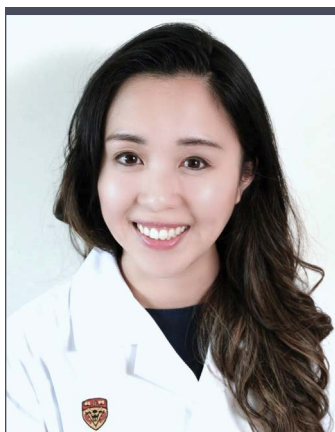


AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND ACCOLADES



Dr. May Choi – Named one of Avenue Calgary’s Top 40 Under 40

Dr. May Choi was listed as a 2023 Top 40 Under 40 by Calgary Avenue Magazine. This annual award recognizes the best and brightest community builders, leaders, and artists under the age of 40, who are excelling in their careers, giving back to the community, and raising the profile of Calgary. Dr. Choi was named Top 40 Under 40 because of her dedication to helping patients with autoimmune rheumatic diseases and her research achievements. She feels very grateful for this recognition and thanks her mentors, Drs. Marvin Fritzler, Ann Clarke, and Karen Costenbader, and her family for their guidance and support, as well as her late father, Dr. Vincent Choi, for inspiring her to follow in his footsteps.



Dr. Jordi Pardo Pardo – Appointed Interim Chair of the Cochrane Governing Board

Dr. Jordi Pardo Pardo has been appointed as Interim Chair of the Cochrane Governing Board at the last meeting in September 2023. Cochrane is an international non-profit network, which sets the gold standard for synthesizing health research findings to facilitate evidence-based health care. Cochrane Reviews, found in the Cochrane Library (www.cochranelibrary.com) are up to date, follow a rigorous scientific methodology, and are free from commercial conflicts of interest.

Jordi is the contact person for methodological support to the Canadian Rheumatology Association guidelines.

Canadian Heroes in Rheumatology: Dr. Claire Bombardier

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cited papers than her peers from University of Toronto, Canada, and the U.S., and was statistically similar to her European peers."

To date, Dr. Bombardier has published more than 400 highly cited papers, which include group consensus papers, independent investigator papers on measurement and methods, randomized controlled trials in high-impact journals, as well as the highly quoted report on "The Impact of Arthritis in Canada" (available at www.arthritisalliance.ca/en/). Most recently, her primary publications explore the real-world experiences of people living with inflammatory arthritis in usual care. Dr. Bombardier is ranked 19th in Canada and 567th among the top female scientists in the world by *Research.com* (as of 2023).

At the 2019 Arthritis Society Trailblazing Women in Arthritis gala, where Dr. Bombardier was presented

with the inaugural award, she spoke of the important work ahead for professionals and those hoping to enter the fields of medicine, research, education, and policy: "I am so proud of how many powerful and influential women there are in our field now. But it's important to remember that we can never begin to think that those trails are now open and available to all. More women will need our help in the future. And, even more than this, individuals from other communities will need our help in overcoming and removing barriers. Canadians from diverse and under-represented groups, refugees, and newcomers, and those living with evident and non-evident disabilities need our support in accessing opportunities for training and practice. We must move to inclusion, accessibility, and equity by design; inclusive practices drive innovation and benefit everyone."



Dr. Alan Rosenberg – Elected Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS)

Dr. Alan Rosenberg, a pediatric rheumatologist at the University of Saskatchewan, has been elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). CAHS Fellows, representing a broad array of healthcare and health research disciplines, identify and evaluate health-related challenges and recommend strategic, actionable solutions. As a CAHS Fellow, Dr. Rosenberg will have the privilege of collaborating with esteemed colleagues to address major societal health concerns. He will contribute to highlighting child health and pediatric rheumatology issues, help conceptualize action plans, and ensure that recommended solutions emanating from CAHS are effectively implemented.



Dr. Murray Urowitz – University Health Network (UHN) Global Impact Award

Dr. Murray Urowitz made immense contributions to our understanding of the complex and life-threatening chronic autoimmune disease systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), including how patients are treated and the way the disease is managed, resulting in patients living longer with a better quality of life. He discovered the increased cardiovascular mortality and steroid-related long-term consequences in patients with SLE.

Dr. Urowitz founded Canada's first Lupus Clinic in 1970 at the former Wellesley Hospital, relocating it to Toronto Western Hospital in the mid-1990s, where it still operates. He also led development of the first and largest lupus database in North America. As stated by Dr. Nigil Haroon, "His work has put Toronto and UHN on the map, and his contributions to research and education will continue to serve patients around the world through excellent and appropriate care."

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The *CRAJ* would like to recognize the contributions of its readers to the medical field and their local communities. To have any such awards, appointments, or accolades announced in an upcoming issue, please send recipient names, pertinent details, and a brief account of these honours to JyotiP@sta.ca. Picture submissions are greatly encouraged.