MESSAGE
FROM THE CHAIR

I hope everyone has had a safe and healthy summer as we continue to deal with the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the many challenges it brings to clinical and academic practice. The Hamilton hospitals and McMaster University are working hard to keep our patients, residents, fellows and faculty safe during this pandemic.

We are evolving to adapt to the challenges posed by the pandemic. Patient and staff workflow and our workspaces have been adjusted to maximize social distancing. The University is exploring and embracing new styles and methods of training. Virtual health and virtual teaching are a new reality. The university’s pandemic website at https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/ is kept up to date with any changes.

The pandemic has been a sobering experience but has also been a learning experience. The pandemic has taught us to look at how we provide care and how we teach through a different lens.

While combating the virus we have an opportunity to revisit our previous approach to healthcare and to come up with innovative solutions that will improve the way we provide quality patient care and how we meet our academic goals.

Through these times of change we must remain committed to providing exceptional patient-centered care, teaching residents and fellows and supporting and promoting research.

Over the summer we have continued our Regional Professor rounds and try to focus on topics and issues relevant to radiology and healthcare. The most recent rounds focused on Racism and bias and we thank Dr. Sukhera and Dr. Kagoma for their presentation, insight and perspectives. We had over 150 registrants for these rounds reflecting the importance and relevance of this topic. Also thank you to Dr. Yemen for championing the discussion.

Please Note: COVID-19 awareness training is now available for all faculty, staff and students who are working on campus or must return to campus for work. You may register for the training in the Regulatory Training section of Mosaic and complete in Avenue to Learn (training will be available one business day after registration). Once training and acknowledgement have been completed in Avenue to Learn, the completed record will be made available in Mosaic one business day after completion. Supervisors have been asked to ensure that employees who have been granted access to work on campus or those already working on campus complete this training as soon as possible. For assistance registering for training and reviewing your training record, refer to the FAQs and direct questions regarding the training to eohss@mcmaster.ca.

Julian Dobranowski
Department of Radiology WELCOMES New Residents and Fellows!

Look for more information and updates about the VISITING PROFESSOR SERIES in our next Newsletter coming out...OCTOBER 2020

McMaster Radiology Graduates Goodbye Message

While we said goodbye to our Department of Radiology graduates in June, with our current COVID 19 pandemic situation it was hard for them to say their goodbyes to everyone who helped guide them during their time as residents at McMaster. They created a message and shared this with us....

“Please distribute this video made by the 2020 graduating class to all the wonderful staff radiologists we had the privilege of working with over the course of our training.” - Cory Ozimok

MacRads 2020 Goodbye Message

McMaster Residents on Twitter! @RadsMac

Two of our new PGY 2 residents, Nicole Li and Vishal Varma, created a Twitter Account in June 2020. Nicole and Vishal decided to create the account so that they could feature resident life, academic/non academic achievements, and social activities. They are also using it to promote their radiology program at McMaster University to other medical students interested in diagnostic imaging and as well as to show other programs what they are up to. Their first few posts are shown below. Thank you to Nicole and Vishal for such a great idea. Follow them @RadsMac on Twitter!

Twitter caption: “Even behind the masks, it’s all smiles from our stellar PGY1s after conquering Block 1 🤘”

Please go to Visiting Professor Program web page for more information and to view all of Visiting Professor group photos with our Radiology Residents at: http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/radiology/vpp/
Diagnostic Imaging Regional Rounds
Summer in Review

We thank the audience, speakers and our team for the great rounds we have had this summer!

On June 11th, Dr. Michael Patlas and Dr. Steffan Frosi Stella, along with radiology residents, Dr. Mostafa Alabousi and Dr. Mirek Mychajlowycz did a “very good presentation” on Emergency and Interventional Radiology Guidelines in the Covid 19 Era. This was commented to be done with a “great format and definitely a media tool that we hope to keep using even after this current crisis”.

On July 9, 2020, Drs’ Nida Syed and Natalia Pinilla did an “excellent presentation” with “a multidisciplinary approach combining clinical and imaging rounds” on “Tales of Cardiac CT with Imaging Correlation”.

