

In Celebration of Faculty Promotions

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Congratulations!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce the promotion of 30 of our Department of Paediatrics' members who have been promoted based on demonstrated excellence in one or more of research, creative professional activity (CPA) or teaching and service. Through these activities faculty members are recognized on their impact of their work as national (in the case of Associate Professor) and international (in the case of Full Professor) experts in their field. This year thirty distinguished faculty members were approved for Promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee effective July 1, 2023 for this academic year. We could not be more proud of their accomplishments and we are truly fortunate to have such incredibly talented, passionate and dedicated faculty who are making so many positive contributions in the world of paediatric academia. Please join us in congratulating your colleagues.

Full Professor

Dr. Reshma Amin

Division of Respiratory Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Amin is a clinician investigator who is recognized internationally as an accomplished Paediatric Respiriologist with special expertise in cystic fibrosis and in long-term ventilation of medically complex children. She has been a leader in the development of clinical care guidelines and in the creation of new and innovative care programs.



Dr. Stacey Bernstein

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Bernstein is a multi-award-winning clinician educator who is extremely highly regarded for her expertise in medical education, her outstanding teaching skills, and her dedicated and compassionate clinical care as a paediatric hospitalist. She has focused her academic career on teaching, educational innovation, and educational leadership, with a sustained level of excellence.



Dr. Cecil Hahn

Division of Neurology
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Hahn is an exceptional paediatric neurologist whose Creative Professional Activity and Research have had a major impact on the care of critically ill neonates, infants, and children. Dr. Hahn's work has changed our approach to the care of children with brain injury, demonstrating the high prevalence of silent seizures among this group and supporting the need for continuous EEG monitoring to improve outcomes.



Full Professor

Dr. Lennox Huang

Chief Medical Officer and Vice-President for Education,
Medical and Academic Affairs

Critical Care Medicine

The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Huang is a superb clinician administrator who has important impact in administrative activity and leadership, quality and patient safety, and healthcare simulation. Through his leadership he has created and grown academic clinical programs with international impact, made substantial advances in the field of simulation, led major change in quality and patient safety, and made significant sustained contributions to health care education.



Dr. Amish Jain

Division of Neonatology

Mount Sinai Hospital, Sinai Health System

University of Toronto

Dr. Jain is an award-winning neonatologist with expertise in cardiac physiology who is an international leader in the fields of Neonatal Cardiopulmonary Development and Disease. He has led national and international clinical, teaching, and research initiatives that have had world-wide impact on the care of neonates with cardiac disease.



Dr. Melanie Kirby-Allen

Division of Haematology Oncology

The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Kirby-Allen is an internationally recognized academic clinician paediatric hematologist whose work has helped transform the care and outcomes of patients with haemoglobinopathies, especially sickle cell disease and thalassemia. Her incredible advocacy efforts have been recognized through multiple awards, but more importantly, by building trust with patients, and families resulting in access to novel therapies. She is also a gifted and multiple award-winning teacher.



Full Professor

Dr. Mahendranath Moharir

Division of Neurology

The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Moharir is an academic clinician and a respected leader internationally in paediatric stroke research and hospitalist medicine. He has made multiple impactful contributions to the field of paediatric stroke, especially sinus venous thrombosis. He has also been recognized for teaching excellence with the receipt of multiple awards.



Dr. Maria Mylopoulos

Wilson Centre, University of Toronto

Dr. Mylopoulos is an internationally acclaimed education researcher whose innovative work has been recognized by adoption into new curricula. Her research is novel, and it is clear from her multiple publications and invitations to speak that the caliber of her scholarship is recognized by world authorities for its importance. She has won several prestigious awards in recognition for her work.



Dr. Michael Seed

Division of Cardiology

The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Seed is a world-leader whose unique combination of training in Paediatrics, Radiology, and Paediatric Cardiology has allowed him to develop novel and innovative techniques to study fetal circulation, new ways to study neurodevelopmental outcome resulting from disturbances in fetal circulation, and translate these findings to patients, with potential huge impact.



Full Professor

Dr. Michele (Michael) Zappitelli

Division of Nephrology

The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Zappitelli is a clinician scientist and paediatric nephrologist who is highly respected as an international leader in acute kidney injury (AKI) in children. He has provided and continues to provide strong national leadership and international engagement by conducting, collaborating, and leading multi-center clinical studies in the field of renal injury.



