



# Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2020

## Chair's Message...



First and foremost, I want to wish everyone and their families a happy, safe and restful holiday. It has been an interesting year with multiple challenges in our personal, clinical and academic lives. It was remarkable seeing the transformation from in-person encounters to virtual meetings. There was tremendous strain on our hospital and university systems but so many of you demonstrated resiliency and resourcefulness.

The most exciting news from the Faculty of Medicine was the \$250 million donation from James and Louise Temerty. This is the single largest gift in Canadian history which “will support discovery, collaboration, innovation, equity and student well-being across the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine and its affiliated hospital network, advancing its leadership as a global centre of excellence in human

health and health care”. In gratitude for this extraordinary benefaction, the University’s Faculty of Medicine will be named the Temerty Faculty of Medicine. You can read more about this landmark donation at the following link ([University of Toronto Receives Single Largest Gift in Canadian History from James and Louise Temerty to Support Advances in Human Health and Health Care | Faculty of Medicine \(utoronto.ca\)](#)) and/or watch as President Meric Gertler announces the historic gift ([Announcing a historic gift to the University of Toronto - YouTube](#)) on September 24, 2020.

Despite the pandemic, we have moved ahead with many important activities in the department. We continue with grand rounds, journal clubs, hospital rounds, core lecture teaching sessions and various committee meetings. We are planning OtoUpdate on February 6, 2021 and the Percy Ireland research activities on May 7-8, 2021.

Undergraduate medical education recently underwent an external accreditation review and we are waiting for the deliberation results on that. The postgraduate medical education programs at the University of Toronto underwent virtual Royal College external review over a two-week period in November 2020. I am so pleased to say that the preliminary findings from the reviewers looking at our department were exceptionally favourable – my congratulations to Dr. Paolo Campisi and our PGME team and my thanks to all in the department who helped with these important reviews.

Dr. Jennifer Anderson has completed her term as Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at St. Michael’s Hospital (SMH) and the department underwent an external review in the fall by Dr. Kevin Fung (Chair OHNS, Western University). The selection process is well underway with excellent candidates to take over this important role. Thank you Jennifer for your years of service to SMH and the university. Congratulations to Dr. Eric Monteiro who was selected as the inaugural Assistant Program Director following a rigorous nomination and selection committee process.

## Chair's Message Continued...

The spring 2020 Royal College exam was delayed to this fall. Congratulations to our PGY5s who graduated on June 30, 2020. All of them were successful in passing the Royal College exam! Please join me in welcoming our new PGY1s who started July 1, 2020 – Drs. Alexander Gabinet-Equihua, Garret Horton, Marc Levin, Justine Philteos, Ahmed Saleem and Lily Wang. Stay tuned for virtual CaRMS interviews this year.

Congratulations to Drs. Christopher Noel and Justin Cottrell who each won research prizes at the recent Poliquin Resident's Research Competition as part of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Surgery. Dr. Amr Hamour also won honourable mention for his poster.

The department has embarked on a new 3-year strategic plan to help guide us forward. Five working groups have been formed: 1) Education (co-leads Molly Zirkle and Paolo Campisi); 2) Research (co-leads Sharon Cushing and Alain Dabdoub); 3) Discrimination/Harassment/Intimidation (co-leads Florence Mok and Danny Enepekides); 4) Equity/Diversity/Inclusion (co-leads Yvonne Chan and Everton Gooden) and 5) Partnerships/Collaboration (co-leads Karen Gordon and Jon Irish). I want to thank all in the department who are helping with this and once we have a draft report in February/March 2021, we will widely circulate it for comment and suggestions.

With the introduction of vaccinations, I believe 2021 is going to be a much brighter and happier year. Stay well, stay safe and please get some rest over the holidays!

Best wishes.