Lastly, but certainly not least, on August 11, 2020, Dr. Javeed Sukhera and Dr. Yoan Kagoma did a “thought provoking” presentation on Racism and Bias in Medicine, which has made many of us to “stop and think on this important topic in terms of education, awareness, initiatives and measurables in our radiology sphere here in Hamilton”.

Thank you to Drs’ Dobranowski, Finlay and Yemen for their support and suggestions. Many thanks to Sam, Mallory, Mostafa, Nanxi, radiology residents, and as well as to our administrative team Marilynn, Sue, Lori, Brittany, Tori, Kim and Andja. Special thanks to our radiology residents, radiology staff, as well as to the staff of departments of Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Respirology, who have contributed in these Rounds!

Dr. Ramiro Larrazabal

PLEASE NOTE: Diagnostic Imaging Regional Rounds presentations are available to registrants upon request. These requests can be made to Dr. Mostafa Alabousi, Chief Radiology Resident or to Dr. Ramiro Larrazabal.
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the graduation ceremony originally scheduled for June 12, 2020 had to be postponed. However it is important to acknowledge all of the great teaching our residents received from faculty at our teaching hospitals. We would like to take this opportunity to formally recognize the individuals who are the recipient of this year’s awards. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments together in the future!

**McMaster University**  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Awarded to  
**Dr. Erik Jurriaans**  
Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award  
Department of Radiology

**McMaster University**  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Awarded to  
**Dr. Shauna Kennedy**  
Best Academic Half-Day Teaching Award  
Neuro/Spine Case  
Department of Radiology

**McMaster University**  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Awarded to  
**Dr. Christian van der Pol**  
Best Rounds Award  
Department of Radiology

**McMaster University**  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Awarded to  
**Adult GI at MUMC**  
Best Teaching on a Rotation Award  
Department of Radiology

**McMaster University**  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Awarded to  
**Dr. Prasaanthan Gopee-Ramanan**  
Fellow Teacher and Mentor Award  
Mentorship Award  
Department of Radiology
Educational News

We are pleased to announce that Hussam Kaka was selected for the 2020 Postgraduate Resident Leader Award.

The criteria for the award is as follows:

“This award recognizes a resident who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to a residency education in their own program, or provincially and/or nationally. The Resident-Leader has had a positive impact through exemplary teaching skills, development of educational curricula in teaching and assessment, advocacy of residency education, and any other efforts that have enhanced the educational experience, and/or contributed to innovation in residency education.”

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Kaka on his award!

Congratulations to our graduated PGY 5 resident Natasha Larocque who was this year’s recipient of the MSA Award for Radiology. MSA previously send a link to a series of video presentations from resident award recipients. Natasha speaks to the excellent teaching and mentorship she received at McMaster. As always, a big “shout out” to all the great staff and teachers we have here at McMaster.

Congratulations once again Natasha!
Department of Radiology Welcomes New Fellows 2020/2021

Dr. Adriel Lam - Breast/Cross Sectional Fellow

My name is Adriel, and I am one of the new breast and cross-sectional imaging fellows. I grew up in Vancouver, B.C., completing both engineering and medicine at University of British Columbia. For the last 5 years, I’ve been in Kingston, Ontario for my residency.

In my pastime, I enjoy hiking, biking, skiing/snowboarding, the piano, doing random martial arts, and travelling. Looking forward to working with all of you!

Dr. Caitlin Ward - Breast/Cross Sectional Fellow

Hello! My name is Caitlin and I am very excited to be starting my fellowship here at the Juravinski Hospital. I am originally from London and completed medical school and residency at Western University. I am really looking forward to experiencing a new city and getting to know a new group of radiologists. I’ve heard so many positive things about the city and medical system here.

My interests are food/cooking, animals and the environment (I have a Masters in marine ecology), wine and tennis (Although my skills are severely lacking). I love all things outdoors. I can’t wait to get to know everyone and have a great year.

Dr. Kathy Zhao - Breast/Cross Sectional Fellow

I am a graduate of the McMaster Radiology Residency program where I served as Co-Chief Resident in PGY 4. I am thrilled to be staying on as a Breast/Cross-sectional fellow. Prior to embarking on a career in medicine, I worked in investment banking at National Bank Finance and RBC Capital Markets after completing a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Queen’s University. I went back to school to complete science prerequisites at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania where there is a specially designed program for “career switchers” before attending Boston University School of Medicine.

