



# UBC Department of Surgery

# 2023 Year End

## Head's Message

As we approach the close of 2023, the UBC Department of Surgery can reflect proudly on another year of achievement, and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Building upon the foundations laid out in the [2022-2025 Department of Surgery Strategic Plan](#), our focus remains steadfast on equity, diversity, and inclusion; social responsibility; faculty engagement and support; and partnerships that extend our impact across provincial, national, and global spheres.

In navigating the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Department adapted to a landscape influenced by vaccination efforts and public health measures. This year reinforced the importance of flexibility in our approach to events, balancing in-person, hybrid, and virtual gatherings to maximize accessibility and engagement.

We are committed to fostering an environment of respect, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The establishment of the department EDI working group is an important step in our ongoing effort to ensure a safe respectful environment for faculty, residents, students, and staff.

Surgical education and innovation are central to our academic pursuits. At the Academic Year-End Celebration, held in person once again on June 20, we honored the accomplishments of our residents and graduate students. This year, we celebrated 1 Master of Science in Surgery graduate, 7 Master's in Global Surgical Care graduates, 18 graduating residents, and

23 graduating clinical fellows.

The dedication of our faculty and staff to our education programs remains a key driver of success.

In the realm of research, our Department witnessed remarkable growth in clinical, translational, and basic science endeavours.



We continue with the Seed Grant Program and the Clinical Faculty Research Support Awards, to support our pursuit of excellence in research

across the wide spectrum of faculty and clinical sites.

The annual Chung Research Day, now firmly established in a hybrid format, provided a platform for our trainees and faculty to showcase their groundbreaking work. This year's Chung Lecturer, Dr. Jodi Sherman, enriched our understanding of sustainability in clinical care. Her talk, titled "Healthcare and Its Pollution: Balancing Patient Safety and Public Health," captivated the community even beyond our Department. Notably, the Chung Day in 2023 placed a spotlight on planetary healthcare, aligning with the broader discourse on environmental responsibility.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our exceptional faculty and staff. Your unwavering commitment to our Department's mission is the cornerstone of our success.

As we approach the holiday season, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you.

With warm regards and deepest appreciation,

**Dr. Gary Redekop**  
C.N. Woodward Chair  
Head, UBC Department of Surgery



# Undergraduate Surgical Education

# Education Updates

These newsletters are always a wonderful opportunity to thank the many people who have contributed to medical student learning and update faculty on news of upcoming changes.

I wanted to take the opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to Dr. Peter Choi, who led the MEDD 431 Anesthesia SPC block for years -- successfully running the Anesthesia curriculum and rotations. We welcome Drs. Kalina Popova and Nav Chima who are assuming significant responsibilities. Kalina has already undertaken initiatives to enhance the delivery of trauma day education, and we commend her for her noteworthy contributions.

Dr. Geoffrey Blair continues to attend and lead national meetings regarding surgical learning objectives and is an inspirational medical educator. Regardless of his recent formal retirement, he has done instrumental work with the Network of the National Undergraduate Surgical Learning Objectives (NUSLO) project, and UBC will be at the forefront of implementing national learning objective standards thanks to Geoff.

I want to thank the many Surgical Foundations residents who have come to help teach our introductory surgical simulations. You have taught students proper suturing techniques and endoscopy techniques, and given them insight on how to perform well on their rotations.

We continue to get great feedback for our "Humanism in Medicine" hour with Drs. Blair and Ingledew for bringing the patient-physician relationship to the forefront of medical education and our "Planetary Health" lecture, provided by Dr. Doug Courtemanche, for raising awareness of our responsibilities as physicians to be stewards and protect the environment and resources we share.

We continue to add to the FLEX project portfolio where medical students collaborate with faculty to create surgical teaching videos. Thanks to Drs. Anna McGuire and Serge Makarenko for their help in creating new content.

The class of 2024 has wrapped up their last pre-CARMS electives and I wanted to express how impressed I am with them as they navigate their residency applications and interviews during this time. We wish all of our students the success they deserve.

We also have new leadership of the UBC Surgical Club. Students Meghan He and Cedric Kamani have taken the reigns and have an admirable goal of seeding a chapter of UpSurge. UpSurge is an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) initiative with chapters at the University of Toronto and University of Calgary to support underrepresented students interested in surgical careers; and to work at the medical-student level to diversify the future pipeline of surgeons. If interested in contributing to this endeavor please reach out to me.

