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FULL PROFESSOR:

Dr. Adelle Atkinson, Professor
Division of Immunology/Allergy

Dr. Atkinson is a multiple award-winning clinician-educator who has had a major influence on how all residents in the country are now trained. Her innovative approaches to education have transformed the Paediatric Training Program at the University of Toronto, one of the largest programs in North America. She has served as an international consultant on medical education. She is also a highly recognized clinical allergist/immunologist whose work in “delabelling” patients with suspected but unconfirmed allergies has had a major impact on the care of children not only locally, but through her publications and media appearances, nationally and internationally as well.

Dr. Yaron Avitzur, Professor
Division of Gastroenterology Hepatology & Nutrition

Dr. Avitzur is a world leader in the fields of Intestinal Failure and Intestinal and Liver Transplantation. He has done transformational work with international impact in improving the lives of children with Intestinal Failure, and taken on important leadership roles nationally and internationally.

Dr. Jim Dowling, Professor
Division of Neurology

Dr. Dowling is a true “triple-threat”. His bedside to bench and back to bedside approach has resulted in new clinical observations and treatment approaches for congenital myopathies. He has developed new models to study these diseases. He has been a pioneer in the development of new training programs. He leads multiple national and international ventures dedicated to improving the outcomes of children with myopathies.
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FULL PROFESSOR:

Dr. Binita Kamath, Professor
Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition

Dr. Kamath is a world-renowned translational scientist who has led the field of paediatric liver disease through her work on Alagille Syndrome (AGLS) and other liver disorders. Her innovative approaches have led to new ways to study liver disease in the laboratory that have wide-ranging impact.

Dr. Simon Ling, Professor
Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition

Dr. Ling is an internationally recognized, award winning academic clinician whose work focuses on children with chronic liver diseases, primarily cystic fibrosis and viral infections. He has made major contributions to the development and dissemination of guidelines around clinical care; has made major contributions to development and maintenance of registries that have generated data to support applications for paediatric drug approval; contributed to the recommendations about management of variceal hemorrhage in children with portal hypertension, and played many administrative roles internationally.

Dr. Sanjay Mahant, Professor
Division of Paediatric Medicine

Dr. Mahant is a multiple award-winning clinician-investigator who has emerged as world leader in the rapidly developing field of Hospital Medicine. His vision in the development and promotion of research networks is allowing clinicians to address clinically relevant issues and improve the care of hospitalized children. He is recognized as an outstanding clinician who has studied clinical excellence and made important observations that have been widely recognized.
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FULL PROFESSOR:

Dr. Brian Simmons, Professor  
Division of Neonatology

Dr. Simmons is a Clinician-Educator who has focused his scholarly work in the area of assessment of learners. Based on the success within his own program he has taken on progressively larger leadership roles both within the University of Toronto as well as nationally. He has made sustained scholarly contributions in teaching, educational program development, research and educational leadership throughout his career. His work has had an international impact.

Dr. Rachel Wald, Professor  
Division of Cardiology

Dr. Wald uses her unique expertise in cardiac imaging to advance the care and improve outcomes in a variety of complex congenital heart diseases. She leverages her training in paediatric cardiology, cardiac imaging and adult congenital heart diseases to develop innovative approaches that have led to important clinical observations that have helped advance care. She is internationally recognized for this work as evidenced by frequent requests to speak and participate in the development of clinical guide.

Dr. Valerie Waters, Professor  
Division of Infectious Disease

Dr. Waters is an internationally recognized clinician-investigator whose clinical and research work in the areas of infection related to Cystic Fibrosis has had a major impact on the field. Her studies, particularly related to infection control and microbiology in this area, have been innovative and are leading to new ways to care for patients. As a result of her expertise, she consults widely and is a frequent contributor to meetings of professional societies.
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

Dr. Jessica Brian, Associate Professor
Developmental Paediatrics

Dr. Brian is one of Canada’s leading experts in clinical and research aspects of Childhood Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Results from her large scale studies of early assessment and intervention in ASD have been adopted both nationally and internationally. She has provided significant education to both healthcare professionals and parents that are leading to earlier diagnosis, earlier referral for expert care and eventually better outcomes for children with ASD.