I grew up in Mississauga and currently reside in Oakville with my husband and daughter. My greatest passion in life was traveling until having a baby (and of course before COVID hit). Now, I enjoy spending time in the great outdoors, seeing family/friends while socially distancing, fine dining and fine wines.
Department of Radiology Welcomes New Fellows 2020/2021

Dr. Cyrille Naim - MSK Fellow (January - June 2021)
Cyrille Naim, MD, MSc, FRCPC
I have been practicing general radiology in Quebec for 3 years until now, in a community hospital. I built interest in MSK imaging and ultrasound over the years which brought me to the fellowship here. I’m aspiring to work in an academic centre and teach. Downtime activities include ballroom dance and salsa (COVID made it impossible in the last few months), playing classical piano, singing and hiking.

Dr. Etienne Le Goff - MSK Fellow
From Gatineau, Quebec. I did medical school from 2011 to 2015 at the Université de Sherbrooke in Quebec without undergrad. From 2015 to 2020, I did the Diagnostic Radiology residency program of the Université de Montréal (UdeM).

Dr. Khunsa Faiz - Neuroradiology Fellow
Dr Khunsa Faiz is a board certified radiologist from Pakistan. She has keen interest in Neuroradiology. She has been involved in different research projects at University of Manitoba and published over six papers and written several book chapters on different neuroradiology topics. She has given talks on national and international conferences including ASNR. She wants to pursue her career as a neuroradiologist in future.
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| | 0800 Regional Cardiology Rounds (David Braley Centre, General Campus, Auditorium) | 0800 CNS Tumor Rounds (DI Classroom) once a month | 1200 CNS Tumor Rounds (DI Classroom) | | |
| | 0815 MSK Tumor Rounds (DI Classroom) | 1230 M&M Rounds (DI Classroom) set once a month | | | |
| | 1200 Radiology Teaching Rounds | | | | |
| | 1200 Stroke & Neurovascular Rounds (DI Classroom, Rm 2-158) | | | | |
| | 1600 Trauma Rounds (Theatre Auditorium) M&M Rounds 1st Tues.of month | | | | |

| **MCMASTER UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTRE** | | | | |
| 0800 Pediatric Hot Seat Resident Rounds (3F) | 1200 Adult Hot Seat Resident Rounds | 0800 Adult GI Rounds (Room 2S32) | 0800 Surg/Rad/Path (SRP) Rounds (3rd Thursday of each month—Room 2S32) | 0800 Pediatric Hot Seat Resident Rounds |
| 0800 Tumor Board (Every 2nd week – 3F) | | | 1200 Adult Hot Seat Resident Rounds | 1200 GI Ped Rounds (Room 2S32) |
| 1000 Respiratory Rounds (every 1st Monday/mth) | | | | | |
| 1200 Neuroradiology Rounds (Room 3N50) | | | | | |
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| **ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE HAMILTON** | | | | |
| (All rounds in DI Conference Room TO102 unless otherwise specified) | 0800-0900 Vascular Difficult Access Rounds (1st Tuesday of each month) | 0800-0900 Neuroradiology Rounds (3rd Wednesday of each month) | 0715-0800 Colorectal rounds | 0730-0830 Radiology Respiratory Rounds (various dates) |
| 1200 Ultrasound Rounds | 1200-1300 Interesting Case Rounds | 1200-1300 MSK Radiology Rheumatology Rounds | 0800-0900 Breast Pathology Rounds | 1200-1315 Lung MCC Rounds |
| 1300-1400 Resident Hot Seat Rounds | 1200-1300 MSK Radiology Rheumatology Rounds | 1630-1730 Thyroid Malignancy Endocrine MCC Rounds (1st Wed. of each month) | 1200-1300 Resident Hot Seat Rounds | 1315-1415 Resident Hot Seat Rounds |

More information can be found on the McMaster ETA website: [https://fhseta.mcmaster.ca/](https://fhseta.mcmaster.ca/)
WELCOME NEW RADIOLOGISTS

Dr. Kathleen Hames - HGH Body Imaging, HHS

Dr. Kate Hames is excited to return to the Hamilton General Hospital as a body-imaging Radiologist. She completed her residency at McMaster followed by an abdominal imaging fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston. She has a particular interest in the Medical Humanities, having completed a PhD in English Literature at Cornell University prior to pursuing Radiology. She is also interested in improving resident research opportunities at McMaster. While she will miss some of the big city perks of living in Boston, she is excited to be back in Hamilton and looks forward to being part of the HGH team.