Associate Professor

Dr. Lauren Chad

Division of Clinical and Metabolic Genetics
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Chad is an academic clinician clinical geneticist who has brought multiple innovations to both clinical care and education through the application of a bioethical lens to all her activities. She is well-recognized nationally through her advocacy and policy development work through the Canadian College of Medical Genetics.



Dr. Jillian Baker

St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Baker has distinguished herself by creating programs in “benign hematology” at both ends of the paediatric age spectrum: Prenatal Haematology and Adolescent and Young Adult Haematology. Through her work in these clinics, she has established a national and international reputation and provides consultation to provincial organizations, participates in the development of international guidelines, and delivers outstanding clinical care and advocacy for patients with wide variety of hematologic disorders.



Dr. Avram Denburg

Division of Haematology Oncology
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Denburg is a clinician scientist health policy researcher who has quickly emerged as a national and international leader in improving outcomes in paediatric cancers locally and globally. He has already achieved widespread international recognition through his research initiatives that have resulted in wide-ranging impact.



Associate Professor

Dr. Sloane Freeman

Women's and Children's Health Program
St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto, University of Toronto

Dr. Freeman is a general paediatrician with a clinical and academic focus in health care delivery to disadvantaged children, developmental paediatrics, and social paediatrics. Her innovative models of health care delivery have been recognized nationally and has led to improved health outcomes.



Dr. Elaine Gilfoyle

Critical Care Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Gilfoyle is an internationally respected critical care medicine physician, whose work in resuscitation has informed the development of clinical guidelines worldwide. She has led multiple education endeavours which have impacted the paediatric critical care medicine trainees across the country.



Dr. Muhammad Akhter Hamid

Scarborough Health Network
University of Toronto

Dr. Hamid is a community-based paediatrician who has successfully crafted an academic program that includes significant components of creative professional activities, teaching and research, and whose advocacy and administrative contribution have had an international impact. He is highly regarded for his contribution to teaching and education with medical and nursing students and at the CE level through a highly successful conference that he organizes with the University of Toronto.



Associate Professor

Dr. Alisha Kassam

Division of Haematology
The Hospital for Sick Children
Southlake Regional Health Centre
University of Toronto

Dr. Kassam is a paediatric oncologist and palliative care physician whose efforts have transformed her community hospital into a regional palliative care centre of excellence and dramatically improved the quality of care provided to adolescents and young adults with cancer. As the leader of the palliative care program for her institution she has ensured that special focus has been given to this vulnerable population. She is seen as a national leader in adolescent and young adult oncology and palliative care. She has led important clinical studies which have influenced the care of adolescents and young adults with palliative care needs internationally.



Dr. Roxanne Kirsch

Critical Care Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Kirsch is a paediatric cardiac intensivist and clinical bioethicist who is changing the way care is delivered in highly stressful and complex areas by applying bioethical frameworks to all aspects of care. She is internationally recognized not only for her expertise in clinical care but also for her scholarly work examining the ethical issues associated critical care, helping to inform policy development on an international level.



Dr. Mathieu Lemaire

Division of Nephrology
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Lemaire is a clinician scientist whose work in translational research on rare kidney diseases using genomic tools has generated national and emerging international attention. Dr. Lemaire has dedicated his career to discovering new genes which cause rare paediatric renal diseases and has identified the first non-complement gene which causes a recessive form of atypical haemolytic-uremic syndrome (aHUS), diacylglycerol kinase epsilon (DGKE). The impact of his innovative work has widespread clinical implications for the diagnosis and management of patient with kidney disease.

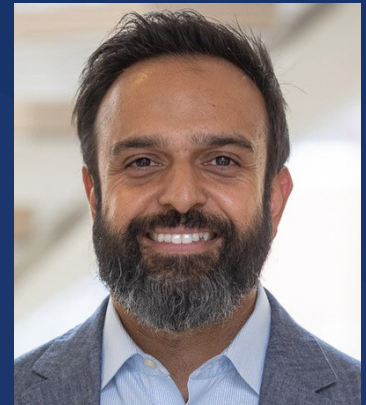


Associate Professor

Dr. Ripudaman Singh Minhas

Women's and Children's Health Program, Developmental Paediatrics
St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto, University of Toronto

Dr. Minhas is a developmental paediatrician, educator, researcher as well as a strong and influential advocate nationally for health equity across all these platforms. He has achieved significant impact in all these areas through his significant innovation in creating a relevant, evidence based digital platform, @OurKidsHealth which has been used to educate and empower marginalized families and promote the health of some of the most vulnerable children in society. His accomplishments have been recognized by multiple awards and with invitations to present his work and contribute to ongoing initiatives at the World Health Organization (WHO).