We will also be searching for a new Associate Director for Undergraduate Surgical Education. With a larger education team, we hope to expand and improve our teaching opportunities throughout the undergraduate curriculum.

To our educators: our students are always thankful for any time that you take to show them pearls of wisdom; whether it be how to place a horizontal mattress suture, a standard approach to examining an abdomen or how to clearly communicate with team members, all these moments are valuable learning opportunities. I know that you share the desire to provide our students with a safe and dignified learning environment. This has to be the standard we achieve every day: students who are fearful do not

learn. Our mandate is to impart to students a framework on how to be a well-rounded medical student, to "think like a surgeon" when appropriate, and to provide them with valuable learning opportunities while simultaneously being "kind, calm, and safe". If anyone would like more information on our initiatives or would like to be involved in surgical education in any way please don't hesitate to contact me at [dr.a@ubc.ca](mailto:dr.a@ubc.ca).

## Dr. Arman Abdalkhani

Director, Undergraduate Surgical Education  
UBC Department of Surgery



# PGME Spotlight: Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

# Education Updates

Hello from the Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. It is our Program's turn to have the spotlight on us. With the pandemic no longer a major threat to resident and medical student learning, we are back in full force training the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) surgeons for the future.

Currently, we have 13 residents in our program and, as many of you are aware, we were the first Royal College specialty to transition over to Competency-Based Medical Education. All of our residents are in this stream now and we continue to make adjustments as needed. Over the past 12 years, several of our residents have taken time off during their residency training to pursue Master's degrees in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Currently, two of our residents are undertaking Master's programs: Dr. Alice Liu, PGY3, at Harvard, and Dr. Abhi Cherukupalli, PGY3, at Johns Hopkins. The majority of our program takes place in the Lower Mainland at Vancouver General Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, BC Children's Hospital, BC Women's Hospital, and Surrey Memorial Hospital. Mandatory elective time is undertaken somewhere in the province and includes Kelowna and Kamloops, with expansion soon to be in Victoria. Having an opportunity for our residents to spend time with our faculty outside of the Lower Mainland is a huge benefit to allow them to see and understand that there are opportunities to practice in smaller centres. Any city or town that has an otolaryngologist is a potential option for an elective. Long before it became an accreditation

requirement, our senior residents were requested to spend time in an Indigenous community on outreach. Unfortunately, Covid-19 did not allow this for a few years, but we are back to starting up this aspect of our program.

Another outcome of Covid-19 was the ENT clinic that takes place in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside. Starting in 2016, a couple of times per year a faculty member and a couple of residents would host a clinic to serve the population in this area. Thankfully, we are in the process of restarting this program.

Covid-19 also put the brakes on our annual resident retreat, which takes place at Heffley Lake, located between Kamloops and Sun Peaks Resort. This past spring, we had the chance to go off the grid and stay in a cabin with no cell service or Internet. Initially, it takes some getting used to being disconnected, but after a short period, residents get a real opportunity to fully disconnect for a weekend.

This past June, we had one graduating resident, Dr. Emily Deane. Emily, who was the recipient of the 2023 Department of Surgery Dr. Garth Warnock Postgraduate Trainee Award, is currently undertaking a fellowship in Facial Plastics Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. We learnt from her that the practice of medicine is somewhat different in America and that she has adjusted well.

On July 1st, we welcomed Drs. Richard He, Anne Theilmann, and Austin

Heffernan as first-year residents in our program. They each bring different qualities to Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and we look forward to watching them grow as they are the future of our profession.

In early November at BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital, we had Dr. Elton Lambert from Texas Children's Hospital as our Visiting Professor. Dr. Lambert spent two days with the BC Women's and Children's Hospital faculty, our current fellow Dr. Khia Duncan from Jamaica, and the residents. Dr. Lambert was also part of the faculty for an Ultrasound Course that took place on day two. It was a great two days of learning.

I could not do the job of a Program Director without the help of our Program Administrative Assistant, Liana Polsinelli. Liana has been outstanding in her role since joining our division two years ago.

After almost 12 years as Program Director, I will be stepping down at the end of this academic year in June of 2024. The role has many facets to it, and to play a significant responsibility in the training of residents both in and out of the operating room has been an honour.

As Program Director and on behalf of the past and present members of the Residency Program Committee, I would like to thank all who contribute to the education of our residents.

