



# DIVISION OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

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### 1. Resident Transitions

This is the time of the year when we have another set of resident transitions.

First, we congratulate our finishing residents on completing their residency training program. Congratulations are extended to:

- Joshua Goldstein
- McKyla McIntyre
- Adarsh Rao
- Alexandra (Ali) Rendely
- Pinder Sahota
- Lilian Vivas

We were very happy to have you with us during this journey and we are pleased to call you our residency program graduates. You should also be proud of completing the residency program successfully. We look forward to all the great things you'll do going forward and hope that you will stay in touch with us.

We also welcome our new residents who have started on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alex Gasser, Eric Jeong and Nick Sequeira have started their rotations. We very much look forward to working with you and seeing you progress over the next five years. We are sorry that we could not have an in-person welcome for you but look forward to seeing you virtually during our divisional activities.

### 2. Success on Continuing Faculty Appointment Review

We were happy to hear that our three candidates for Continuing Faculty Appointment Review (CFAR) were all successful. We congratulate the following on their success:

- Julio Furlan
- Meiqi Guo
- Amanda Mayo

This is an important milestone for junior faculty as it signals that the faculty member has moved from a time-limited appointment to a continued appointment.

### 3. McKyla McIntyre appointed as Assistant Professor

We are pleased to report that McKyla McIntyre, our newly graduated trainee, has been offered a full-time appointment as Assistant Professor in the Division of PM&R at U of T. McKyla will be working primarily at Toronto Rehab which is part of UHN. She will be in the clinician teacher track. We all very much look forward to working with McKyla going forward. McKyla can be reached at: [mckyla.mcintyre@uhn.ca](mailto:mckyla.mcintyre@uhn.ca).



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4. Competently moving forward  
Despite the disruption caused by COVID-19, we will be moving forward with Competence By Design (CBD) for our new class of entering residents. We are indebted to Lisa Becker, Jane Cosgrove, Tracia Young and the clinical competency committee as well as the residency program committee for helping us prepare. If you are going to be having one of our new residents rotate with you, it would be useful to review the CBD PM&R update at: <https://www.physiatry.utoronto.ca/competence-design-physical-medicine-rehabilitation>
5. Hearing ECHOs of COVID  
We were happy to see the ECHO team step-up to take on COVID education directly. The ECHO team has put together an educational program for Primary Care physicians to manage COVID-19. I encourage you to consider this if you are interested in this subject area. This is another example of Andrea Furlan, John Flannery and the entire ECHO team taking on challenging medical issues and educating our Primary Care workforce. For more information and to register: <https://uhn.echoontario.ca/covid-19/>
6. Congratulations to our senior residents  
Congratulations to our senior residents who were elected for one of the top 10 finalists posters in the New England Journal of Medicine, Resident 360 QI Challenge. The team, led by Alexandra (Ali) Rendely, was voted as a top 10 poster award winner which is a very prestigious position. Thank you to our QI leads including Meiqi Guo and Amanda Mayo for working with this great group of residents which also included: Joshua Goldstein, McKyla McIntyre, Adarsh Rao, and Pinder Sahota. It is wonderful to see the impressive strides we have made in QI over the last few years as we have built up our QI capacity both amongst faculty and residents.
7. Welcome to Ida Cavaliere  
Welcome to Ida Cavaliere who will take on the rank of part-time clinical academic appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at U of T. We were very pleased to see that Ida's part-time clinical, Assistant Professor appointment has been approved by the Department of Medicine. Ida is continuing to work with medical education as a clinician teacher in the division of Rehabilitation Services as part of the Primary Care, Rehab Services, CCC, Palliative Care and Senior's Services Program at Trillium Health Partners, Credit Valley Hospital Site. We are pleased to recognize her activity with this faculty position. Ida can be reached at: [Ida.Cavaliere@thp.ca](mailto:Ida.Cavaliere@thp.ca).
8. Success in first Saudi Fellow  
It was good to hear recently from Abdullah Al Ahmeri who worked with the pain program as a Fellow last year. We just heard from Abdullah who reports that he is head of MSK at Prince Sultan Military Medical and a member of the PM&R training committee at his hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Our fellowship can mean a lot to individuals from all over the world when they go back to their home country.
9. Mark Bayley, Chris Fortin and Larry Robinson contribute to the Toronto Star  
Mark Bayley, Chris Fortin and Larry Robinson contributed to the news in the Toronto Star on June 21<sup>st</sup>. This article talks about not only surviving COVID-19, but that some survivors have significant rehabilitation needs. It is great to see the Department of Medicine, PM&R contribute to the pandemic response. The article can be seen at: <https://outline.com/s8EkPJ>.
10. Newsletter takes on social distancing  
We are glad to see that the newsletter has taken seriously the social distancing rules that apply. It has maintained at least six feet between pages and each page wears its own mask. It had tried wearing face shields but these were too big, plus it couldn't find its eyes to put it over. We hope you all stay safe out there during the summer months.



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Please continue to let us know if you have things you would like to include in the newsletter, whether serious or frivolous.

Don't forget to connect with our Twitter site [@UofT\\_Physiatry](https://twitter.com/UofT_Physiatry).

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Larry Robinson".

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