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DEPARTMENT HEAD MESSAGE

Much of this issue of Medicine Matters is dedicated to recognizing department members. We truly have a wealth of talent in our Department who certainly deserve recognition and thanks for the work they do.

I would like to welcome all of the new faculty, residents and staff to our Department. I'm sure you have already recognized you are joining a great team. I wish you all the best in your time with the Department and trust you will have an excellent experience.

I would like to bring your attention to a couple of highlights in this issue of Medicine Matters. I'm thrilled that we officially welcomed Dr. Anil Adisesh as Canada's first Research Chair in Occupational Medicine this month. This is a great step for New Brunswick, for Dalhousie and, of course, for our Department. I would also like to invite you to attend the Medicine Matters CME event on November 29. Dr. Leddin and the planning committee have pulled together what will be an exceptional program. Each of the divisions does a great job of continuing medical education within their areas, but what sets Medicine Matters apart is its multidisciplinary nature. I hope you will mark your calendar today.

David Anderson, MD, FRCPC

Head, Department of Medicine, Dalhousie University

District Chief, Department of Medicine, Capital District Health Authority

Professor of Medicine, Community Health & Epidemiology, Pathology

MEDICINE MATTERS CME REVIVAL

Medicine Matters is here again. Plan to attend the one-day agenda-packed meeting on Friday, November 29, 2013 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. Medicine Matters is a CME event specifically for Department of Medicine members. Chaired by **Dr. Des Leddin**, the multidisciplinary event will include a full agenda of case-based small group learning on topics that cut across all areas of internal medicine. The overall objectives, which were developed by the planning committee, are based on a review of patient data and stakeholder input. They will be refined by the groups presenting each of the cases.

Look for more information soon on Medicine Matters but **mark your calendar today: Friday, November 29, 2013.**

1ST CHAIR IN OCCUPATIONAL MED



(l-r): Dr. Tom Marrie, dean, Dalhousie Medical School, Honourable Hugh Flemming, minister of health, Province of New Brunswick, Dr. Richard Florizone, president, Dalhousie University, Mr. Jim Irving, co-CEO, J.D. Irving, Limited, Dr. Anil Adisesh, inaugural J.D. Irving, Limited, Research Chair in Occupational Medicine at Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick, Ms. Lynn Irving, medical research campaign chair, Dr. Preston Smith, senior associate dean, Dalhousie Medical School, Dr. John Steeves, associate dean, Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick

Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick officially announced Dr. Anil Adisesh as holder of Canada's first chair in occupational medicine on September 6.

The **J.D. Irving, Limited Research Chair in Occupational Medicine** was established thanks in part to a \$2 million contribution by Irving to the DMNB Medical Research Campaign.

The Chair is part of the Dalhousie Department of Medicine. "The start of a major academic program led from Saint John is a huge development that signals the growth of academic medicine in New Brunswick," notes Dr. David Anderson. "We are thrilled to have Dr. Adisesh joining the Department of Medicine. His presence and his work will bring great things to New Brunswick, to Dalhousie and to our Department."

The Chair will promote training, research and development in workplace risk management and occupational medicine, with an emphasis on workplace health and safety, and accident prevention. The Chair will also be a source of knowledge and advice for employers and physicians across New Brunswick.

Dr. Adisesh, renowned internationally for his expertise in occupational medicine, assumed the inaugural J.D. Irving, Limited Research Chair in Occupational Medicine in June 2013. He will hold the position for

five years. Dr. Adisesh comes to New Brunswick by way of the United Kingdom where he was a physician specialist, most recently practising at the UK National Health and Safety Laboratory. He has experience in numerous diverse work sectors and has clinical interests that include occupational toxicology, allergy and hand arm vibration. He is the Chair of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Working Group on Occupational Health for the Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD 11) and co-Chair to the International Labour Organisation Working Group on diagnostic and exposure criteria guidance on occupational diseases. In addition to his research, Dr. Adisesh will help medical students and physicians develop a strong understanding of recognising, managing and preventing workplace illness and injuries, collaborating with government, industry and labour to establish better workplace safety.