Dr. Adel Mohamed

Division of Neonatology
Mount Sinai Hospital, Sinai Health System
University of Toronto

Dr. Mohamed is an academic neonatologist who is leading an important and recently developed avenue of Point of Care Lung Ultrasound imaging (POCLUS) where he has made substantial contributions to the establishment of this field in the neonatal intensive care settings through research, clinical care, education, and quality improvement. He has provided and continues to provide a strong national leadership and platform for scientific implementation of this technique in the armamentarium of neonatologists who are managing very sick preterm neonates with significant benefits to patients and healthcare providers.



Dr. Olivia Ostrow

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Ostrow is an academic clinician emergency medicine specialist whose scholarly work focuses on driving excellence in clinical care through quality improvement efforts focused on resource stewardship and safety. Her work on resource utilization has been published widely and has international impact. Through her innovative and creative teaching approaches, Dr. Ostrow is building capacity for quality improvement amongst academic clinicians not only locally, but also nationally and internationally by mentoring clinicians in scholarly work in this area.



Associate Professor

Dr. Natasha Saunders

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Saunders is a clinician investigator who studies how health services are applied, with a focus on marginalized populations. Her goal is to provide the kinds of evidence needed to guide health policy. She has studied mental health system performance, health system access and outcomes for immigrant and refugee children, and injury epidemiology. Her work has led to changes in provincial and national policy, and she is a tireless advocate for improving access to care for vulnerable populations.



Dr. Seetha Radhakrishnan

Division of Nephrology
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Radhakrishnan is a paediatric nephrologist and clinician educator who has led multiple education initiatives with national impact, for which she has received many teaching awards. She is highly regarded for her clinical excellence in the care of children with complex glomerular diseases, particularly nephrotic syndrome.



Dr. Michelle Science

Division of Infectious Diseases
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Science is a multi-award-winning academic clinician who is a national leader in paediatric Infection Prevention and Control. Her scholarly work has led to significant changes in antimicrobial stewardship, infection control, and COVID-19 prevention practices at national and international levels.



Associate Professor

Dr. Furqan Shaikh

Division of Haematology Oncology
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Shaikh is an academic paediatric oncologist who has become an international leader in Germ Cell Tumors in childhood. In addition, through careful observation and analysis of a variety of clinical procedures common to children with cancer, he has improved the delivery of clinical care to this very vulnerable patient group.



Dr. Susanna Talarico

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Talarico is a gifted and dedicated teacher who has led programs at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine. She has received multiple teaching awards at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and continuing education levels within the University.



Dr. Chia Wei Teoh

Division of Nephrology
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Teoh is a multiple award-winning academic clinician paediatric nephrologist who leads the largest paediatric renal transplantation program in the country and one of the largest in the world, and has led national initiatives for the care of this vulnerable group of patients. With his skills in clinical informatics, he has developed a national and international reputation in assisting other institutions with adapting to new electronic medical records.



Associate Professor

Dr. Alene Toulany

Division of Adolescent Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Toulany is an adolescent medicine physician and clinician investigator who through her numerous leadership roles locally, provincially, and nationally, has made significant contributions to improving the quality of care and outcomes for youth transitioning to adult care and those with chronic physical and/or mental health conditions. Her work looking at health systems as they relate to transition are informing policy development nationally.



Dr. Meta van den Heuvel

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. van den Heuvel is a paediatrician whose work in the area of child growth and development in high and low resource settings within a health equity framework has been nationally recognized. She is also a highly regarded teacher and mentor and has co-developed a “Social Paediatrics” elective for residents. Dr. van den Heuvel has successfully integrated her clinical professional interests within her research activities, leading to multiple scholarly publications, international research collaborations and funding to understand how social determinants impact child health and development.

