

IN CELEBRATION OF FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Congratulations!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce the promotion of 24 Department of Paediatrics faculty members, recognized for demonstrated excellence in one or more areas of scholarship—research, creative professional activity (CPA), and teaching. Through their outstanding contributions, these faculty members have been recognized as national and international leaders whose work has had a meaningful impact on academic paediatrics. This year, twenty four highly accomplished colleagues were approved for promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee, effective July 1, 2026. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and grateful to have such talented, passionate, and dedicated faculty within our department.

Please join us in congratulating our colleagues on this well-deserved achievement!

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Dr. Laura Avila

Division of Haematology Oncology
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Dr. Avila is a Paediatric Haematologist and Clinician Scientist in the SickKids Research Institute. She is an expert in paediatric thrombosis and the development and utilization of important measurement tools for diagnosis and severity ratings. She is a leading scholar in clinical and translational research in paediatric venous thrombosis, specifically post thrombotic syndrome (PTS), a form of chronic venous insufficiency which has increased dramatically in the last decade in children receiving care in tertiary care institutions.

Dr. Gregory Costain

Division of Clinical and Metabolic Genetics
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Costain is a Clinician Scientist at SickKids in the Division of Clinical and Metabolic Genomics and RI Genetics and Genomics Program. His research focuses on rare genetic disease, genomics, neurodevelopment, and precision child health. He uses genome sequencing and advanced analytic methods to improve diagnosis for children with unexplained medical complexity, as well as those with epilepsy and neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. Costain has contributed extensively to gene discovery, variant interpretation, and evidence-based genomic medicine, including international collaborations on rare disease reporting standards and precision therapeutics.



Dr. Adrienne Davis

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Davis is an Academic Clinician who is recognized nationally for advancing paediatric emergency medicine research, education, and health equity initiatives. She has led the SEARCH (Sick Kids Emergency Assistants for Research in Child Health) program since 2019 supporting thousands of clinical trial enrollments in the Emergency Department. Her research expertise focuses on timely diagnosis of paediatric neurologic emergencies, traumatic brain injuries, and concussion management and includes applications of point of care ultrasound.



Dr. Joana Dos Santos

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Dos Santos is a pioneering paediatric medical urologist at SickKids and the University of Toronto recognized for advancing medical management of paediatric urological disorders. As Canada's first Medical Urologist, she has led innovative programs in bladder and bowel dysfunction, neurogenic bladder, congenital urinary tract abnormalities, and neuromodulation therapies. She founded and leads the Bladder and Bowel Dysfunction Network, improving access to specialized care. Dr. Dos Santos also directs urology education initiatives, contributes national clinical guidelines, and advances translational research focused on improving outcomes and quality of life for children with paediatric urologic conditions.





Dr. Gabrielle Freire

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Freire is a paediatric emergency physician and clinician researcher at SickKids in the Child Health Evaluative Sciences Program and the University of Toronto recognized for her leadership in paediatric injury care, emergency medicine research, and implementation science. Her CIHR-funded research program focuses on improving paediatric trauma and emergency care through knowledge translation, evidence-based practice, and equitable access to care. She has contributed influential research on paediatric traumatic brain injury, bronchiolitis, trauma systems, and health outcomes. She also provides national and international leadership through Paediatric Emergency Research Canada (PERC) and the Paediatric Emergency Research Networks (PERN), advancing collaborative paediatric emergency research globally.

Dr. Carolina Gorodetsky

Division of Neurology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Gorodetsky is an Academic Clinician in the Division of Neurology at the Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the fields of paediatric movement disorders and neuromodulation. Her research focuses on neuromodulation, deep brain stimulation (DBS) and therapies for rare movement disorders with the goal of improving outcomes. She is the founding Medical Director of Canada's first Paediatric DBS Program and serves as Program Director of the Movement Disorder Fellowship. Dr. Gorodetsky has become a leader in this field both nationally and internationally, publishing guidelines and research to support the dissemination of this work. She has also received awards related to her teaching in this field.