Dr. Adisesh, an Associate Professor in the DoM, remarked that he was inspired by the concerted effort undertaken to establish the Irving Chair. "The work of the chair in medical education, research and clinical service provision will be important in providing practical tools in the real world of work in the Maritimes and Canada's contribution to creating healthy workplaces."

OF NOTE

The **Department of Medicine Research Evening** will be held November 14, 2013 at the Prince George. The evening's guest speaker is Dr. Anil Adisesh, J.D. Irving Research Chair in Occupational Medicine. We will also hear from Dr. Lisa Barrett, Division of Infectious Diseases, Dr. Jafna Cox, Division of Cardiology and Dr. Churn-Ern Yip, Division of Endocrinology & Metabolism.

WEBSITE REVAMP

The Department will be revamping its website in accordance with Dalhousie's website renewal project. If you have visited the Faculty of Medicine website recently you may have noticed a new design; all departments will be updating their websites to reflect the new design over the coming months. For our part, work is underway. The next phase will include all division pages. For more information, contact Cindy Bayers, pebblecomms@eastlink.ca

MEMORIALS

Dr. Magdy Basta passed away in July after a courageous battle with cancer. Dr. Basta was a long-standing member of the Division of Cardiology with specialized expertise in electrophysiology. He was a valued clinician who could always be counted on for support. His dedication to his patients and his positive attitude were highly regarded by all.

Dr. Arthur Shears passed away in May. Dr. Shears graduated with an MD from Dalhousie in 1950. He began his medical career in his hometown of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, opening a busy practice in family and industrial medicine. He soon decided to pursue Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. He was the Founding Medical Director of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre and initiated the Royal College Residency Training Program in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. He went on to found and direct the Dalhousie School of Physiotherapy and served as Head, Division of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (1977-1989).

SPRING PARTY RECAP

While the Spring Party may have been a summer ago, it's never too late to recognize the many deserving individuals who received honours in the Department.

Excellence in Medical Education Awards were presented to:

Dr. Tammy Keough-Ryan, Division of Nephrology
Dr. Colm McParland, Division of Respiriology
Dr. Sudeep Shivakumar, Division of Hematology
Dr. Geoff Williams, Division of Digestive Care & Endoscopy
Dr. William Sheridan, Division of Cardiology

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Awards were presented to residents **Drs. Paul Bonnar** and **Amy Groom** while **Drs. Glenn Patriquin** and **Andrew Moeller** received Outstanding Resident Awards, and **Dr. Jordan Webber** received Special Resident Recognition.



Dr. David Haase, Division of Infectious Diseases, was honoured with the Brian M. Chandler Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Education. In his almost 30 years with the Department of Medicine Dr. Haase has focused his academic interest on undergraduate and postgraduate education. His efforts in undergraduate education go well beyond classroom, bedside and one-on-one teaching. He has spent countless hours coaching and mentoring medical students, serving as the ideal role model for those just starting out. On the postgraduate education front, he oversaw development of the ITER and championed a new format academic half day. Dr. Haase is consistently described as the kindest of teachers and the best of role models.



Dr. David Simpson received the Department of Medicine Achievement Award. Dr. Simpson's professional efforts stand out in many areas but particularly clinical care, education and leadership. He is recognized for championing communications skills education in medicine. He is also Head of the Division of General Internal Medicine, a position he has held for seven years. Residents attest to Dr. Simpson's sincere interest in learning and support of the team.

RETIREMENTS

This spring, **Ms. Kate MacDonald** retired after 32 years as a valued member of physician services. She went on to greener pastures – literally. Since retiring from the department, Kate has spent much of her time on the golf course!



Dr. Ken Johnson retired from the Division of Palliative Medicine in June. Dr. Johnson joined the division in 1999.