Dr. David Li - HGH Neuroradiology, HHS

Dr. David Li completed his Diagnostic Neuroradiology fellowship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, following completion of both medical school and radiology residency training at McMaster University. He is excited to share everything he learned over the course of his fellowship with everyone! Dr. Li’s special interests include head and neck imaging and functional MRI. He enjoys teaching residents and fellows and values high quality medical education in both the formal and informal setting. Outside of work, Dr. Li enjoys travelling, photography, and tinkering with technology. He is excited to return to Hamilton and looks forward to working with everyone!

Dr. Ameya Kulkarni - JH Body Oncology, HHS

Dr. Ameya Kulkarni graduated with his Doctor of Medicine in Radio-Diagnosis from Maharashtra University of Health Sciences in Nasik, India in 2015. He recently completed his Cross-Sectional fellowship with us at Juravinski Hospital in July 2020 and is now an associate staff radiologist with us at HHS.

Dr. Kulkarni states that, “It has been an amazing journey from a fellow to staff radiologist at Juravinski hospital and cancer center. I feel privileged to be a part of such an amazing team.” Apart from radiology, Ameya also enjoys bird photography, travelling and music. Please help us welcome Dr. Kulkarni in his new associate radiologist position in DI at JH.

Dr. Sohaib Munir - JH MSK, HHS

Dr. Sohaib Munir is a graduate of Queen’s University School of Medicine and the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program at Western University. Many in the department are familiar with Sohaib, as he completed his MSK fellowship at McMaster this June. His rotations included 6-months each at the St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton and Juravinski sites. Sohaib is familiar with Hamilton, as he completed his Bachelor of Health Sciences at McMaster University. We welcome Sohaib back as he joins the Musculoskeletal Radiology team at the Juravinski.
WELCOME NEW RADIOLOGISTS

Dr. Mandeep Ghuman - SJHH Neuroradiology

The newest addition to the SJHH Diagnostic Imaging team is radiologist, Dr. Mandeep Ghuman, who officially started on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Dr. Ghuman comes to St. Joseph's with a subspecialty in neuroradiology and he will be providing support in CT, MRI, US, ER, Flu and General Radiology and of course, H&N Imaging including H&N MCC Rounds. He will also lend support to the Charlton and Ancaster independent facilities. Dr. Ghuman completed fellowships at Dalhousie University and University of Toronto. He currently resides in Hamilton with his wife and two young sons. We are pleased to welcome Mandeep to the St. Joe’s team and our McMaster Radiology Family.

Dr. Rahul Sarkar - JH Body Oncology & Thoracic

Rahul is a graduate of medicine from the University of Manitoba. He completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Queen’s University. His fellowship training at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, pursed his interests in oncology imaging. Rahul has a background in computer engineering and medical biophysics, including graduate-level training in MRI with a Master’s in Medical Biophysics from the University of Toronto. We welcome Rahul to the oncology imaging team at the Juravinski site, with a focus on body and thoracic oncology.

Dr. Amna Al-Arnawoot - SJHH Breast & Thoracic

A warm welcome to Dr. Amna Al-Arnawoot, who joined our full-time staff at St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton as of July 1, 2020, after her five-year Residency Program with McMaster University followed by a one-year Cardio-Thoracic Imaging Fellowship Program at UHN – Toronto. Dr. Al-Arnawoot, will also be lending support in Women’s Health. She has a special interest in research and possesses a passion for teaching, which has become evident among our new learners.
Erik Ricker - Diagnostic Services Manager, MUMC & UCC

Diagnostic Imaging at HHS is pleased to announce that Eric Ricker has assumed the permanent position of Manager of Diagnostic Services at MUMC & UCC. Eric is well known to the McMaster team, through his work as a technologist since 2012. Most recently Eric has been focused on his studies in the Masters of Health Management program at McMaster University. His expected date of completion is next month. Eric has been performing the interim Manager role since April 2020, and has been proven to be a hard worker, effective communicator and quick study (as of June 9, 2020).