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# Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2020

Our newsletter is published twice annually in June and December. Please send any items you would like included in subsequent issues to: [ohns.chairsassistant@utoronto.ca](mailto:ohns.chairsassistant@utoronto.ca)

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The University office will be closed for the holidays from December 23, 2020 to January 1, 2021

We will reopen on Monday January 4, 2021  
Office hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm

*Keep in touch!*

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# What's Happening at the University of Toronto



Nick Iwanyshyn / University of Toronto.

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## **U of T ranks first in Canada, among top 20 globally by reputation: Times Higher Education**

The University of Toronto's stellar reputation for research and teaching places it among the top 20 schools in the world, according to the latest ranking by *Times Higher Education*.

The *Times Higher Education* World Reputation Rankings 2020, released November 3, 2020, ranked U of T first among Canadian schools and 20<sup>th</sup> globally based on the opinions of senior published scholars who are asked to identify universities that are the best in their field. [Read the full article HERE](#)

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## **The University of Toronto ranks first in Canada and third globally in the latest National Taiwan University Ranking. [Read the full article HERE](#)**

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## **U of T ranks 17th globally, up one spot, in U.S. News & World Report university rankings**

The University of Toronto has climbed one spot to 17<sup>th</sup> globally in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* ranking. [Read the full article HERE](#)

## U of T's Temerty Faculty of Medicine launches new Temerty Centre for AI Research and Education in Medicine



[The Temerty Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research and Education in Medicine \(T-CAIREM\)](#) was recently launched at the University of Toronto's St. George campus. The new Centre solidifies Toronto's place as a world leader in the fields of artificial intelligence (AI), data science and the health sciences.

### ***T-CAIREM team***

*Top row: Anna Goldenberg, Muhammad Mamdani, Vinyas Harish*

*Centre row: Mjaye Mazwi, Laura Rosella, Alistair Johnson*

*Bottom row: Sean Hill, Felipe Morgado, Zoryana Salo.*

Professor **Muhammad Mamdani** has been appointed the Director of T-CAIREM for a five-year term. "Toronto is uniquely positioned to lead globally in artificial intelligence in healthcare," says Mamdani. "Our expertise in medicine and allied health sciences, computer science, statistics, mathematics, and engineering is among the best in the world. The goal of T-CAIREM is to create a forum that brings together this multidisciplinary expertise so members can share their experiences and collaborate through common interests and a cutting-edge data and compute environment that will transform healthcare in innovative and exciting ways."

T-CAIREM's work will focus on three pillars: Research, Education, and Data Infrastructure. The centre brings together some of North America's brightest researchers, including:

- **Research co-leads:** **Professor Anna Goldenberg** (Computer Science/SickKids) and **Professor Mjaye Mazwi** (Pediatrics/SickKids)
- **Education lead:** **Professor Laura Rosella** (DLSPH) and learner co-leads **Vinyas Harish** (MD/PhD student) and **Felipe Morgado** (MD/PhD student)
- **Infrastructure co-leads:** **Professor Sean Hill** (Psychiatry/CAMH) and **Dr. Alistair Johnson** (Computer Science/SickKids).

The T-CAIREM team is launching several initiatives this month for students in undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. [The Trainee Rounds](#), aimed at graduate students across faculties as well as MD students, will give selected students the opportunity to showcase their work to leaders in the AI and healthcare research communities. In addition, [a Summer Research Studentship Program](#) will pair undergraduate and medical students with a U of T faculty supervisor to explore AI in medicine.

Two \$200,000 [Temerty Innovation Grants for AI in Medicine](#) will be awarded for up to two years to multidisciplinary teams working on projects with the potential to transform healthcare using AI over the coming decades.

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## U of T ranked first in Canada in 10 of 11 subjects by Times Higher Education

The University of Toronto ranked first in Canada, or shared the top spot, in 10 out of 11 subjects – one more than a year earlier – according to the latest *Times Higher Education* subject rankings.

