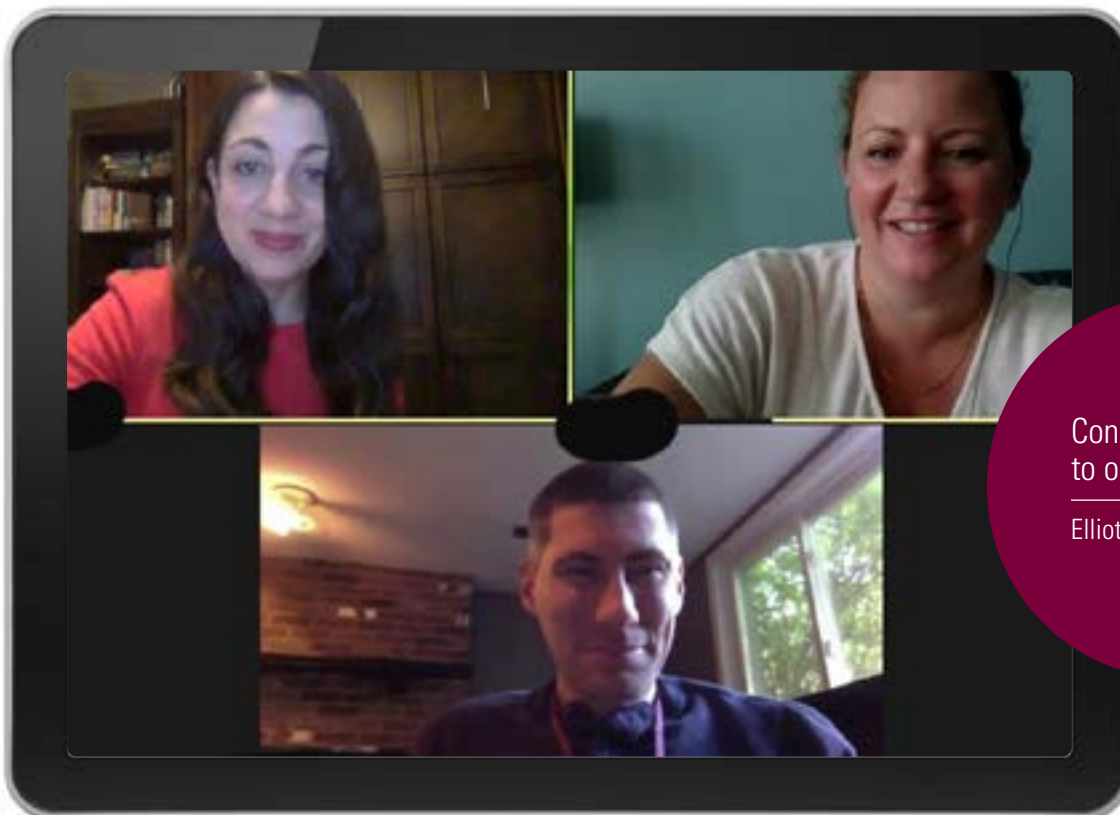
It is with great pride that our Child Psychiatry subspecialty program welcomes a new colleague into our fold. We hope you remember your journey at McMaster as a time of growth, collaboration, and expansion of community. Thank you for your dedication to learning and thank you to your family and mentors who have supported you on this path. May you be a light to the families you serve. Remember to take time and take care of yourself, so that this light can shine brightly. Congratulations on your accomplishments! May the excitement of today be carried forward as you pursue this career with passion, commitment and kindness. Your McMaster Family wishes you well!

Dr. Laura Rosato
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

One to two years with someone is never long enough! The Psychiatry subspecialty programs are short but wonderful. I would like to congratulate you for your success and achievements throughout your training. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and in writing your Royal College Exams in the Fall of 2020.

Maria Benoit
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

"Your McMaster Family wishes you well!"



Congratulations
to our graduate!

Elliot Stansfield

Forensic Psychiatry

It is with great pride that our Forensic Psychiatry subspecialty program congratulates each of you for your success and achievements. We hope you remember your journey at McMaster as a time of growth, collaboration, and expansion. Thank you for your dedication to learning and thank you to your family and mentors who have supported you on this path. This has been a particularly challenging year to be a healthcare professional, given the novel coronavirus pandemic, and you all met the challenge with grace and professionalism. Thank you.

