

REGIONAL NEWS



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The future is so bright you gotta wear shades! Since the summer 2012 update, we have welcomed the following rheumatologists to practice in our city: Dr. Paul MacMullan, Dr. Corisande Baldwin, Dr. Frank Jirik, Dr. Ann Clarke, Dr. Heather Waymouth, Dr. Svetlana Stajkovic, Dr. Elzbieta Kaminska, Dr. Hector Arbillaga, Dr. Susa Benseler, Dr. Tommy Gerschman, and Dr. Nadia Luca. We also have acknowledged the retirements of Dr. Norma Jibb and Dr. Paul Ryan.

Stephanie Keeling @drstephaniekeeling

The University of Alberta is proud to announce the addition of Dr. Alison Clifford to the Division of Rheumatology. She completed her rheumatology fellowship at Dalhousie and a vasculitis fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. We are excited to see her expand the vasculitis clinic and her family!

Mercedes Chan @drmercedeschan

Dr. Janet Ellsworth has two new colleagues, Dr. Mercedes Chan and Dr. Dax Rumsey, joining the pediatric rheumatology division at the University of Alberta/Stollery Children's Hospital. Together they have introduced a pediatric MSK physical examination (pGALS) workshop to medical students during their pediatrics clerkship and hope to start a transition clinic in the foreseeable future!



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Dr. Susan Barr and Dr. Liam Martin: the model of train the trainer. Who taught who to shape gnocchi? (Photo courtesy of @melissaweibe)

Christopher Lyddell @drchristopherlyddell

Despite missing nursing support, and in addition to monthly one-week clinics in Grande Prairie, Dr. Chris Lyddell has started an Edmonton musculoskeletal (MSK) Ultrasound clinic to help GPs with diagnosis of soft tissue problems, as well as scanning inflammatory joint disease patients for early diagnosis and to access treatment response. Long way to go to get broader acceptance and funding—a work in progress.

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Dr. Paivi Miettunen, pediatric rheumatologist at the Alberta Children's Hospital, and Ms. Jaymi Taiani, public education officer for the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health, have created a program for juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) patients called *Expressions of Arthritis: Giving Children a Voice Through Art*, wherein patients are using art to manage chronic pain, cope with emotional stress, increase self-esteem, as well as enhance their ability to communicate their symptoms to their healthcare providers.



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The Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta held its first annual Percy-Russell Lectureship for Medical Grand Rounds in April, welcoming Dr. Gillian Hawker as the first speaker to a packed house. This lectureship honours the pioneering work in rheumatology in Alberta by Dr. Anthony Russell and the late Dr. John Percy.



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Dr. Gary Morris, of the University of Calgary, was the recent winner of the Dr. Tom Enta Award for Clinical Excellence (Community Practice), courtesy of the University of Calgary Department of Medicine Awards.

Joanne Homik

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Dr. Paul Davis has partially retired, spending some of his time on Vancouver Island reacquainting himself with the ocean, and some of his time still seeing patients in Edmonton. We miss his wit, humour, and clinical pearls. His patients will be sad when the island pulls him completely into its grasp.