## Dr. Frederick K. Kozak

Program Director, Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery  
UBC Department of Surgery



# Research Updates

During my second year as the Associate Head of Research, the emphasis was on enhancing the activities and initiatives launched in 2022 to maintain alignment with [the Department's Strategic Plan for 2022-2025](#). The Department of Surgery Research Committee met three times in 2023 for productive discussions, providing valuable insights into the Department's research initiatives. These meetings are scheduled to continue regularly in 2024, playing a pivotal role in shaping our research vision and cultivating greater support for emerging investigators.

I am delighted to note that all Research Interest groups successfully hosted at least one session or meeting, each serving a specific purpose within their respective areas of focus:

*Clinical Trials Research Interest Group:* Dedicated to increasing clinical trial participation.

*Clinically Oriented Innovations Research Interest Group:* Spearheading surgical innovations.

*Surgical Education Research Interest Group:* Aiming to advance education and leadership, especially in distributed sites.

The second round of the Department of Surgery Seed Grant Program was a great success with [six studies funded](#). The 2023/24 cycle application period of the Seed Grant Program concluded on November 29 and we look forward to the results in early 2024.

This year, I was honoured again to participate in the academic portion of the 29<sup>th</sup> Chung Research Day which took place on November 6. The event showcased ongoing research projects, with notable presentations including:

## Best Plenary Presentations

**Karina Spoyalo**, Division of General Surgery: "Sustainability Assessment of Perioperative Patient Warming: A Clinical Life-Cycle Oriented Approach."

**Annie Lalonde**, Division of General Surgery: "Developing a Planetary Health Menu for an Acute Care

Hospital."

**Jaimie Lee**, Division of Plastic Surgery: "Machine Learning to Predict the Need for Post-Mastectomy Radiotherapy Following Immediate Breast Reconstruction."

## Best Short Oral Presentations

**Juan Hernaiz**, Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: "Sinonasal Microbiota Transfer (SNMT) to Treat Recalcitrant Chronic Rhinosinusitis: A Case-Series."

**Richard Gilbert**, Division of General Surgery: "Reducing Surgical Site Infections in Patients Undergoing Pancreatectomy. A Quality Improvement Initiative."

**Karen Jiang**, Division of General Surgery: "Axillary Ultrasound for Early Stage Invasive Breast Cancer."

**Marisa Dorling**, Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery: "Real-World Adverse Events after Type 2 Monoclonal Antibody Use in Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps."

See [the 29<sup>th</sup> Chung Day highlights](#).



The annual Department of Surgery research awards were presented, including the introduction of a new Research Mentorship Award recognizing outstanding mentorship.



**Dr. Faizal Haji**, Neurosurgery: **Hjalmar Johnson Early-Career Investigator Award**



**Dr. Carl Brown**, General Surgery: **Richard Finley Senior Investigator Award.**



**Dr. Lina Cadili**, General Surgery: **Ennis Award for resident focusing on Breast Cancer Treatment.**



**Dr. Sam Wiseman**, General Surgery: **Research Mentorship Award**

Looking ahead, we are excited to host the 30<sup>th</sup> Department of Surgery Chung Research Day in 2024, thanks to the generosity of Drs. Wally and Madeleine Chung. As we commemorate 30 years of celebrating the Department's research achievements, our team is already working on making the 2024 Chung Research Day a special event. I anticipate continued celebration of our research excellence and the cultivation of a more inclusive, effective, and transformational research culture within our Department in 2024.

## Dr. Rob Olson

Associate Head, Research  
Division Head, Radiation Oncology  
UBC Department of Surgery