This is the end of the beginning of your journey as a Forensic Psychiatrist. Remember to take time to care for yourselves and always keep feeding the passion that brought you to this point, so that your light can continue to shine brightly.

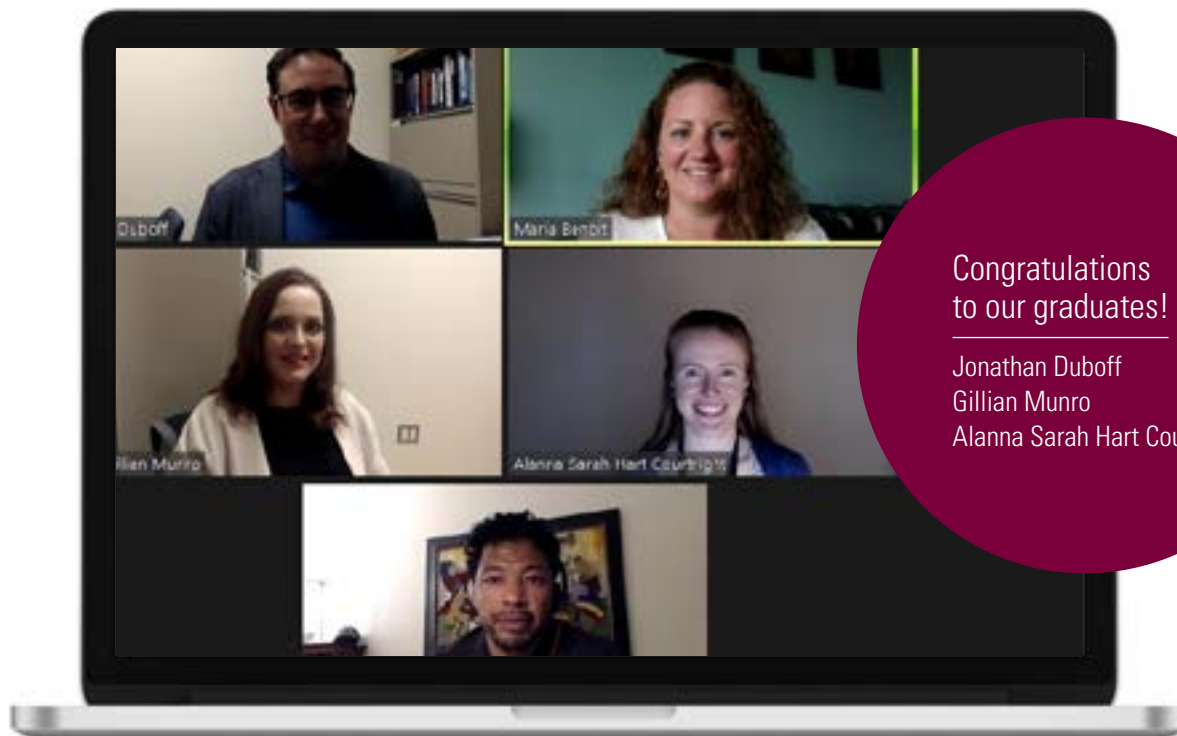
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Dr. Yuri Alatishe
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Maria Benoit
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

“...keep feeding the passion that brought you to this point, so that your light can continue to shine brightly.”



**Congratulations
to our graduates!**

Jonathan Duboff
Gillian Munro
Alanna Sarah Hart Courtright

Geriatric Psychiatry

Dear graduates,

You have finally made it! You have survived undergraduate education, medical school, general psychiatry residency and now, subspecialty residency. It has, undoubtedly, been a long journey to reach your current destination. You have survived many clinical rotations, endless projects, presentations, and yes, you can also say that you have survived residency training during the COVID pandemic. You have learned new skills, created new relationships and tested your own strength and perseverance. I want to congratulate you on your dedication to your medical education and your commitment to providing excellent psychiatric care throughout this unprecedented time of global crisis. I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours and I have no doubt, you will be successful in whatever path you choose to reach your final destination. Cheers!

Dr. Tracy Cheng
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

One to two years with someone is never long enough!

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Maria Benoit
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

“You have finally made it! ”

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Sumit Chaudhari
Briana Siobhan Howarth



Psychiatry



CONGRATULATIONS

Diagnostic Radiology

Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2020!

