

# DEPARTMENT OF PAEDIATRICS AWARDS CELEBRATION

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to announce the award recipients for the 2023 Department of Paediatrics Awards Day celebration and the many incredible achievements across the Department of Paediatrics.

These awards acknowledge tremendous accomplishments in the areas of research, education, administration, clinical care, and EDIA activities by our faculty, staff, and trainees. While the criterion for each award is as unique as each individual award recipient, there is a clear common thread – a commitment to excellence. Thank you for the outstanding nominations received this year and for sharing in the celebrations in person earlier this week.

Please join me in congratulating our 2023 award recipients and giving thanks to everyone across the Department!

Sincerely,  
Meredith

# CLINICAL AWARDS

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## DR. RICHARD ROWE AWARD

**DR. DEBORAH LEVY**  
RHEUMATOLOGY

**DR. ADAM RAPOPORT**  
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

This award recognizes physicians who have demonstrated excellence in the delivery of clinical care in its broadest sense over a significant period of time.

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## OUTSTANDING CLINICAL CONTRIBUTION

**DR. HERNAN GONORAZKY**  
NEUROLOGY

**DR. ANUPMA WADHWA**  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This award recognizes a paediatrician who has led an initiative in innovative care delivery systems, quality improvement, patient safety, advocacy, or other clinical endeavours.

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## JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

**DR. DEBORAH SCHONFELD**  
PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE

This award recognizes physicians within the first 5-10 years of appointment to an academic health science centre.

## SAUNDERS PRIZE

**DR. NAYANTARA GHOSH**  
PGY3  
CORE PAEDIATRICS RESIDENCY  
PROGRAM

This award recognizes a PGY-3 core paediatric resident who demonstrates outstanding clinical skills especially in the general paediatrics arena. This award is given in memory of Dr. Norman Saunders, who was a clinician's clinician and a general paediatrician for many years at The Hospital for Sick Children. Dr. Saunders was passionate about clinical care, particularly complex care.

# RESEARCH AWARDS

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## EMERGING RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AWARD

**DR. LINDA HIRAKI**

**RHEUMATOLOGY**

**DR. CATHARINE WALSH**

**GASTROENTEROLOGY, HEPATOLOGY & NUTRITION**

This award recognizes outstanding achievements and progress in research by a physician during the first 10 years after initial appointment to the faculty of an academic health sciences centre.

## RESEARCH IMPACT AWARD

**DR. JAMES DOWLING**

**NEUROLOGY**

This award recognizes a physician within 10-20 years of appointment to an academic health sciences centre, who has generated a body of research that is exerting a major impact in a field of study.

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## SUSTAINED RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

**DR. ROBERT HAMILTON**

**CARDIOLOGY**

This award recognizes sustained excellence in research by a physician with more than 20 years of appointment to an academic health sciences center, who has demonstrated far-reaching impact through innovation and/or leadership.

# EDUCATION AWARDS

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## **DR. SUSAN TALLETT AWARD FOR HUMANISM, COMPASSION & EXCELLENCE IN MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**DR. DAMIEN NOONE**

**NEPHROLOGY**

This award recognizes a faculty member at any stage of their career who exemplifies a deep and abiding commitment to medical education and inspires compassionate teaching, learning and care.

# EDUCATION AWARDS UNDERGRADUATE

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## **LIONEL WEINSTEIN CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD**

**DR. SHAWNA SILVER**

**PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE**

This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Clerkship.

## **RHA HASLAM PRE- CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD**

**DR. JESSICA BHULLAR**

**PAEDIATRICS**

**CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL**

This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Preclerkship (Foundations) curriculum.

## **COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD**

**DR. KATIE MENNIE**

**PAEDIATRICS**

**UNITY HEALTH TORONTO**

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from medical students, but also for substantial contributions and commitment to undergraduate medical education.

## **MARVIN GERSTEIN AWARD**

**DR. MICHELLE GORDON**

**PAEDIATRICS**

**ORILLIA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL  
HOSPITAL**

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician who has demonstrated long-standing excellence in both undergraduate and postgraduate education.

# **EDUCATION AWARDS POSTGRADUATE**

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## **CHRISTOPHER ONDAATJE AWARD**

**DR. VICTOR DO**

**PGY3**

**DR. ZIYAD ALRAJHI**

**PGY4**

**CORE PAEDIATRICS RESIDENCY  
PROGRAM**

This award recognizes a PGY3 and PGY4 resident in the Core Paediatric Residency Program who are selected by their peers to recognize teaching excellence. This award is made possible through a generous donation from Mr. Christopher Ondaatje.