U of T continues to be the highest-ranked Canadian university and ranked among the top 25 universities globally in the five most closely watched international rankings: *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings, QS World University Rankings, Shanghai Ranking Consultancy's Academic Ranking of World Universities, *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Global Universities and National Taiwan University World University Ranking. [Read the article HERE](#)

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## President Gertler to begin term as vice-chair of Universities Canada

**Meric Gertler**, president of the University of Toronto, has been named vice-chair of the board of Universities Canada, a national advocacy organization that represents Canadian universities.

An internationally renowned scholar and one of Canada's most highly cited geographers, President Gertler's research focuses on how urban economies have become leading sites of innovation around the world.

[Read the article HERE](#)

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## Departmental Academic Appointments

A {Warm Welcome} to



**Lukas Kus Michael Roskies Jonathan Yip**

Appointed to the department as  
**Clinical Adjunct Lecturers**

# Faculty Spotlight



## Jamil Asaria

Conducted an interview on 1010 TalkRadio December 9, 2020, commenting on the rise in aesthetic facial procedures during the COVID time period.

[Click here to listen.](#)



## Paolo Campisi

A new award in his name has been established—*The Campisi Award for Research in Indigenous Health*. This award is open to learners at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels, including medical students, residents and fellows.



## Sharon Cushing

Received the *Dohlman Award* for her lecture entitled “Hearing & Balance: What Cochlear Implants Have Taught Us About The Developing Vestibular System” on May 15, 2020.

The *Dohlman Award* is an endowment fund within our department, established in 1974 to promote interest and activity in vestibular physiology, through the presentation of a gold medal to the researcher who has made the most outstanding contribution to basic vestibular research and solutions to challenging problems.



## Tony Eskander, Rinku Sutradhar & Team

Were awarded a grant for "Cancer Surgery and COVID19: Infection Rate, Processes and Outcomes" from the Sunnybrook Foundation & Sunnybrook Research Institute COVID-19 Research Initiative– Round 2.

**Tony has also been promoted to a full status appointment** as an ICES Adjunct Scientist with the Cancer research program at ICES Central effective July 1, 2020.



## Eric Monteiro

Was selected as the inaugural Assistant Program Director.

This role will assist Dr. Campisi with the principal responsibility to chair our department's Competency Committee.

## Accreditation 2020

The Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) On-site Accreditation Visit was rescheduled to November 2 - 6, 2020. Information can be found on the MD Program website here: <https://md.utoronto.ca/accreditation>. A list of the site visit team can be found here: <https://md.utoronto.ca/cacms-visiting-team-2020>.

The accreditation visit was conducted remotely, utilizing videoconferencing technology for meetings with faculty, staff, and students. Because of the virtual nature of the visit, a one-day follow-up visit was also scheduled for December 7, 2020.

An on-site visit typically begins with an introductory conference with the visiting team on a Sunday evening, and continues for three to four days. During an on-site visit, the team meets with a wide range of participants from across the MD Program, Faculty of Medicine, and clinical and community affiliates.

In the first stage of the virtual visit process, the visiting team will restrict its conversations to those individuals/groups who can provide additional, detailed information on specific CACMS elements that require more in-depth investigation.

The second stage of the pilot visit will consist of a one-day follow-up, to allow the visiting team to provide any final details needed to complete the report, or to conduct a more in-depth investigation of issues that may have arisen during the first stage of the visit.

All virtual visit meetings will take place in an online teleconferencing platform.

At the end of the on-site visit, the team presents a summary of their findings to Faculty of Medicine and University of Toronto leadership.

The team will then compile a Site Visit Report. The Site Visit Report will be based on the DCI, MSS, ISA, and conversations from the on-site meetings. The Site Visit Report will then be provided directly to the CACMS for review.

The CACMS will make their decision on the University of Toronto MD Program's accreditation at their June 2021 meeting. The MD Program expects to receive the final decision shortly thereafter.

## Electives

**All electives programs for visiting international students for 2021 have been suspended.**

In addition, the **Canadian visiting electives program has also been cancelled nationally at least until July 2021.**

# Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi MSc, MD, FRCSC

Vice Chair of Education

## Our Residents Have Passed Their Royal College Exam!

Congratulations Joel Davies, Frédérick Laliberté, Mirko Manojlovic Kolarski, Sunita Rai and Josie Xu.