It has been my pleasure to oversee your five-year journey to certification in Diagnostic Radiology. I can still remember your CaRMS interviews and the excitement our RPC felt on learning of our Match Day success. Your residency training has seen you grow as radiologists and individuals. We have celebrated a number of personal milestones together as many of you got married, welcomed new family members and traveled the world. We were privileged to receive the PARO award for outstanding residency training program during your tenures. I believe this award was a direct result of the efforts of your cohort to propel our residency program forward. You all have great fellowships ahead and I look forward to staying in touch and reconnecting in the future!

Dr. David Landry
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations graduates! I wish you all good luck and success in your fellowships and futures. It's been a pleasure working with all of you for the last year and a half.

Tara Dalton
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

"We were privileged to receive the PARO award for outstanding residency training program during your tenures. I believe this award was a direct result of the efforts of your cohort to propel our residency program forward."

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Cory Ozimok
Zonia Ghumman
Natasha Larocque
Kathy Zhao
Prasaanthan Gopee-Ramanan
Nancy Jiang



Neuroradiology

Congratulations, Dr. Euan Zhang, for completing our two year Neuroradiology residency program! For the past two years, we have been fortunate to witness Euan grow, not only as a subspecialist neuroradiologist, but also as a compassionate physician, colleague, and friend. Euan is a creative, entrepreneurial young man who, while completing his residency with the highest dedication, also designed and produced ergonomically friendly desktop equipment – a feat that deserves more recognition than any diploma papers could ever provide (just ask all the radiologists with their sore wrists and backs!) Although incredibly hardworking, Euan always remained personable and easygoing. He made long days bearable, adding a bit of fun and lightheartedness to the workplace, and the staff will miss his sense of humour immensely. We sincerely wish Euan all the best in his future career and know he will continue to make a difference in the lives of those he touches.

Dr. Luciana Ribeiro

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Crystal Fond

ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations Euan on your graduation! It has been a great pleasure getting to know you throughout your fellowship. I know that you will be super successful in your career and I wish you all the best now and in future. Stay happy and healthy...the future looks bright!

Lori Power

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduate!

Euan Zhang



Cardiac Surgery

You have finally arrived at the end of the road... Like a race track, it was a course laced with difficulties, obstacles, foggy corners, slippery spots, tight curves, and long stretches. A 6+ years training program that saw you going through many PDs, improving teaching, upgrading our CaRMS process, avoiding international political problems, and a worldwide pandemic!

Nevertheless, we have persevered and accomplished your training while gaining respect from your mentors, staff, nurses and other health workers. Furthermore, you have accomplished all that by maintaining your usual happiness et joie de vivre. All of us will miss working with you and will remember Icky, Nazareth, and Baba Ali. You made us proud. Thank you

Dr. André Lamy

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

To our McMaster Cardiac Surgery Graduating Residents: Iqbal, Naz and Ali. It has been a long journey for each of you with many unexpected challenges, yet you each have achieved many successes. I'm thrilled to see all your achievements. You will be remembered and celebrated as McMaster Alumni. Congratulations!

Andrea Howe

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Nazari Dvirnik
Ali Ibrahim M. Alsagheir
Iqbal Jaffer



General Surgery

General Surgery Graduates 2020:

It seems that only yesterday I was interviewing you as prospective residents and doing my best to convince you to bring your many talents to McMaster. As always, I am struck by the incredible transformation that has taken you from eager, yet somewhat naïve students, to the skilled and confident surgeons that you have become; a journey with so many triumphs, along with the occasional adversity that is inherent in the challenge that you have undertaken. As you move to the next stage in your career, I know that you will be outstanding ambassadors for McMaster General Surgery, and want you to know that we will always be proud of what you have accomplished while here, and the future achievements that are your destiny.

I am grateful for all that you have given to our program, and trust you will find fulfillment in this great vocation that we call General Surgery.

Godspeed,

Dr. Michael Marcaccio
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Graduates,

You are moving on to a new and exciting chapter in your life. Your kindness and caring makes a big difference in other people's lives. Wishing you a life and career full of great happiness, new opportunities, and deep personal fulfillment.

Congratulations on your graduation and I wish you all the best for the future that lies ahead.

Katie Niblock
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
graduates!



