

In celebration of Faculty Promotions

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Congratulations!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce the promotion of 19 of 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 their 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 nineteen distinguished faculty members were approved for Promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee effective July 1, 2024 for this academic year. 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.

Full Professor

Dr. Deborah Levy

Division of Rheumatology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Levy is an academic clinician who is internationally recognized as an outstanding rheumatologist with special expertise in systemic lupus erythematosus. She has been a leader in the development of clinical care guidelines and in the creation of new, innovative care programs. She has developed innovative models of care and is recognized for her strong advocacy work.



Dr. Briseida Mema

Department of Critical Care
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Mema is an internationally recognized and very well-respected critical care educator with a concentration in postgraduate education. She has made impressive contributions in educational development, innovation, and research with projects aimed at developing evidence-based simulation training to support inter-professional teams and procedural skill development, assessment of learners in competency based medical education, and the integration of medical humanities in clinical work to support wellness, resilience, and professional identity formation.



Dr. Randi Zlotnik Shaul

Department of Bioethics
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Zlotnik Shaul is an internationally acclaimed bioethicist who in the past has led, or co-led and is currently leading the development of many conceptual innovations that have had an influence on the practice of health professionals around the world. Dr Zlotnik Shaul has had an international impact in many areas of bioethics including, but not limited to, artificial intelligence, genome sequencing, off-formulary use of expensive medicines, pandemic planning, and medical assistance in dying (MAiD) in children.



Full Professor

Dr. Irene Lara-Corrales

Division of Dermatology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Lara-Corrales is an academic clinician and a respected leader internationally in paediatric dermatology. She has made multiple impactful contributions to the field, particularly in the area of complex genodermatoses and systemic treatment of inflammatory skin conditions. She has also demonstrated education leadership internationally as Chair of the Society of Pediatric Dermatology and has been recognized for teaching excellence with the receipt of multiple awards.



Dr. Carol Durno

Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition
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Dr. Durno is in a unique position as a paediatric gastroenterologist in Canada; she spans community-based and academic endeavours and is considered a world leader in her field. Her work has focused on characterizing the underlying genetic predisposition of polyposis and gastrointestinal cancer syndromes in children and youth. Her impact spans the range from paediatrics to adult medicine and her publications have influenced clinical care worldwide.



Associate Professor

Dr. Rudaina Banihani

Division of Neonatology
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Banihani is an internationally recognized academic clinical neonatologist who has made remarkable contributions in the delivery of high quality, holistic, neonatal follow up care. Her scholarly work in the early recognition of morbidity from prematurity using new assessment tools has been recognized worldwide through her publications, teaching, and invitations to speak.



Dr. Peter Church

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

Dr. Church is an Academic Clinician Pediatric Gastroenterologist who has contributed significantly to clinical care and research pertaining to the use of biologic therapies in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), endoscopic evaluation of IBD disease activity and use of magnetic resonance enterography (MRE) in IBD. He is well recognized nationally and internationally.



Dr. Yenge Diambomba

Division of Neonatology
Mount Sinai Hospital, Sinai Health

Dr. Diambomba is an exceptional neonatologist whose Creative Professional Activity has had a major impact on the care of the most vulnerable infants admitted to Neonatal Intensive Care Units. Her outstanding medical leadership and advocacy have led to a complete overhaul of her hospital's approach to neonatal care through the development of multiple policies and the institution of an electronic health record. She is known nationally and internationally through her leadership of the International Fellowship Program.



Associate Professor

Dr. Elizabeth Young

Department of Paediatrics
St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto

Dr. Young is a Developmental Pediatrician whose work in improving systems of care for children, youth and their families with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder has earned her national recognition. She is a multiple award-winning teacher who has developed innovative approaches to the assessment of child development.



Dr. Yousef Etoom

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Etoom has a unique profile based on his qualifications, spending half of his time as a Paediatric Emergency Medicine academic clinician at SickKids and the other half as a community-based paediatrician and paediatric cardiologist working at two large community hospitals. Despite a lack of 'protected' academic time Dr Etoom has made significant contributions to post-graduate and undergraduate trainees with evidence of his strong teaching skills and the impact of the innovative programs he has developed. In addition, he has excelled in his creative professional activities by developing new models of care and his publications, presentations, and grants. He is highly respected for his work as an academic physician recognized, for example, by winning the 'Excellence in Scholarship/Evidence-based Practice' as well as 'Recognition for Collaboration, Leadership and Advocacy' Pediatric Emergency Medicine Divisional Award in 2013.