Dr. Maya Harel-Sterling

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Harel-Sterling is a paediatric emergency physician at SickKids and the University of Toronto recognized for her leadership in point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), medical education, and paediatric emergency medicine research. As Director of the SickKids POCUS Program, she leads innovative ultrasound training initiatives for medical students, residents, and fellows. Her research focuses on competency-based ultrasound education, simulation curricula, and integrating POCUS into paediatric emergency care to improve diagnostic efficiency and patient outcomes. Dr. Harel-Sterling has received national recognition for her educational research and publications, and she continues to advance excellence in paediatric emergency medicine through mentorship, curriculum development and academic leadership.



Dr. Puneet Jain

Division of Neurology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Jain is an Academic Clinician in the Division of Neurology at SickKids. His areas of expertise include epilepsy and neurophysiology. He plays an integral role in the epilepsy surgery program. His research focuses on drug-resistant epilepsy, infantile spasms, and epileptic encephalopathies. His national and growing international expertise is evident by the development of clinical protocols and evidence-based guidelines for children with complex epilepsy and other neurologic disorders.





Dr. Ashraf Kharrat

Division of Neonatology
Mount Sinai Hospital

Dr. Kharrat is an Academic Clinician Neonatologist at Mount Sinai Hospital and University of Toronto. Her academic work focuses on neonatal sepsis, hemodynamics and targeted neonatal echocardiography and improving outcomes for critically ill infants through evidence-based care pathways and clinical research. She has led Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives in the NICU and standardized management of neonatal sepsis and hypotension. Her academic work demonstrates a commitment to health-care quality, interdisciplinary collaboration and advancing neonatal care through data-driven innovation and education.

Dr. Rebecca Levy

Division of Dermatology
The Hospital for Sick Children

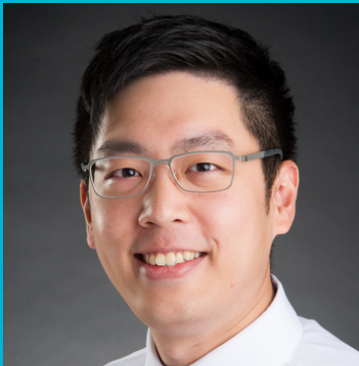
Dr. Levy is an Academic Clinician in the Division of Dermatology at SickKids. She is widely recognized for her expertise in clinical dermatology and has research interests that are anchored in scholarship and development of innovative models of care for children with complex dermatologic disease. Her work is also focused on outcomes and novel therapies for both common and rare paediatric skin disorders with specific interest in vascular birthmarks and skin complications from cancer therapies. She is also the Fellowship Director for Paediatric Dermatology at SickKids and University of Toronto.



Dr. Anthony Liu

Division of Haematology Oncology
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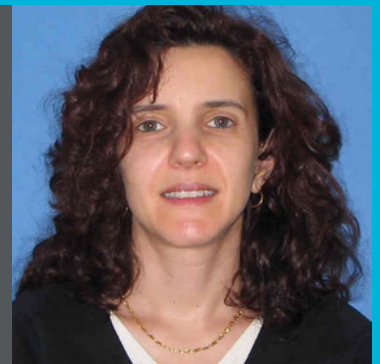
Dr. Liu is an Academic Clinician Paediatric Neuro-oncologist at SickKids who has developed innovative approaches to imaging and non-invasive molecular biomarkers, such as circulating tumor DNA, for patients with paediatric central nervous system (CNS) tumors. He has integrated these technologies into retrospective studies and prospective clinical trials locally and globally. He has also contributed to international protocols and consensus guidelines.