Alexandra Allard-Coutu
Hassan Abdallah M. Alturki
Cecily Bos
Yasmin Essaji
Jennie Lee
Travis Peter Schroeder
Jeremy Ezra Springer
Heather Lynn Thomas
Andrew Versolatto

Neurosurgery

I would like to congratulate our four newly minted neurosurgeons on the successful completion of their training here at McMaster University. The class of 2020 is unique. It is the first time we would be celebrating four graduates at the same time. I am sure that the end has justified the means and that you will not regard this time as the ultimate end. Your quest for expertise in this field will continue into the future and should be a priority. We are grateful for the selfless service, educational enrichment and fun you have provided over the years, and look forward to collaborating with you as you progress in your chosen career. I will leave you with a slight modification of this quote from Albert Einstein; Concern for man and his fate must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavours. Never forget this in the midst of your clinical practice.

Dr. Olufemi Ajani
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been such a privilege to meet and work with you all in the McMaster Neurosurgical Residency Program. I wanted to thank you for being so welcoming when I first started, and also for the great memories and times we've shared throughout the last two years. I am sad to see you all go, but also very excited for you to move forward. Best of luck to you and congratulations on completing the program! You will be missed.

Elyse Cornell
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Mazen Alotaibi
Zachary Tataryn
Dragos Catana (*absent from photo*)
Kaiyun Yang (*absent from photo*)



Ophthalmology

Congratulations to our 2020 graduating residents. Over the last five years of residency, we have instilled in you the many knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for you to succeed in your future careers. As you start your respective careers, always remember all that McMaster University family stands for – excellence, integrity, hard work, compassion, diversity and inclusiveness. You are our future and our future belongs to you. Go out and make us proud. Wishing you all the best wishes for today, tomorrow and always.

Dr. Enitan Sogbesan
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

“You are our future and our future belongs to you.”

Congratulations to our two Ophthalmology graduates Laura and Nirojini! Best Wishes to you both as you start your fellowships. I wish you all the best as you begin this next phase of your careers and all that lies ahead afterwards. Congratulations!

Jennifer Koch
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Nirojini Sivachandran
Laura Christine Donaldson



Orthopedic Surgery

On behalf of MacOrtho I want to say congratulations on your successful completion of the residency program. You four have been a pleasure to work with throughout your time here. You have been great leaders, educators and role models for your junior residents and have continually impressed faculty with your dedication to honing your craft. As you move into your fellowships both abroad and locally, I know you all will continue to excel and impress your future mentors and colleagues. I cannot think of a finer crew to be the ambassadors for MacOrtho and I look forward to seeing where your careers take you. Enjoy your fellowship year and please keep in touch.

Dr. Vickas Khanna
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

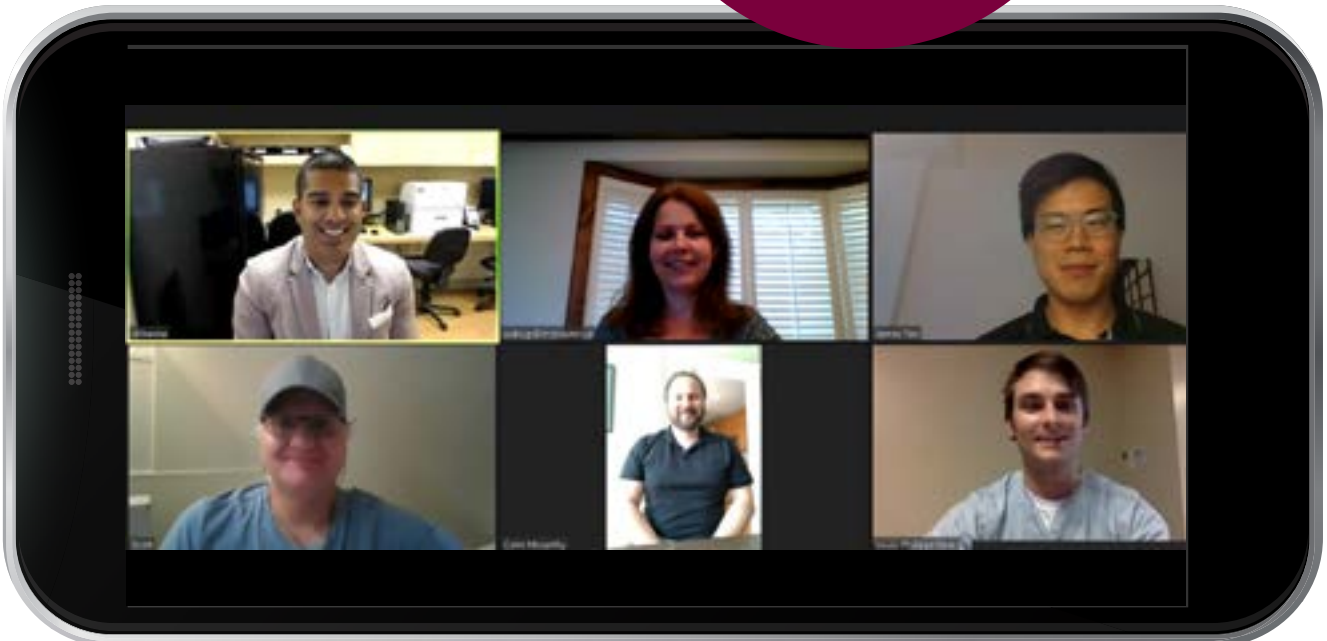
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Congratulations on a great achievement... finishing your residency! It was great knowing you even if it was for a short time. I wish you all the very best in your career. MacOrtho is proud to call you our graduates. Keep in touch!