Dr. Jabeen Fayyaz

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Fayyaz is an internationally recognized leader in Simulation for Emergency Medicine, having developed programs with local, national, and international reach resulting in improved patient care. As a champion of Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, she has led multiple initiatives that have resulted in new approaches to improve the quality of cardiopulmonary resuscitation among faculty in the emergency department.



Associate Professor

Dr. Peter Gill

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Gill is a Clinician-Scientist who studies outcomes-based research through the conduct of multi-centre, patient-oriented research including comparative effectiveness and implementation science research. His contributions to the academic field are clinically relevant research and have advanced the care of hospitalized children with a broad range of common conditions. He is recognized nationally and is clearly gaining international recognition for his scholarly work, and excellent contributions in teaching and Creative Professional Activity.



Dr. Julie Johnstone

Division of Paediatric Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Johnstone is an academic general paediatrician who is a recognized national leader in the implementation and assessment of Competence by Design programs, and a multiple award-winning teacher. In addition, she is a recognized expert in the care of children with complex growth and feeding challenges.



Dr. Lianne McLean

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. McLean is an academic paediatric emergency physician with expertise in research, education, and clinical leadership in paediatric point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS). She is known nationally and internationally as a leader in this relatively new field. She has also led a number of important equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives and received the top presentation award in the Canadian Medical Association Equity in Medicine Conference.



Associate Professor

Dr. Asaph Rolnitsky

Division of Neonatology
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Rolnitsky is an academic neonatologist and internationally recognized expert in quality improvement and patient safety. He has married these skills to lead multiple quality improvement initiatives that have had dramatic and long-lasting impact on the care of patients in the neonatal intensive care unit, especially micropremature babies. His innovative studies of the cost of neonatal care have provided important information for payors and policy makers and allow for benchmarking across the country.



Dr. Daniel Rosenfield

Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine
The Hospital for Sick Children

As a specialty trained Paediatric Emergency Medicine physician, with additional scholarly training in Health Informatics, Dr. Rosenfield's scholarly contributions focus on two main areas – injury and trauma prevention for children and developing a model of virtual urgent care for children in the emergency department. Through professional innovation, he has made substantial contributions to clinical care through his scholarly injury prevention work as well as developing and evaluating models of virtual access to urgent care. He pairs this with scholarly research manuscripts and is an exemplary teacher of medical students and residents. He has published extensively, spoken about in the lay press, and advocated at a national level to protect children from powerful magnet toys, laundry 'pods,' water beads, and button batteries.



Dr. Shannon Scratch

Division of Developmental Paediatrics
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Dr. Scratch has become a leader in the care and monitoring of children and families with acquired brain injury. She has developed novel programs to address multiple issues related to pediatric concussion and acute brain injury which have gained national and international recognition.



Associate Professor

Dr. Anita Villani

Haematology/Oncology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Villani is an internationally recognized academic clinician who has had a major impact on the care of children with cancer predisposition syndromes. Her publications on screening protocols and investigation and management of these syndromes have been incorporated into clinical guidelines and have led to multiple invitations to speak around the world.



Dr. Barbara Cifra

Division of Cardiology
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dr. Cifra is an academic sports medicine physician who is leading an important Program of Exercise Medicine and Lifestyle Medicine at SickKids and the Toronto General Hospital where she has made substantial contributions to the establishment of this field through research, clinical care, education, and outreach. With her unique training in both Sports Medicine and Echocardiology, she provides a strong platform for scientific understanding of the importance of exercise for patients with congenital heart disease. Her expertise lies in cardiac rehabilitation in congenital heart disease (pediatric and adults), and Exercise Stress Echocardiography and its application in pediatric congenital heart disease. She is also active in the application of the principle of Preventative Medicine in pediatric cancer survivors, and patients with endocrine and rheumatic diseases.