Dr. Angela Orsino

Division of Developmental Paediatrics
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Dr. Orsino is an Academic Clinician at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and the University of Toronto. She is recognized for leadership in developmental paediatrics education and advocacy-focused medical training. Her scholarship centers on medical education, adaptive expertise, critical reflection, and teaching advocacy skills to trainees. As Program Director of the University of Toronto Developmental Paediatrics fellowship program, she has led national educational initiatives and competency-based training development. Dr. Orsino is also recognized for innovative family-centered projects, including the Kid2Kid Advice initiative supporting children and youth with disabilities.





Dr. Evelyn Rozenblyum

General Paediatrics, and Rheumatology, Unity Health Toronto
St. Michael's Hospital and The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Rozenblyum is an Academic Clinician based at St. Michael's Hospital and cross appointed at SickKids. She is recognized as a national leader in paediatric rheumatology transitional care for youth with rheumatic diseases. She also has a focus in neonatal and perinatal rheumatology, as well as rheumatology education. Her programmatic innovations, such as the JIA Transition Clinic, SMH neonatal rheumatology, and SMH general paediatric rheumatology, integrate multidisciplinary, patient centered care and serve as platforms for education, quality improvement, and scholarship.

Dr. Ashley Vander Morris

Division of Adolescent Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Vander Morris is an Academic Clinician in the Division of Adolescent Medicine at SickKids and the University of Toronto. She is recognized for leadership in adolescent health equity, advocacy, and participatory health systems research. As co-lead of the Fraser Mustard Institute Policy Bench and director of the LEAP Lab, her research focuses on adolescent-responsive, rights-based models of care, gender-affirming health services, global adolescent health, and youth engagement. Dr. Vander Morris is widely recognized for advancing interdisciplinary, equity-focused approaches that improve health outcomes for vulnerable and marginalized youth populations.



Dr. Ruud Verstegen

Division of Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology and Rheumatology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Verstegen is an Academic Clinician and is dually trained in Paediatric Rheumatology and Clinical Pharmacology - a rare combination, with less than ten individuals holding similar dual subspecialty training across North America. Dr. Verstegen's work is distinguished by its unique integration of paediatric rheumatology and paediatric clinical pharmacology, with a particular focus on immune modulation, adverse drug reactions, and the genetic variability influencing drug efficacy and safety. Through collaborative research and clinical innovation he is advancing safer, precision/individualized treatment approaches for children with complex inflammatory and immune mediated diseases.

Dr. Ian Zenlea

Women's and Children's Health
Trillium Health Partners

Dr. Zenlea is a Paediatrician, Paediatric Endocrinologist, Clinician Scientist and Lead for the Family and Child Health Initiative at Trillium Health Partners. He is a highly respected clinician, educator, and leader whose creative professional activities and research have made a profound and sustained impact on paediatric health-care systems in Ontario and nationally. His research focuses on participatory approaches that co-design health and social interventions with families and communities to improve child and family well-being. His work exemplifies innovation, leadership, and a deep commitment to improving the quality of care for children and youth with chronic health conditions such as diabetes and obesity.



PROFESSORS

Dr. Nomazulu Dlamini

Division of Neurology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Dlamini is an internationally recognized paediatric neurologist and clinician-researcher at SickKids and University of Toronto whose work has advanced the understanding of childhood stroke, cerebrovascular disease, and neuro recovery. She serves as Director of the Children's Stroke Program in the Division of Neurology and is a Senior Associate Scientist at the SickKids Research Institute. Her work pioneers the use of advanced neuroimaging and individualized risk prediction models to improve outcomes for children with stroke and arteriopathies. She also provides global leadership through the International Paediatric Stroke Study and international guideline initiatives, while mentoring trainees and advancing multidisciplinary paediatric stroke care and research worldwide.



