



IN CELEBRATION OF FACULTY PROMOTIONS



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CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce the promotion of 18 of our Department of Paediatrics' members who have been promoted based on demonstrated excellence in one or more of areas of scholarship (research, creative professional activity (CPA) or teaching). Through these activities faculty members are recognized for the impact of their work as national and international experts. This year eighteen highly accomplished faculty members were approved for Promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee effective July 1, 2025. 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 academic paediatrics. Please join us in congratulating your colleagues!



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



Dr. Cathryn Sibbald

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

Dr. Sibbald is an academic clinician who, in a short period of time, has established herself as an expert in a number of skin disorders, including alopecia and several inflammatory dermatoses. As a result, she is a highly sought after speaker and participant in the development of clinical guidelines. In addition, she is an outstanding mentor and an award-winning teacher.



Dr. Hernan Gonorazky

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

Dr. Gonorazky is an academic clinician who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the field of pediatric neuromuscular disorders and has developed a local, national, and international reputation for this work. He led the development of a Paediatric Neuromuscular fellowship at the University of Toronto and a National Neuromuscular Program for the training of neurologists, bridging the gap between adult and paediatric neuromuscular training.

Dr. Karim Jessa

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

Dr. Jessa is an internationally recognized expert in clinical informatics (CI), who has been called upon to consult with national and international institutions. He has made significant contributions to the scholarly advancement of clinical informatics, pioneering new training programs in CI, and disseminating this expertise through scholarly publications.





ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



Dr. Laura McAdam

Division of Developmental Paediatrics
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital,
University of Toronto

Dr. McAdam serves as a Clinician-Investigator at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and in the Bloorview Research Institute. She leads both the Neuromuscular Clinic and Rett Syndrome Clinic, and her scholarly pursuits aim to bridge knowledge gaps in rare disease management, emphasizing interdisciplinary collaboration to enhance patient outcomes and quality of life.



Dr. Nirit Bernhard

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

By creating a unique clinic for patients and families with Down Syndrome, Dr. Bernhard has become the “go to” consultant that general and sub-specialty pediatricians in the Greater Toronto Area, and The Hospital for Sick Children, will refer complex children with Trisomy 21 to see. She is a national leader in medical education based on the development of the Portfolio Program at U. of T. She is recognized as a leader in physician wellness in the Division, Department and at The Hospital for Sick Children.

Dr. Vy Hong Kiep (Vy) Kim

Division of Immunology & Allergy
The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Kim is an Academic Clinician who has contributed significantly to clinical care and research related to the diagnosis and care of patients with inborn errors of immunity (primary immune deficiencies) and patients with food allergy. She has played a leading role in medical education and leads the Immunology & Allergy training program.





FULL PROFESSOR



Dr. Angela Punnett

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

Dr. Punnett is a multiple award-winning clinician educator and gifted teacher who has held multiple education leadership roles at the University of Toronto, as well as nationally and internationally. In addition, she is a highly regarded clinician who has made significant contributions to the care of children primarily with Hodgkin disease and post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease (PTLD), holding several leadership roles with the North American clinical trials consortium Children's Oncology Group (COG).



Dr. Catharine Walsh

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

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, locally, nationally, and internationally. 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.



Dr. Emily Tam

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

Dr. Tam is a Pediatric Neurologist Clinician-investigator who is a world leader in the field of neonatal neurology. Her important research observations, particularly those related to blood sugar controls and neonatal outcomes are having widespread clinical applications. In addition, she has developed a unique training program in neonatal neurology, the largest of its kind in the world, whose graduates have now taken up important positions nationally and internationally.





FULL PROFESSOR



Dr. Farid Mahmud

Division of Neurology

The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Mahmud is a Pediatric Endocrinologist Clinician-Investigator, and an Associate Scientist in the Program for Translational Medicine at the SickKids Research Institute. He is a leading scholar in clinical and translational research in diabetes, related co-morbid autoimmune conditions, and early evaluation and prevention of diabetes related complications through medication and lifestyle interventions.



Dr. Julia Upton

Division of Immunology & Allergy

The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

Dr. Upton is an academic clinician who is recognized internationally as an accomplished Paediatric Allergist and Immunologist with special expertise in Food Allergy, vaccine safety and efficacy and professional standards. She has been a leader in the development of clinical care guidelines and in the creation of new and innovative care programs.



Dr. Lynne Nield

Sunnybrook Health Sciences, Women and Babies' Program

Michael Garron Hospital, University of Toronto

Dr. Nield is an academic clinician pediatric cardiologist whose expertise in fetal and neonatal cardiology has resulted in widespread clinical, educational, and scholarly impact. Her work has touched many levels of the academic enterprise making her highly sought after as a consultant, teacher, mentor, and research partner. Her volunteer efforts with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF, Doctors without Borders) impact the care of children on a global level.



FULL PROFESSOR



Dr. Maitreya Coffey

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

Dr. Coffey is a Clinician-Administrator and a world leader in the areas of quality and patient safety. Her work has transformed care and outcomes locally, nationally, and internationally and has led to her being appointed to multiple important leadership positions. She has won many awards for her work in these areas.



Dr. Roberto Mendoza-Londono

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

Dr. Mendoza-Londono is the Division Head for Clinical and Metabolic Genetics and an internationally recognized leader in Clinical Genetics, especially in rare skeletal dysplasias and connective tissue disorders such as Ehlers Danlos Syndrome.

Aligning with his creative professional activity, he is a strong collaborative research partner particularly in translating research findings into clinical practice. He is also an accomplished educator, with many leadership roles in teaching and education.

Dr. Shaun Morris

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

Dr. Morris is a Pediatric Infectious Disease Clinician Scientist who is internationally recognized for his work in reducing pediatric morbidity and mortality from infectious diseases both in Canada and globally. He uses epidemiologic methods to study the incidence, diagnosis, outcomes, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases in children.





FULL PROFESSOR



Dr. Sumit Gupta

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

Dr. Gupta is an academic pediatric oncologist and Clinician whose stellar research program focuses on using administrative health data to improve cancer outcomes in children with a focus on acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). His groundbreaking clinical trial work is changing the way childhood ALL is being treated. Through his creative professional activity, he has advocated for vulnerable sub-populations of children with cancer including children in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs), and adolescents and young adults (AYA) with cancer.



Dr. Tanja Gonska

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

Dr. Gonska is a passionate clinician-investigator and an internationally recognized expert in diseases of the pancreas, and most especially, cystic fibrosis (CF). Her studies related to CF newborn screening and risk factors for the development of CF have led to changes in practice. Her expertise in CF related GI disease is widely acknowledged through participation in guideline development and consultation requests from across the country from pediatricians and internists.

Dr. Theo Moraes

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

Dr. Moraes is a Pediatric Respiriologist Clinician-Scientist, Division Head for Respiratory Medicine and a Senior Scientist in the Program for Translational Medicine at the SickKids Research Institute. In the research setting He has established a very strong and collaborative program with a wet bench research lab focused on airway epithelial cell biology. In addition, he is also an outstanding contributor in all spheres of academic pediatric respirology including clinical work (asthma, chronic lung disease of prematurity and aerodigestive clinics), education, and advocacy (in the area of vaping and smoking).