Lyndsay Martin - Diagnostic Services Manager, HGH

The DI Department is also thrilled to announce that Lyndsay Martin is joining the Diagnostic Services team as Manager, Diagnostic Services HGH. Lyndsay comes to us from the Woman’s Health program and brings with her a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Neuroscience. In addition, she has experience as a faculty member at both Mohawk College and McMaster University. With Lyndsay’s background in Management, Education and Development, and Nursing, she will be a great addition to the Diagnostic Services leadership team. Lyndsay officially assumed this role on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Thank you - Trish McKeen

Diagnostic Services would also like to take this time to thank Trish McKeen for her hard work and dedication as the interim Manager, Diagnostic Services at HGH. Trish has exceptional expertise in imaging, and we look forward to continuing to work with her in years ahead. Thank you once again Trish!
Joyce Alexander - DI Staff Nurse, MUMC

Congratulations to Joyce Alexander who will be retiring from her nursing position with Diagnostic Imaging after an amazing 46 years! Joyce started with HHS in 1974 and was the successful candidate to the staff nursing position in DI at MUMC in 1989. She has continued with the DI department at HHS since then. Joyce stated that working in DI was “certainly a lifetime of mostly fun and great friends and staff - the best in the city”.

We wish Joyce all the best in her retirement and congratulate her on 46 years of amazing service in our Diagnostic Imaging departments!

Patti Forrest aka “Speedy” is officially retired! These photos were sent in from Patti’s “Retirement Party” from her position as JH Senior CT Technologist on July 17, 2020. We sincerely hope that Patti is fully enjoying her retirement! Thank you to JH CT staff for sending in these pictures.
PEER LEARNING PROGRAM for HHS & SJHH RADIOLOGISTS

Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) and St. Joseph Healthcare Hamilton (SJHH) have come together to develop a Cross Organizational Peer Learning Program for the Department of Diagnostic Imaging. The Peer Learning Program is a continuous quality improvement initiative focused on education and learning. The Program has been designated a quality of care initiative with delegated authority from the HHS Quality Patient Safety Steering Committee (HHS QPSST) and SJHH Quality Steering Committee (SJHH QSC) and will be used to improve the quality of care, identify trends and provide education and learning opportunities. This program is not intended for the review or collection of individual radiologist performance.

The HHS and SJHH Peer Review Program will be conducted **prospectively** (completed before the final report is sent to the referring physician), which is a unique and innovative approach to peer learning in diagnostic imaging. This will allow for timely modifications to reports before they are sent to referring physicians, for all agreed-upon discrepancies.

On August 20th, 60 staff members from HHS and SJHH attended the Peer Learning Orientation Training Session. The Training Session focused on the background and rationale for having Peer Learning, the radiologists’ workflow, how discrepancy management will work, how the education and learning will be provided, and how the program will be governed. Those radiologists that were not able to attend can watch a recording of the session. Additional training on how to use the platform will be provided in September and the program expected to commence in early October.

Updated Diagnostic Services Policy:

**DS – COVID-19 Protocol for Inpatients, Outpatients & Staff in Diagnostic Services**

June 2020 Safety Topic: WHMIS


August 2020 Health and Safety Wellness Matters: Musculoskeletal Disorder Prevention


Canadian Blood Services is looking for people to donate their blood.

