

# Director of Education Department of Surgery



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Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that **Dr. David Tang** has been appointed to the position of the Director of Education within the Department of Surgery, replacing Dr. Brock Vair, who has been in this role since 2007. Dr. Tang was chosen from a group of four very well-qualified applicants from various Divisions within the Department.

After obtaining an M.D. degree from the University of British Columbia, David completed residency training in Plastic Surgery, here at Dalhousie in 2011 and went on to a fellowship in hand and peripheral nerve surgery in St. Louis. Since joining the Division of Plastic Surgery he has taken on a series of educational leadership roles including Divisional Undergraduate Education Director, Department Director of Surgical Foundations Program, and most recently, Director of the Residency Training Program in Plastic Surgery at Dalhousie.

David has served as a member of the Postgraduate Medical Education Internal Review Committee and has been engaged as a surveyor for Royal College Residency Program reviews. He recently led a workshop focused on preparation for accreditation at the International Conference on Residency Education in Ottawa. His experience in educational assessment includes participation in Examination Committees in both surgical foundations and plastic surgery. In addition, he has participated in Competency Based Medical Education development workshops at Dalhousie for the Surgical Foundations and Plastic programs, and currently serves as the Chair for our Competence Committee in Surgical Foundations. David has provided workshops related to competence committees for a number of postgraduate programs at Dalhousie.

Dr. Tang is currently completing a Master's of Education degree focused on learner assessment and curriculum design.

We welcome David to his new position and look forward to future collaboration with him in facing the various challenges presented by education in surgery.

Dr. David Kirkpatrick  
Head, Department of Surgery