This is a huge accomplishment that requires a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication.

We are very proud of this very important success and milestone in their careers.



## Poliquin Resident's Research Competition 2020

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to *Poliquin Resident's Research Competition* winners, **Dr. Justin Cottrell & Dr. Christopher Noel**, and **Honourable Mention** in the *Poster Award Competition* for **Dr. Amr Hamour!**



### Justin Cottrell

Dr. Cottrell's paper was titled *Quality Indicators for the Diagnosis and Management of Acute Otitis Media in Children*. This was a multi-institutional study and many thanks to the co-authors and mentors in our department and across Canada (**Justin Cottrell**, Amirpouyan Namavarian, Jonathan Yip, Paolo Campisi, Neil K. Chadha, Ali Damji, Paul Hong, Sophie Lachance, Darren Leitao, Lily HP. Nguyen, Natasha Saunders, Julie Strychowsky, Warren Yunker, Jean-Philippe Vaccani, Yvonne Chan, John R. de Almeida, Antoine Eskander, Ian J. Witterick, Eric Monteiro).

### Christopher Noel

Dr. Noel's paper was titled *The Impact of Immigration Status and Ethnicity on Head and Neck Cancer Outcomes: A Population Based Study*. The contributing authors are **Noel CW**, Sutradhar R, Li Q, Forner D, Hallet J, Cheung M, Singh S, Coburn NG and Eskander A.



**Dr. Hamour's** poster was titled *Implementation of a Standardized Thyroid Ultrasound Reporting Program Improves Documentation of Nodule Characteristics: A Quality Improvement Initiative*. The contributing authors are **Hamour AF**, Yang W, Lee JW, Wu V, Ziai H, Singh P, Eskander A, Sahovaler A, Higgins K, Witterick IJ, Vescan AD, Freeman J, de Almeida JR, Goldstein DP, Gilbert R, Chepeha D, Irish J, Enepekides D, Monteiro E.

# CaRMS Virtual Information Sessions

Five separate virtual information sessions were held between October and December 2020 for medical students considering our specialty and our department.

These were all very well attended and the engagement was excellent!

Thank you Dr. Campisi and all the residents involved in promoting our department!

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**CaRMS INFORMATION SESSION for MEDICAL STUDENTS**

**Current session:**  
October 22, 2020  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Other available dates:**  
November 5, 2020, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
November 19, 2020, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
December 3, 2020, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
December 17, 2020, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sign-Up Here: [www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/carms](http://www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/carms)

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Vice Chair Education and Director Postgraduate Education

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PGY1

Amr Hamour  
PGY3

Jennifer Siu  
PGY4

Grace Yi  
PGY2

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A "Get to Know Us" Video was also produced.

Click the image below to watch the video.

Welcome to the

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## The new DYNAMOS at Mackenzie Health



### Gian-Marco Busato, Sunita Rai, Lukas Kus and Jonathan Yip

have been offered full-time positions at Mackenzie Health starting February 2021



I performed locums at Markham Stouffville and Mackenzie Health over the past 2 years and have been hired at Mackenzie Health. My goals are to utilize my fellowship for community based head and neck cancer along with general Otolaryngology. On a personal note, My wife and I, Samaneh celebrated the birth of our first child, Ayla on April 3, 2020.

I'm excited to share that I will be starting my career at Mackenzie Health as a general otolaryngologist. I'm excited to continue to grow my practice in the GTA and grateful for all the support of my UofT OHNS family, friends and family!



I am proud to be formally joining the Mackenzie Health group as we expand to a new Vaughan site at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

It will be a pleasure to continue providing service to the community for general otolaryngology with a special interest rhinology, head & neck skin cancer, and endocrine surgery. With my other appointment at Etobicoke General Hospital, two toddlers at home, and a new clinic in the works I am sure to be busy in 2021!

