REGIONAL NEWS



News from the McGill Division of Rheumatology, Montreal

By Arielle Mendel, MD, MSc, FRCPC; and Laeora Berkson, MD, MHPE, FRCPC

Hello from McGill Adult Rheumatology! We practice across the McGill University Health Centre, the Jewish General Hospital (JGH), and St. Mary's Hospital, providing general and subspecialized rheumatology care, with research that aligns with our clinical programs.

We are training 6 enthusiastic rheumatology residents, and will be welcoming a sclerodermamyositis fellow to the JGH.

Two recruits are completing post-doctoral fellowships, Dr. Alexandra Ladouceur (irAEs), and Dr. Thaisa Cotton (scleroderma, cell therapies). We welcome Dr. Nader Toban to the MUHC (Lachine Hospital), and wish Dr. Murray Baron, Dr. John Di Battista (PhD) and Dr. Carol Yeadon well on their pathways to retirement.

During this past academic year, Dr. Leclair obtained her PhD (Karolinska Institute), Dr. Elizabeth Hazel received her Masters in Management (McGill), and Dr. Évelyne Vinet was honoured with the Department of Medicine Mid-Career Research Award. Dr. Hazel became Director of the MUHC Division of Rheumatology, and we thank Dr. Christian Pineau for his many years in this position. Many thanks to our dedicated team!

The Adult Rheumatology Department at CHU of Québec — Université Laval is Undergoing a Complete Overhaul

By Laëtitia Michou, MD, PhD

- Our dear colleagues, Dr. Charlotte Grondin and Dr. Claude Marcoux, have taken a well-deserved retirement.
- We have recruited six new rheumatologists with highly specialized expertise in systemic autoimmune rheumatic diseases (SARD), vasculitis, inflammatory arthritis, and patient education.
- Dr. Sonia Lagacé now runs our adult rheumatology residency program.
- We are actively seeking a new career researcher-clinician to join our team.



Members of the McGill Division at the Laurentian Conference of Rheumatology, May 2024: from left to right, Genevieve Gyger, Elizabeth Hazel, Olga Tsyruk (med student), Reem Farhat (grad student), Valérie Leclair, Marie Hudson, Christian Pineau, Matthew Dabarno (resident), Évelyne Vinet, Leah Flatman (grad student), Michael Catarino (resident), Caitlyn Kanters (resident), Rayleigh Chan (resident), Michele Stanciu (resident), and Nader Toban.

News from the Pediatric Rheumatology Team at CHU of Québec — Université Laval

By Julie Couture, MD, FRCPC

Pediatric rheumatology in Quebec City continues to grow! Last August, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Justine Turmel-Roy to our team. The fact that we are now four pediatric rheumatologists means we can devote more time to our respective projects: setting up a joint rheumatology, immunology, and genetics clinic; pediatric musculoskeletal ultrasound and the development of a pediatric lupus patient registry; and the upcoming pediatric pain clinic! We continue our involvement in pre-clinical teaching, and teaching of medical students and residents at Laval University, and in our research collaboration.

Our motivated team continues to ensure excellence in care for children in the Quebec City area and throughout the East of Quebec!



The Pediatric Rheumatology Team at the CHU Québec–Université Laval, pictured from left to right: Dr. Julie Couture, Dr. Anne-Laure Chetaille, Dr. Justine Turmel-Roy and Dr. Jean-Philippe Proulx-Gauthier.