**Please give blood if you are able!**
Keep Calm and X-Ray On

A Poem By: Lori Kopoian

Over 35 years working in x-ray,
I've seen some new things along the way.
AIDS, Ebola and MRSA,
VRE and Y2K.
We went through SARS,
Established F.R.I,
Developed CT, digital imaging, and MRI.
T.T.O.A’s and Behavioral Safety Risks,
Even giving patients their x-rays on compact discs.
Recently, Corona Virus or Covid 19,
NPS pending and social distancing.
Face shields, mask fit tests, N95’s,
Counting PPE and locking up supplies.
Going to work through the staff screening tent,
Checking on the times the last nasal swab was sent.
Keeping our used masks in brown paper bags,
The thought of re using them making us gag.
The ONLY good thing is my magnificent crew,
Working with them I know we'll pull through.
We come into work day after day,
Ensuring each patient gets their x-ray.
Taking care of our patients is why we are here.
Facing up to the challenge we put on our gear,
And step up to the plate in spite of the fear.
We head home to shower and decontaminate,
And if you’re exposed self-isolate.
Just want to say thanks for all you do,
I am so proud to work with each and every one of you!
A large number of HHS radiologists recently said goodbye to their pagers and hello to the Page via Text service that Hamilton Health Sciences now offers.

Page to Text is offered to HHS Physicians that live too far for short range pagers and for those who do not wish to carry a physical pager.

HHS staff that are looking to speak with a specific Radiologist can call paging to have a text page sent.

Dr. Brian Yemen is especially sad to say goodbye to his pager.

He has been carrying one since the beginning of his residency.

In Dr. Yemen’s words, It is the “end of an era”.
AWARDS, HONOURS & RECOGNITION

Dr. Mostafa Alabousi selected to the Radiology in Training Editorial Board

On behalf of Dr. David Landry, Dr. Karen Finlay and Dr. Julian Dobranowski, Diagnostic Imaging is pleased to announce that Dr. Mostafa Alabousi, PGY4, has been selected to the Radiology in Training Editorial Board!

Applicants to this position must have strong critical-thinking skills, a mastery of written English and experience in scientific writing. They should also have a track record of amplifying imaging science content on social media with a solid knowledge of research design and basic biostatistics.

Dr. Alabousi’s CV highlights his academic and research accomplishments which made him a well-deserved applicant for this position.

During his term, he will learn about editing, reviewing and promoting radiology research. He will participate in peer review in up to four manuscripts each year and will author social media content, including Tweetorials, videos and the editor’s blog.

Dr. Alabousi will interact with the Radiology editorial board during content production and will solicit and participate in peer review of established article types, such as Diagnosis Please and Images, along with new article types, including Research in Practice Trainee Perspectives. He will also participate in monthly teleconferences with the Radiology Editors.

Please join us in congratulating Mostafa on this prestigious role as he continues his development as an academic radiologist!

2020 FELLOWS of the CAR

Congratulations to Dr. Sat Somers and Dr. Karen Finlay as they have both been named as 2020 Fellows of the CAR!

“The Fellowship of the Canadian Association of Radiology (FCAR) is one of the highest honours that the Canadian Association of Radiology (CAR) can bestow upon its members.

Recognition as a Fellow of the CAR demonstrates a history of service to the CAR as a volunteer in collaboration and leadership, as well as clinical, scientific and professional accomplishments.”

Please help us in congratulating both Dr. Finlay and Dr. Somers on this esteemed accomplishment!

Canadian Emergency, Trauma and Acute Care Radiology Society (CETARS)

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Patlas for being elected as the Vice President to the Canadian Emergency, Trauma and Acute Care Radiology Society (CETARS).

“The Canadian Emergency, Trauma and Acute Care Radiology Society (CETARS) is a network of Canadian radiologists with an interest in Emergency, Trauma, and Acute Care Radiology. The society strives to encourage educational, research and administrative connections to maintain the highest standards of Emergency, Trauma, and Acute Care Imaging across Canada. The society strongly believes in and adheres to diversity, inclusion, respect for all and encouragement of professional behavior from leadership to individual members.”
Congratulations to Dr. Naveen Parasu and his esteemed research colleagues from McMaster University and the Royal Ontario Museum on their recent paper in regards to the discovery and diagnosis of a malignant cancer in a dinosaur bone for the first time! The paper was published the week of August 3rd in *The Lancet Oncology*, a prestigious medical journal.

https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(20)30171-6/fulltext

“The cancerous bone in question is the fibula, or lower leg bone, from Centrosaurus apertus, a horned dinosaur that lived 76 to 77 million years ago. Originally discovered in Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta in 1989, the badly malformed end of the fossil was originally thought to represent a healing fracture.” (excerpt taken from McMaster University Brighter World article dated August 3, 2020 - see link in next paragraph)

A team of multidisciplinary specialists and medical professionals from all over the world was assembled in the fields of radiology, pathology, mechanical engineering, orthopaedic surgery and palaeopathology.

