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Welcome to Dr. Kate Montgomery, Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Montgomery joined us on July 9. She has just completed her residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, at the University of Ottawa.

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Dr. Jennifer Melvin, Medical Oncology Division, joined us on June 15. She completed both her internal medicine and medical oncology (2018) residencies here at Dalhousie.

Effective April 1, Cardiologist Dr. Osama Elkhateeb, has joined the Cardiology Division on a permanent basis. Dr. Elkhateeb has been with the Division, as a locum, since November 1, 2016. Before joining the Department, Dr. Elkhateeb was the Director of the Cardiac Center at the King Abdullah Medical City in Holy Capital, Makkah, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Elkhateeb is an Associate Professor. He completed his residencies in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at Dalhousie.

Effective March 1, Dr. Ismail Sharif increased his FTE contribution to the Division of Hematology. Dr. Sharif comes from Hematology/ Oncology with the Memorial Hospital. He completed his Hematology fellowship in 2016 and is an Assistant Professor.

On July 9 we welcomed Matthew Fox as the Department’s Data Analyst. Matthew was previously a Data Specialist with Dalhousie University.

On May 7, Mary Synette joined the Division of General Internal Medicine as an Administrative Assistant.

Dr. Jock Murray Award for Resident Leadership in Global Health was presented to Dr. Jock Murray by the Department of Medicine.

Christa Burton has joined Physician Services as a Casual Billing Clerk.

Roger Monk is a casual clerk with the Division of Endocrinology and Endoscopy. Roger joined the Division on May 10. Roger has over 30 years of experience in the health care system. This news story shares his philosophy “What you give in life is what you get back”. “We’re all here for patients and families.”

Effective May 22, Cindy Bergeron joined the Division of General Internal Medicine as an Administrative Assistant.

Dr. Joanne Stack will continue her administrative support to Dr. Maxner in neuro-ophthalmology and has moved to the VG Site. Dr. Bhan will be doing some part time work in British Columbia while taking more time with family including his much loved grandchildren.

Best wishes to Dr. Virender Bhan and Dr. Charles Maxner who retired from the Division of Neurology in June. Both individuals have made significant contributions in the Department notably in medical education, the MS Clinic, as well as both serving as Division Head. Dr. Chuck Maxner will continue his work in neuro-ophthalmology.

Dr. Joanne Stack will continue her administrative support to Dr. Maxner in neuro-ophthalmology and has moved to the VG Site. Dr. Bhan will be doing some part time work in British Columbia while taking more time with family including his much loved grandchildren.

Best wishes to Dr. David Haase who retired from the Division of General Internal Medicine in June. Dr. Haase previously retired from the Division of Infectious Diseases. He leaves with more than 30 years of experience in medical education, patient care and research. Dr. Haase will be deeply missed.

We wish Kathy Tanner all the best in her retirement. Kathy joined the Department in 2005. She was a Billing Clerk with Physician Services.

Dr. John Hanly, Division of Rheumatology, receives the Canadian Rheumatology Association's Distinguished Investigator Award for 2018. The national award was presented to Dr. Hanly for his accomplished personal research career along with the impact his leadership has had locally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Stephen Phillips was awarded the Dr. Gerald W. Archibald Gold-headed Cane Award in the Humanities on June 2. Dr. Phillips was nominated by an interprofessional group of colleagues, who value his team-based approach to clinical care and his integration of the visual arts into his patient care and teaching.

Dr. Thomas Brothers, internal medicine resident, received the Dr. Jock Murray Award for Resident Leadership in Global Health for his exceptional leadership in the global health space.

The award recognizes a resident who demonstrates commitment to global health as they advocate for marginalized populations and explore new ways to engage in clinical service, education, and research.

Dr. Brothers’ Acceptance Video.

***Save the Date***

DoM Research Evening – Prince George Hotel – November 8

**Department Head Message**

**Palliative welcomes 1st resident**

It’s official. On July 1, the Division of Palliative Medicine welcomed its first Royal College resident Dr. Colin Lees. Dr. Lees completed her MD at McMaster University in 2013 and recently completed her Internal Medicine residency and Clinician Investigator Program at Dalhousie University: The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada approved the two year residency program in March 2018.

“Goal is to ensure we are providing the very best palliative medicine training for the Maritime Provinces and beyond,” said Dr. David Dupere, Palliative Medicine Division Head. “This will help us increase our academic focus and keep pace with the rest of the country in the quality of the palliative care we provide.” Program Director, Dr. Erin Gorman Corsten, and Dr. Dupere also expect this program will help attract new physicians to the province in a more competitive way.

Dr. Virender Bhan, Division of Neurology, joins us on June 15. He joins the Division after completing his Fellowship in Neuro-ophthalmology and has moved to the VG Site. Dr. Bhan will be doing some part time work in British Columbia while taking more time with family including his much loved grandchildren.

***Make Media Headlines***

Department of Medicine members are go-to experts for local and national media. Each month they consistently help shape media headlines and share their expertise with the public.

This a sampling of the topics media were recently pursuing: aspirin equally effective post-op hip or knee arthroplasty (Dr. David Anderson), Canada’s health leadership obligations (Dr. Ashley Miller), research progress in studying Alzheimer’s (Dr. Ken Rockwood), finding links between bipolar disorder and insulin resistance (Dr. Tom Ramsom), advocating for improved care for inmates with Hepatitis C (Dr. Lisa Burrett), and women’s heart health (Dr. Sharon Mulvagh). To see more DoM members on local and national TV, radio and in newspapers, visit In the Media.