*L to R: Helena, Lukas, Natalia and Joanna*

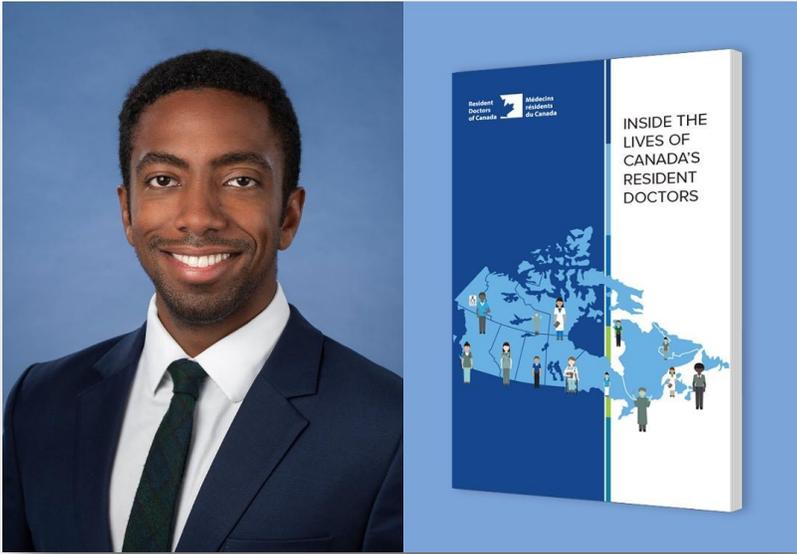


I am very excited to be joining the Mackenzie Health OHNS team in February 2021, as we help open the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. My hope is to provide outstanding general otolaryngology care to this growing community, as well as develop a specific interest in advanced rhinology.

Aside from keeping busy professionally, my wife and I welcomed our beautiful, healthy daughter, Penelope Ava, on November 26, 2020. I have been working hard on learning a new skill - changing diapers.



## Amr Hamour



Congratulations to our PGY3 resident Amr Hamour for having his writing published in the new “Inside the Lives of Canada’s Resident Doctors” anthology, an initiative launched by the Resident Doctors of Canada.

Well done Amr!

**Also**, Amr has written an excellent blog post entitled: *Compassion: Our Superpower for Dealing with Discriminatory Patients*.

[Click here to read the post](#)

*Congratulations*

Christopher Noel

&

Weining Yang



Congratulations Christopher and Weining, our PGY3s who were recipients of the 2020-21 Postgraduate Research Award - Joseph M. West Family Memorial Fund.

Nice work!



**The 2020-2021 Resident superstars and future alumni of our department!**

**We Are So Proud Of You!**



**Important Dates**

**CaRMS Interviews**

March 19, 2021  
To be conducted  
virtually

**Royal College Exams**

*Written: March 22 & 23, 2021  
Applied: April 16, 2021*

# Continuing Professional Development

Yvonne Chan MD, FRCSC, MSc, HBSc

Director of CPD

Save the Dates...

Visit our website for more information:

[www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/cpd-courses](http://www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/cpd-courses)

## CPD Courses:

February 6, 2021      19th Annual Otolaryngology-HNS Update

May 7 & 8, 2021      30th Annual Percy Ireland Academic Day

## Virtual Visiting Professors / Annual Lectures 2021:

January 8      Eric Kezirian & Josie Xu, USC

January 15      Kerry Latham, Maryland  
*\*Annual Joseph K.H. Wong/Smile China Lecture*

January 22      Frédéric Triponez, Geneva

February 19      Daniel Deschler, Massachusetts

February 26      Hance Clarke & Danny Enepekides  
*\*Annual Quality and Safety Lecture*