**McMaster University Brighter World article** - https://brighterworld.mcmaster.ca/articles/malignant-cancer-diagnosed-in-a-dinosaur-for-the-first-time/

“This study aims to establish a new standard for the diagnosis of unclear diseases in dinosaur fossils and opens the door to more precise and more certain diagnoses. Establishing links between human disease and the diseases of the past will help scientists to gain a better understanding of the evolution and genetics of various diseases. Evidence of many other diseases that we share with dinosaurs and other extinct animals may yet be sitting in museum collections in need of re-examination using modern analytical techniques.” (excerpt taken from McMaster University Brighter World article dated August 3, 2020)

**RELATED NEWS LINKS:**


Research During a Pandemic

At the time of writing this column, HHS was in Phase 2 of restarting research activities. Phase 2, known as the “Ramping Up Research Activities Phase” specifies that study visits are allowed to continue at the hospital if the patient is already in hospital or coming for a clinical visit. The principal investigator must also have a plan in place for any research staff that are required at the hospital for study specific work only and have approval from each of the departments that are involved (i.e. DI for a MRI). As patient visits are so limited, researchers have had to come up with creative solutions on how to continue seeing the patients without the patients coming to HHS.

On August 19th, the Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) Research Administrative Office held an informative session titled, “Clinical Trials in the New Reality of COVID-19.” This presentation provided HHS and McMaster University Staff with strategies and ways to conduct research during COVID-19. The following is an overview of some of the approaches that Dr. Dominik Mertz and Dr. Steven Cummings provided to help staff continue research studies that involve patients:

- Consider doing home visits as they are considered low risk. Conduct a prescreening phone call on the day of the visit, ensure that you are only meeting with the patient and no one else in household and wear the required PPE.
- Explore if any of the exams can be done by telemedicine, mobile devices, or in-home nurses.
- Meet with the patient virtually or outside.
- For study drug dispensation, utilize “curbside pickup” which the HHS Pharmacy is providing or have the study drug couriered to the patient.
- Conduct electronic consent to enroll new patients into the study.
- See if your study sponsor will agree to remote monitoring visits

Although there have currently been many challenges in conducting research, researchers are learning new ways, that may in fact be improved methods, to conduct research. Home and virtual study visits allow for them now be done a time that is more convenient for the patient, doesn’t involve travel and parking, and requires less of the patient’s time. As a result, researchers may find that patients are more willing to participate in a study and therefore recruitment is much quicker.

To find out more about how to conduct research during COVID-19, feel free to reach out to Jane Castelli, HHS Research Manager, or visit the HHS Research Administration Website found on the HHS Hub/About Us/HHS Teams.
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In Memoriam
Dr. Melanie Griffiths
1963-2020

We are sad to share the news of the untimely recent passing of Dr. Melanie Griffiths. Melanie was a graduate of The Medical College of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London in 1988. She served as a Medical Officer in the Royal Air Force of Great Britain from November 1985 to March 1996. She qualified in Diagnostic Radiology in 1995. Following various work placements in the UK, Melanie travelled to Canada for a 6-month fellowship in radiology at the Hamilton General Hospital site. This was followed by a 5-year position as Consultant Radiologist at King Edward Memorial Hospital in Bermuda, where she met her predeceased husband Wayne. In 2004, Melanie returned to the Hamilton Health Sciences, Juravinski Site, where she served on staff until her resignation in 2018. Most recently Melanie served as a radiologist in local community clinic settings. Melanie was well known for her friendly personality, as well as her engagement with technologists, co-workers, and residents. Her passions included animals and golf.

- Dr. Karen Finlay

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I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer!

We are back and taking submissions for the 2020/2021 newsletters. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or stories you would like to share.

Please join in welcoming our new Diagnostic Imaging residents, fellows and associate staff members!

Thank you,
Tori

Do you have a humorous Covid mask that you wear to brighten people’s spirits or your own? Please do share! Send in your funny mask selfie for the October issue along with your name and position!

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