

The Department of Paediatrics

AWARDS DAY

CELEBRATION

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to announce the award recipients for the 2024 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 2024 award recipients and giving thanks to everyone across the Department!

Sincerely,
Meredith

Clinical Awards

Junior Faculty Award for Clinical Excellence

Dr. Puneet Jain

Neurology

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

Award for Outstanding Clinical Contribution or Innovation

Dr. Sanjay Mahant

Paediatric Medicine

Dr. Jason Fischer

Paediatric Emergency Medicine

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

Dr. Richard Rowe Award

Dr. Mark Palmert

Endocrinology

Dr. Roberto Mendoza-Londono

Clinical & Metabolic Genetics

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

Saunders Prize

Dr. Avery Longmore

PGY3

Core Paediatrics Residency Program

This award recognizes a PGY3 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

Emerging Research Leadership Award

Dr. Melanie Penner

Developmental Paediatrics
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation
Hospital

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. Paul Nathan

Haematology/Oncology

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.

Sustained Excellence in Research Award

Dr. Felix Ratjen

Respiratory Medicine

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.

Administrative Awards

Administrative Excellence Award

Megan Imbrasas

Administrative Assistant
Endocrinology

Caoimhe Gallagher

Education Administrative Coordinator
Haematology/Oncology

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

Advocacy, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Award

Dr. Krishna Anchala

Paediatric Emergency 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. Michele (Michael) Zappitelli

Nephrology

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

Medical Education Awards

Dr. Susan Tallett Award For Humanism, Compassion & Excellence in Medical Education

Dr. Melinda Solomon

Respiratory Medicine

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.

Undergraduate

Lionel Weinstein Clerkship Teaching Award

Dr. Claudio Fregonas

Paediatric Emergency Medicine

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

RHA Haslam Pre- Clerkship Teaching Award

Dr. Nicholas Blanchette

Paediatrics

Credit Valley Hospital
Trillium Health Partners

This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Pre-clerkship (Foundations) curriculum.

Postgraduate

Dr. Michael (Mickey) Lester Award

Dr. Mirriam Mikhail

PGY4

Core Paediatrics Residency Program

Dr. Bailey Komishke

Clinical Fellow

Dermatology

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.

Christopher Ondaatje Award

Dr. Ramy Boles

PGY3

Dr. Harry Chandrakumaran

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. Natalie Jewitt

Paediatric Medicine

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.

Postgraduate

PeRLS Teaching Award

Dr. Lauren Friedman

Paediatrics

Michael Garron Hospital

Dr. Edbert Khong

Clinical Fellow

Haematology/Oncology

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.

Trainee Advocacy, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Award

Dr. Jacqueline Safieh

PGY2

Dr. Kimberly Young

PGY3

Dr. Mallory Jackman

PGY3

Core Paediatrics Residency Program

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

POWER Teaching Award

Dr. Melanie Kirby-Allen

Haematology/Oncology

Dr. Julie Johnstone

Paediatric Medicine

Dr. Jonathan Wasserman

Endocrinology

Dr. Hosanna Au

Paediatric Medicine

Dr. Jabeen Fayyaz

Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Dr. Seetha Radhakrishnan

Nephrology

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

Subspecialty Teaching Award

Dr. Seetha Radhakrishnan

Nephrology

Dr. Iwona Baran

Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Runner Up

This award recognizes educational excellence by a faculty member in the Department of Paediatrics, reflecting the special relationship that develops between a faculty teacher and trainees during the intense period of subspecialty training

Community Teaching

Community Paediatrics Clerkship Teaching Award

Dr. Manal El Sayed

Paediatrics

Humber River Hospital

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.

Community Postgraduate Teaching Award

Dr. Celia Atkinson

Paediatrics

Michael Garron Hospital

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.

Marvin Gerstein Award

Dr. Katie Mennie

Paediatrics

Unity health Toronto

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

Continuing Education

Award for Excellence in Program Development & Coordination

Dr. Rebecca Levy

Dr. Irene Lara-Corrales

Dermatology

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.

Trainee Quality & Safety Award

Dr. Marie-Pier Lirette

Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Project: Improving patient safety in paediatric trauma care by enhancing efficiency and accuracy of trauma handover from pre-hospital teams

Dr. Kriti Kumar

Dr. Denise Connolly

Haematology/Oncology

Project: Prophylaxis of Patients with Solid Tumours (POPST) – A Quality Initiative

Academic Promotions

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 19 distinguished faculty members were approved for Promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee effective July 1, 2024. 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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