Paulette Aubry
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

James Ray Yan
Scott Williams
Colm McCarthy
Louis-Philippe Baisi



Otolaryngology

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Jeff Wells over the past 5 years. During that period of time, Jeff has exemplified what we have come to associate with the “East Coast Spirit”: an individual who looks serious but has a solid work ethic combined with a natural pleasant demeanor and of course a healthy appetite for food and drink. Jeff will be fondly remembered by the resident and staff group at the Division of Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery particularly for his impressive hair. All jokes aside, we are honoured that Jeff chose to train with us for his residency and we are happy to see him continue his training with a head and neck surgical oncology fellowship at Penn State University. We will miss him dearly but wish all the best in his future endeavours.

Dr. Han Zhang

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations Jeff! Wishing you the very best for your upcoming fellowship and career!

Dr. Smriti Nayan

ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Five years goes fast – I remember the day you joined our team. Now you are moving on to a new stage in your life. I wish you all the best as I know you will be great! You have worked incredibly hard and I am so proud of you. You have proven yourself to be a skilled Doctor who has the capacity to do great things with your life. Thank you for always bringing a smile when you popped by my office. I will miss you and am very happy for you!

Carol Dow

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR



Congratulations
to our graduate!

Jeff Wells

Pediatric Surgery

It is with a profound sense of gratitude and humility that I acknowledge our graduating clinical fellow: Dr. Noora Al-Shahwani. Thank you, Noora, for being a part of the McMaster Pediatric General Surgery Residency program. Thank you for sharing a part of your life with us, for partnering in the care of our patients, and for helping make our program better. This is an exciting time for you to be joining our community of pediatric surgeons with a shared mission of advocating for our specialty, improving the quality of our health service, and in saving lifetimes. I am confident that you will be a great ambassador of our program. I wish you success in all your future endeavours. You will be great!

Dr. Lisa VanHouwelingen
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Emily Hutchinson
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

"I am confident that you will be a great ambassador of our program."

Congratulations
to our graduate!

Noora Al-Shahwani



Plastic Surgery

Congratulations to our three outstanding graduates in Plastic surgery! You are a credit to our Division, Department and our University. They were selected as medical students on the basis of their outstanding personal and academic achievement, ability to work well with others and their potential to be leaders in our field. We have watched them develop into mature and skilled plastic surgeons who will serve their community and our world. Their toolkit as medical experts, communicators, collaborators, scholars, professionals, managers, and advocates is complete.

We congratulate Dr. Liu on his staff surgeon position in Sault Ste. Marie. Congratulations to Dr. Augustine who accepted the position of clinical fellow at the Toronto Western Hand Program at the University of Toronto. Congratulations to Dr. Barkho who accepted the fellowship in pediatric plastic surgery at Sick Kids Hospital, University of Toronto.

We are proud of all your accomplishments over the past five years as McMaster plastic surgeons. Because of your many talents, the future of plastic surgery remains bright!