March 5      Anand Devaiah, Boston

March 26      Ashok Shaha, New York  
*\*Annual Binstock Lecture*

*Thank  
you!*

Drs. John de Almeida  
& Eric Monteiro  
for coordinating

Journal Club

# Virtual Visiting Professors

October 9, 2020



**Martin Burton** Professor of Otolaryngology, University of Oxford  
*Reliable Evidence: Systematic Reviews and Cochrane*

October 16, 2020

**Raj Sindwani** Dept of Otolaryngology, Cleveland Clinic Main Campus  
*Endoscopic Surgery of the Orbit: Approaches to the Intraconal Space and Beyond*



November 6, 2020



**Marc Cohen** Associate Professor of Otolaryngology,  
Weil Cornell Medical College  
*Evolution, Challenges, and Opportunities: Optimizing Outcomes in  
Sinonasal Malignancy and Anterior Skull Base Surgery*

November 20, 2020—Krista Riko Lecture

**Marie Pigeon** Audiologist,  
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)  
*Newborn Screening Ontario Hearing Loss Risk Factor Screening:  
Preliminary findings from the first year of screening*



# Virtual Visiting Professors

December 4, 2020



**Eric Wang** Associate Professor, Dept of Otolaryngology, Neurological Surgery, and Ophthalmology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
*"Impossible" Places – Surgery of the Clivus and Petrous Apex*

## Other Special Presentations

September 11, 2020

**Ian Witterick** Professor and Chair, Dept of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, University of Toronto  
*State of the Union & Review of the Strategic Plan*

September 18, 2020

**Jana Lazor** Associate Professor and Director of Faculty Development, MD Program, University of Toronto  
*Virtual Care - Transformational Change in Practice: Short Term or Here to Stay?*

September 25, 2020

**Anthony Hollenberg** Professor and Sanford I. Weill Chair, Dept of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine  
*First Annual Paul G. Walfish Memorial Lecture -New Insights into Thyroid Hormone Action*

October 23, 2020

**Jana Lazor** Associate Professor and Director of Faculty Development, MD Program, University of Toronto  
*Tips for Virtual Supervision of Learners in OHNS*

October 30, 2020

**Antoine Eskander** Assistant Professor, Dept of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, University of Toronto  
*COVID-19 and the Effects on Surgical Services in the Province of Ontario: The Tsunami After the Earthquake*

December 11, 2020

**Jana Lazor** Associate Professor and Director of Faculty Development, MD Program, University of Toronto  
*Getting Great Outcomes: Teaching Small Groups in Synchronous Online Learning Environments*

# 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the

September 26—November 14, 2020



Surgeon Led Clinical Trials Workshop - excellent discussion!  
Thanks to John de Almeida for organizing.



*A novel way to socially distance and watch the virtual Poliquin Residents' Research Competition in Vincent Lin's backyard.*



Terrific papers from across the country - special thanks to Florence Mok, David Forner, Justin Cottrell and Chris Noel - brilliant!  
Very proud of you.



Fantastic Thyroid Cancer Update with North American faculty, led by Drs. Jeremy Freeman and Dan O'Connell

Above: Upper Aerodigestive Tract Endoscopy Course on Saturday October 17th. A big thank you to Storz Endoscopy.

Drs. Dale Brown & Julian Nedzelski receive *Lifetime Achievement Awards!*





### Michael Bergin

Since completing fellowship, I have returned to New Zealand with my family and am now working full time as an Otologist at Christchurch Public Hospital. So far, COVID-19 has been much less disruptive in NZ than many other countries and we have been grateful for our relative freedom, but we are very aware of friends and family all over the world who are still facing significant challenges.

Kia kaha - stay strong!



### Matthew Crowson

I've settled at Massachusetts Eye & Ear and have started my practice in Neurotology. Already, I'm leaning on the many lessons learned while training at the University of Toronto.

I hope to be able to maintain my close ties with the 6ix!

### Joel Davies

I have been thoroughly enjoying my time in South Carolina. I feel fortunate to be able to put into action all of the training we received during residency and learn new techniques from leaders in our field.

The warm weather at this time of year is a welcome change as well!