## **HARRY BAIN AWARD**

**DR. IRENE LARA-CORRALES**

**DERMATOLOGY**

This award recognizes a full-time member of the paediatrics staff whom the residents select to be their best clinical teacher. This award is given in honour of Dr. Bain and his contribution to the Department of Paediatrics and his advocacy for child health.

## **DR. MICHAEL (MICKEY) LESTER AWARD**

**DR. ALEXANDRA KILIAN**

**PGY3**

**CORE PAEDIATRICS RESIDENCY  
PROGRAM**

This award recognizes outstanding performance in enhancing the patient and/or family experience in paediatric care by a core paediatric resident or a subspecialty paediatrics resident or clinical fellow.

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## **TRAINEE ADVOCACY, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD**

**DR. JUSTIN LAM**

**CLINICAL FELLOW**

**PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE**

This award recognizes trainees who have advanced equity, diversity & inclusion within SickKids Department of Paediatrics and/or the greater community.

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## **SUBSPECIALTY TEACHING AWARD**

**DR. ELIZAVETA LIMENIS**

**RHEUMATOLOGY**

This award recognizes trainees who have advanced equity, diversity & inclusion within SickKids Department of Paediatrics and/or the greater community.

## **COMMUNITY POSTGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD**

**DR. EVELYN ROZENBLYUM**

**RHEUMATOLOGY**

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from paediatric residents, but also, for substantial contributions and commitment to Postgraduate Medical Education.

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## **POWER TEACHING AWARD**

**DR. GREGORY COSTAIN**

**CLINICAL & METABOLIC GENETICS**

**DR. RONALD LAXER**

**RHEUMATOLOGY**

**DR. NATALIE JEWITT**

**PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE**

**DR. MARISSA JOSEPH**

**DERMATOLOGY**

**DR. SHAUN MORRIS**

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**DR. IAN KITAI**

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

This award recognizes our top postgraduate teachers, as reflected in their teaching evaluations from the core paediatric residents.

## **PERLS TEACHING AWARD**

### FACULTY

**DR. NATALIE JEWITT**

**PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE**

### FELLOWS:

**DRS. MAGDALENA RIEDL & SUBHRATA VERMA**

**NEPHROLOGY**

This award recognizes a faculty and a subspecialty resident/fellow who are selected by the core residents for their outstanding contributions to the PeRLS curriculum. This award can be given for individual stand alone sessions, as well as any one of the subcurricula that exist within the larger curriculum.

# **EDUCATION AWARDS CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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## **EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & COORDINATION**

**DR. ANUPMA WADHWA**

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

This award recognizes sustained exemplary teaching and contributions to the Continuing Professional Development of paediatricians, specifically excellence in teaching, subject mastery, and the ability to engage learners.

# PAEDIATRIC ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

**CELINE ROUSSEL-BILOKON**

HAEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

COORDINATOR:

**SARAH FORTINO**

PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of staff members who have demonstrated outstanding performance and excellence in all aspects of their administrative professional role.

# FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARDS

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**ADVOCACY, EQUITY,  
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION  
AWARD**

**DR. ASHLEY VANDERMORRIS**

ADOLESCENT MEDICINE

This award recognizes recipients who develop and/or implement activities, programs, or research related to social justice and health equity that advance anti-racism initiatives and manifest our shared commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion into action.

**DR. DENIS DANEMAN  
FACULTY MENTORSHIP  
AWARD**

**DR. RONALD LAXER**

RHEUMATOLOGY

This award recognizes physicians with an outstanding approach to mentorship through long-term commitment to mentoring, advising, and coaching of paediatric faculty members.



# SICKKIDS TRAINEE QUALITY & SAFETY AWARD

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## **DR. SIMONNE HORWITZ**

**PGY2**

**CORE PAEDIATRIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

This award recognizes SickKids' physician learners who participate in or lead quality improvement and patient safety projects.

Dr. Horwitz has been awarded for the project titled: : Improving On-Call Communication through the Implementation of a Secure Text Messaging System.

# FACULTY PROMOTIONS

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It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we congratulate 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 the 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 30 distinguished faculty members were approved for Promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee effective July 1, 2023. 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.

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