Dr. Andreea Dragulescu

Division of Cardiology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Dragulescu is a leading paediatric cardiologist at SickKids and the University of Toronto recognized for advancing echocardiography and cardiac imaging assessments in children with congenital and acquired heart disease. Her research has pioneered and validated innovative three-dimensional and functional echocardiographic techniques to improve assessment of ventricular function and complex cardiac anatomy. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and contributed to international imaging guidelines and educational initiatives. Dr. Dragulescu serves as Co-Director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Program and Clinical Lead of the Cardiology Outpatient Clinic at SickKids, providing leadership in clinical innovation, multidisciplinary care, research collaboration, and advanced paediatric cardiac imaging education internationally.



Dr. Daniel Roth

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Roth is a paediatric Clinician Scientist and Epidemiologist in the Division of Paediatric Medicine and the Centre for Global Child Health at SickKids. He is internationally recognized for his global health and nutrition research. His work focuses on maternal and child nutrition, vitamin D deficiency, growth, infectious diseases and neonatal microbiome research in low-resource settings. He has led major international studies in South Asia and Bangladesh, including Gates foundation funded research on infant sepsis and the microbiome. His research has yielded new findings in several areas that have important public health and policy implications.



Dr. Anupma Wadhwa

Division of Infectious Diseases
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Wadhwa is an internationally recognized Clinician Educator whose innovative, award-winning programs have been widely disseminated and adopted by many training programs across the country. She has served as Program Director of both the Royal College-accredited Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ID) subspecialty residency and the International Paediatric ID clinical Fellowship programs, enriching both training tracks with numerous curricular and assessment innovations and quality improvement processes. These paediatric ID subspecialty training programs are the largest in Canada. Her influence as an educator in the field of paediatric infectious diseases is recognized nationally and internationally.



Dr. Thomas Walters

Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Walters is an Academic Clinician in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at SickKids. He is an internationally recognized expert in the care of children with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). His work focuses on IBD phenotyping, genetics, growth impairment and long-term therapeutic outcomes in children and adolescents. He has had a major impact on the training of paediatric gastroenterologists nationally and internationally and has won multiple awards for both his teaching and work in the area of Informatics. He holds national and international leadership positions for IBD research networks including CIDsCaNN, PRO-KIIDs, IMAGEKIDS and developed multi-centre data platforms supporting collaborative clinical research worldwide and the implementation of evidence-based care.



Dr. Jonathan Wasserman

Division of Endocrinology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Wasserman is an Academic Clinician in the Division of Endocrinology. His scholarly work focuses on the interface between endocrinology and oncology through which he seeks to understand the biological contributors to endocrine neoplasms, enhance surveillance for early detection of cancers in the context of hereditary predisposition, and establish robust guidelines for management of children with endocrine cancers. His research integrates genomic technologies with population health approaches to advance precision medicine for children and adolescents with endocrine malignancies. In addition to his research he has contributed to international thyroid cancer guidelines and mentors many trainees. Dr. Wasserman's ability to seamlessly integrate his creative professional activities is remarkable with impactful research studies and trans-disciplinary teaching.

Dr. Suzan Williams

Division of Haematology Oncology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Williams is an Academic Clinician who is internationally recognized as an accomplished Paediatric Haematologist at SickKids with special expertise in paediatric thrombotic disease and sickle cell anemia. Her sharp clinical acumen has led to the discovery of novel gene mutations in patients with anti-thrombin deficiency and cerebral sinus vein thrombosis. She has been a leader in the development of clinical care guidelines, many of which have been published. In addition, she has been the Program Director for the past five years for one of the largest Haematology Oncology training programs in North America.



Dr. Peter Wong

Division of Paediatric Medicine, Community Paediatrics
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Wong is a Community Paediatrician and Paediatric Cardiologist who is well recognized for his leadership in community paediatrics, public health and child health equity. He has appointments at William Osler Health Center and SickKids (as a Project Investigator). His research focuses on health, cardiometabolic risk, and infant nutrition and has led to important contributions to the peer-reviewed literature and significant advocacy work. He has held numerous national leadership roles with the CPS and Toronto Board of Health, advancing healthy policy and preventive child health initiatives. He is also recognized for his excellence in advocacy, teaching and community-based paediatric research.