## Konrado Deutsch

We are still dealing with COVID-19 restrictions in Brazil. Otherwise, everything is great. Residents in my department are already saying Toronto expressions in the OR like "Jeeeesus!". In the picture, residents and I after Head and Neck clinic.

Hugs to UofT team!



## Paul Douglas-Jones

Currently in Alberta, setting up a new community ENT practice in Red Deer. Still tying up some loose research ends from my Toronto days. Otherwise, I'm enjoying exploring the Rockies!

## Ashok Jethwa

I am doing well. I'm on faculty as an Assistant Professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of Minnesota. My practice has been getting busy with head and neck cancers, head and neck reconstruction and airway cases. My wife and I are happy to be back in Minneapolis but definitely miss Toronto!





## Frédérick Laliberté

COVID forced me to postpone my Fellowship in Australia to August 2021. Still managed to enjoy a great but cold vacation out west before starting my practice in Montreal.

## Colin Leonard

I am enjoying being back home and near to family during these strange times but often think fondly about my time in Toronto. I continue to be grateful for what I learnt and am enjoying both the on going communication regarding completion of work from SickKids and the support of my supervisors in establishing research within my home department in Belfast. I am currently finishing my residency, which has for now been moderately disrupted by COVID and am looking forward to continuing my training in lateral skull base at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK in 2021. Winter in Ireland is more like autumn in Toronto, so I have been able to continue to sail, paddle board and walk in the local hills. All a refreshing change from the daily PPE!





## Blake Raggio

I have relocated to the southern United States with my wife and two young daughters and am currently working as a Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon in Montgomery, Alabama.

While we certainly miss the wonderful city of Toronto, it is good to be back in the South near our friends and family. Nonetheless, our experience with the University of Toronto will always be a memorable one.



## Sunita Rai

Happy to share with my UofT-OHNS family that Will and I are engaged!





## Sebastian Ranguis

We miss our Torontonians friends from our home in Coogee! Being on staff at the Children's Hospital Westmead, Northern Beaches Hospital and Gosford Hospital has been both extremely busy and rewarding. Looking forward to seeing you all soon at the next international meeting!



## Josie Xu

I'm currently in my Sleep Surgery Fellowship at the University of Southern California absorbing everything I can about sleep medicine, sleep surgery and sleep disorders.

In my spare time, I've been so lucky to quarantine bubble with Yael Bensoussan (USC Laryngology Fellowship) and her family while exploring the region with hikes, road cycling, drone flying and beach adventures!



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# Humanitarian Outreach

## Face the Future Foundation

As with so many other activities, our Face The Future humanitarian surgical missions to less developed countries are being curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our planned mission to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in November 2020 has been postponed. Nonetheless, our team has kept in communication with our colleagues and have been supporting them virtually with advice on challenging cases. There is also an educational webinar series being developed to engage the faculty and residents in the maxillofacial surgery program at Addis Ababa University until such time we can mount our next mission.

Our planned missions to Nepal and Rwanda early in 2021 may also need to be postponed, in which case virtual educational series are also being developed.

On a very positive note, Face The Future Foundation has been the recipient of a substantial donation from Nicole Crimi, a second-year medical student at McMaster University. Nicole created the concept, and has written and illustrated a children's book titled "Patty and the Pandemic." ([www.pattyandthepandemic.org](http://www.pattyandthepandemic.org)). The book tells the story of Patty and her friends and how they can empower themselves to practice safe public health measures, while still enjoying each other, during the pandemic. The book has been very well received by the public and by the Government of Ontario, which is promoting the book to school boards. Nicole has had many media appearances and virtual readings for children aged 3 to 8. Dr. Adamson supported her efforts and wrote the Forward for the book. Nicole wished all proceeds from the book to benefit children, and has generously designated Face The Future as the recipient of her book's success.

Peter A. Adamson, OOnt, MD, FRCS, FACS  
President and Founder  
Face the Future Foundation

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*Wishing everyone*



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