Dr. Matthew McRae
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

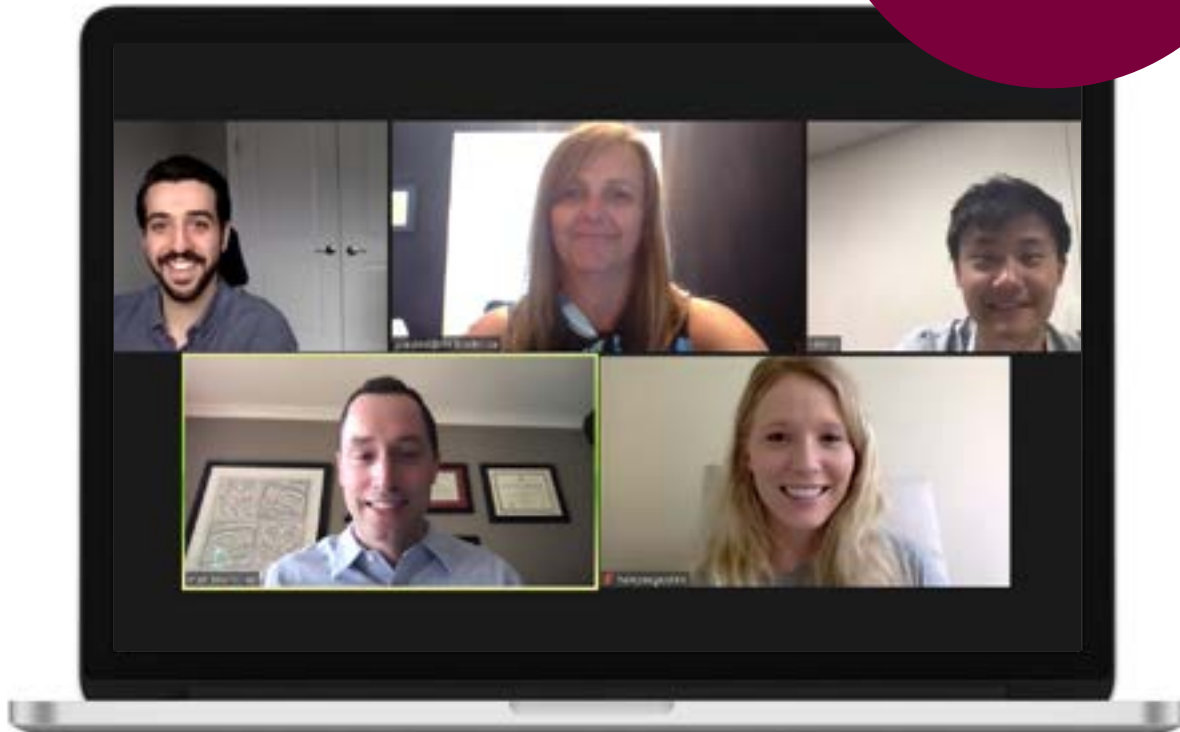
Congratulations to our three Plastic Surgery graduates, Haley, Henry and Jouseph!

I wish you all the best as you begin this next phase of your careers and all that lies ahead afterwards. Congratulations!!

Jennifer Koch
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Jouseph Barkho
Hanyang (Henry) Liu
Haley Augustine



Thoracic Surgery

Dear Rahul, it has been beyond a pleasure working with you over the last two years. You exemplify all the grace, integrity and professionalism of an excellent thoracic surgeon. We are all so proud of you and look forward to working together in the future. Enjoy this moment. You deserve all the good things coming your way. The future is bright.

Dear Negar, working together for the last two years has been a pleasure and an honour. You demonstrate many of the important skills necessary of a promising academic and bright clinician. We are all very proud of all your accomplishments. This next year in Boston will be a year full of growth, opportunity and personal development. I look forward to working together in the future. Enjoy this moment. You deserve it!

Dr. John Agzarian
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Emily Hutchinson
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

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Congratulations
to our graduates!

Rahul Nayak
Negar Ahmadi



Urology

Alaya's enthusiasm and passion for Urology made her a pleasure to teach. We all wish her the best in her fellowship in Functional Urology at the University of Ottawa.

Udi has become a capable, competent urologist and we wish him well as he pursues a fellowship in Andrology at the University of Toronto.

Andrew Stokl's kind and calm demeanor made him a resident who was a pleasure to work with. He will continue his success clinically as he pursues a fellowship at the University of Toronto in MIS and endourology.

Yuding Wang would say "I was born to be a urologist..." when he was an elective student. Yuding has proven himself. He will be joining our team at MUMC as a Pediatric Urology Locum.