Dr. Vann Chau, Associate Professor
Division of Neurology

Dr. Chau is a highly valued and respected clinician-teacher, whose commitment to the welfare of babies born with brain injury from a variety of causes has led to new clinical programs that have improved outcomes. His leadership in curriculum development of the neurology fellowship program has resulted in national recognition and multiple awards.

Dr. Paige Church, Associate Professor
Division of Neonatology

Dr. Church is a trailblazing neonatologist whose visionary care has led to changes in the model of delivery of care of premature newborns, not only within the neonatal intensive care units but also follow up care. Her own unique training is now being by many others. She is seen as an outstanding teacher and mentor.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

**Dr. Noma Dlamini, Associate Professor**  
*Division of Neurology*

Dr. Dlamini is an internationally leading clinician-investigator in the area of paediatric stroke. She leads an international consortium in which she has not only made valuable contribution to the literature herself but helped provide an infrastructure to be able to integrate huge amounts of clinical data and neuroimaging data to help conduct and interpret the results of multi-centre studies.

**Dr. Rebecca Greenberg, Associate Professor**  
*Bioethics*

Dr. Greenberg is a clinical bioethicist who has made major contributions in the field of transplantation ethics. Through policy development, presentations and publications, she has had a major impact on how clinicians and policy makers think about transplantation. Her work on moral distress in the Critical Care Unit has helped many clinicians and healthcare providers approach many challenging cases.

**Dr. Jessie Hulst, Associate Professor**  
*Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition*

Dr. Hulst is a well-known academic paediatric nutritionist whose clinical research has had a significant impact on assessment of nutritional status in hospitalized children. She has taken a major leadership role both in Europe, and now in Canada, advocating for closer attention to child malnutrition in hospitalized children. As Dr. Hulst only recently moved to Canada, evidence required for national reputation should relate to her home country, the Netherlands, but certainly extends far beyond.
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

Dr. Charisse Kwan, Associate Professor
Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Dr. Kwan has become an international leader in the emerging area of Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) in the paediatric Emergency Room (ER). She has developed new educational and assessment tools that are used worldwide. She provides international consultation to multiple institutions wanting to develop POCUS and also hosts national and international trainees at multiple levels.

Dr. Damien Noon, Associate Professor
Division of Nephrology

Dr. Noone has focused his clinical work in the area of vasculitis and glomerular disease, creating novel clinics and leading and participating in collaborative research work. He has also played a leading role in nephology education locally and nationally, and his leadership in developing a Competence by Design Training Programs has also resulted in national recognition.

Dr. Chris Tomlinson, Associate Professor
Division of Neonatology

Dr. Tomlinson's merging expertise in clinical nutrition with neonatology care at the bedside, Dr. Tomlinson is recognized as the “go-to expert” for all nutritional issues in the SickKids Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). He has led the development of multiple guidelines that have changed practice locally, provincially and nationally. He has provided excellent supervision for a number of graduate and postgraduate students in Nutritional Sciences.
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

Dr. Julia Upton, Associate Professor
Division of Immunology & Allergy

Dr. Upton is a Clinical Allergist and Immunologist who has focused her work on improving the lives of food allergic people. She has done this through her own excellent clinical care, her leadership in clinical trials and her national leadership in multiple associations with a significant impact. She is also a national leader in the area of Primary Immunodeficiency.

Dr. Catharine Walsh, Associate Professor
Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition

Dr. Walsh is a clinician-scientist whose research in Education, particularly skills acquisition and assessment, has had a major impact on training programs related to endoscopy. She has won multiple awards for her ground-breaking educational research as well as for teaching and education, and she is seen as the “go-to” expert in teaching endoscopy skills.