This year's graduating class has worked hard and carved out different paths in urology that will be exciting and rewarding. I congratulate them on their great accomplishment.

Dr. Edward Matsumoto
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

All of your hard work, leadership and dedication in the OR, clinics and teaching the junior residents has not gone unnoticed for the past five years. I am proud to welcome each of you to the McMaster Urology alumni group and look forward to working with you in the future. All the best in your future endeavours.

Dr. Shahid Lambe
ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I will always have a million memories of this group. We have been through a lot – tears and all. But I will always remember the laughs and jokes we shared the most (and the cakes!). I am so proud of what you have accomplished thus far and cannot wait to see what your future holds! All the best!

Lauren Douglas
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Yuding Wang
Alaya Yassein
Udi Blankstein
Andrew Stokl



Vascular Surgery

To our McMaster Vascular Surgery Graduating Residents: On behalf of the program we are extremely proud of both of you. This graduation is different than what we are used to but it is still a special moment in your lives. You have become wonderful physicians and surgeons.

Faysal, you have been with us since PGY1 year. It's amazing to see how far you have come and grown. You are now a Vascular Surgeon and I feel honoured to have been one of your mentors along the way and to see you grow as a person and a doctor.

Minji, you joined us at a later stage in training. This transition challenged you both mentally and emotionally but you came out on the other side as a solid and accomplished Vascular Surgeon. I am always amazed at your conscientious patient care. I feel honoured to have been one of your mentors.

Congratulations McMaster Alumni!

Dr. John Harlock
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Faysal: From the CaRMS match process, through your achievements of Masters and credentialing as a vascular surgeon, it has been a pleasure to know and to support you over the years. I have appreciated your humour, intellectualism, and your tech support. Your style is unique. Always remember this.

Minji: Your dedication to your goals is inspiring. From the emotionally challenged transfer process to examination preparation stress, it has been a tumultuous few years in which you have ultimately achieved your goals. You doctor with care and grace. Congratulations on your success!

Andrea Howe
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
to our graduates!

Minji Kim
Faysal Naji



Surgery



"Great results come from hard work and dedication; well done!" – Dr. Diane Reid

"Your tireless work ethic set an excellent example for the other residents. That plus your ability to keep things light, and joke around made for a great time!"
– Dr. Jonathan MacLean

CONGRATULATIONS

"They were always accommodating, and would do whatever they could to help me get patients seen in a timely manner."

– Tammy Robinson, Head Nurse

"I remember when you first arrived in Vascular, your eagerness to learn was infectious...along with your laugh."

"Wishing you nothing but happiness and success in this life. I know you will do great things."

– Angela Russel, RN

Clinician Investigator Program

Congratulations to our CIP graduates. We are very proud of your accomplishments and glad to see you taking on your next steps towards your academic appointments.

By choosing your career path as academic physicians, you will be the leaders of a dynamic healthcare, evidence informed, innovative and responsive to the needs of Canadians. Your chosen path is not an easy one. You will have multiple roles, many demands, competitive environments, and continuous balancing acts. With your solid training, research and clinical skills acquired and your personal strengths, you will not only manage these challenges, you will excel.

We wish you the best of success, health, and satisfaction in life and career. Be our envoys to trainees in your path, support and guide them to achieve their goals. It has been my pleasure getting to know you during your CIP training.

Dr. Zena Samaan
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

It has been a pleasure administrating the Clinician Investigator Program for all of you during your studies in CIP. Many administrators don't know much about this program, and I feel fortunate to know that there is a group of physicians out there that are passionate about research and moving medicine forward. It's reassuring in a way, especially during uncertain times like these. As a trainee in CIP, you had to find ways to manage your research, your graduate studies, clinical practice and personal well-being. Congratulations on succeeding on so many levels. I wish you the best in all of your future endeavours and I hope your experience in CIP allowed you to reach your goals.

Brooke Taylor
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations
graduates!

Jennifer Klowak
Nazari Dvirnik
Zardasht Oqab
Jessica Spence
(absent from photo)
David Collister
(absent from photo)
Emilie Belley-Cote
(absent from photo)



CONGRATULATIONS

McMaster PGME wishes you success, happiness and health as you take this next step in your medical career, and hope you're leaving with the skills you came here to gain, and memories and friendships you'll keep for a lifetime.



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