# GRANTS

## UBC Research Grants April 1, 2023 to December 4, 2023

RESEARCHER	SPONSOR	AMOUNT	RESEARCHER	SPONSOR	AMOUNT
Arneja, Jugpal	National Institutes of Health	\$ 19,063.36	Isaac, Kathryn V.	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 36,458.00
Arneja, Jugpal	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 4,331.00	Isaac, Kathryn V.	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 100,000.00
Brown, Carl	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 6,750.00	Joharifard, Shahrzad	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 5,198.00
Caron, Nadine	Canadian Partnership Against Cancer	\$ 152,017.00	Kwan-Wong, Terence	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 3,465.00
Chan, Jessica	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 11,038.55	Levings, Megan	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 30,000.00
Chan, Jessica	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)	\$ 14,425.44	Levings, Megan	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 10,000.00
Chiu, Chieh Jack	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 12,500.00	Levings, Megan	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 15,000.00
Chiu, Chieh Jack	Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons	\$ 27,273.97	Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 304,962.00
Cook, Richard	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 12,500.00	Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 89,510.00
Duzenli, Cheryl	Michael Smith Health Research BC	\$ 81,146.00	Levings, Megan	National Institutes of Health	\$ 85.80
Fatehi, Mostafa	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 12,500.00	Levings, Megan	US Department of Defense	\$ 9,229.54
Garnis, Cathie	Cancer Research Society	\$ 58,871.00	Levings, Megan	British Columbia Children's Hospital Foundation	\$ 3,000.00
Garnis, Cathie	MITACS Inc.	\$ 6,000.00	Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 71,918.00
Haji, Faizal	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 30,000.00	Levings, Megan	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canadian Clinical Trial Network	\$ (84,821.55)
Haji, Faizal	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 30,000.00	Levings, Megan	The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust	\$ 10,797.45
Honey, Christopher	Dysphonia International	\$ (28,800.00)	Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 250,000.00
Honey, Christopher	Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI)	\$ 75,000.00	Levings, Megan	Canada Research Chairs	\$ 200,000.00
Hynes, Sally L.	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 3,465.00	Levings, Megan	Michael Smith Health Research BC	\$ 45,375.00
Isaac, Kathryn V.	Canadian Cancer Society	\$ 150,000.00	Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 78,000.00
Isaac, Kathryn V.	Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI)	\$ 75,000.00	Levings, Megan	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 134,000.00
Isaac, Kathryn V.	Cancer Research Society	\$ 26,042.00	Levings, Megan	Public Health Agency of Canada	\$ 354,000.00



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RESEARCHER	SPONSOR	AMOUNT	RESEARCHER	SPONSOR	AMOUNT
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 35,000.00	Lynn, Francis	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canadian Clinical Trial Network	\$ 298,971.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 35,000.00	Lynn, Francis	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)	\$ 13,000.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 26,667.00	Lynn, Francis	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 5,000.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 5,000.00	Lynn, Francis	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 3,000.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 26,667.00	Lynn, Francis	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 43,344.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 5,000.00	Lynn, Francis	Stem Cell Network	\$ 106,500.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 36,667.00	Lynn, Francis	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 25,000.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 5,000.00	Lynn, Francis	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 100,000.00
Levings, Megan	US Department of Defense	\$ 213,009.60	MacNeill, Andrea	UBC Faculty of Medicine	\$ 10,000.00
Levings, Megan	Stem Cell Network	\$ 94,000.00	MacNeill, Andrea	Environment and Climate Change Canada	\$ 95,928.00
Levings, Megan	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 25,000.00	MacNeill, Andrea	Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI)	\$ 75,000.00
Levings, Megan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 20,000.00	MacNeill, Andrea	UBC VP Research & Innovation	\$ 5,000.00
Liu, Mitchell	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	\$ 383,250.74	MacNeill, Andrea	Canadian Medical Association	\$ 150,000.00
Luciani, Dan	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 111,000.00	McGuire, Anna	Nucleix Inc.	\$ 71,051.07
Luciani, Dan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 167,535.00	McGuire, Anna	Michael Smith Health Research BC	\$ 90,000.00
Luciani, Dan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 74,250.00	McGuire, Anna	BC SUPPORT Unit	\$ 4,687.50
Luciani, Dan	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada	\$ 74,250.00	McGuire, Anna	Michael Smith Health Research BC	\$ 10,312.50
Luciani, Dan	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 2,000.00	McGuire, Anna	AstraZeneca Canada Inc.	\$ 13,100.00
Lynn, Francis	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 111,000.00	McGuire, Anna	Lung Cancer Canada	\$ 50,000.00
Lynn, Francis	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 60,000.00	Nunez, Desmond	UBC Division of Otolaryngology	\$ 10,000.00
Lynn, Francis	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 297,942.00	Oldani, Graziano	Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI)	\$ 50,000.00



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Olson, Robert	University of Northern British Columbia	\$ 100,000.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 12,500.00
Olson, Robert	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ (61,192.00)	Verchere, C. Bruce	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada	\$ (20,000.00)
Olson, Robert	BC Cancer Foundation	\$ 3,981.48	Verchere, C. Bruce	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$ 12,445.00
Piper, Hannah	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 12,500.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 10,000.00
Prisman, Eitan	Michael Smith Health Research BC	\$ 67,500.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 78,000.00
Prisman, Eitan	Terry Fox Research Institute	\$ 360,000.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 74,250.00
Prisman, Eitan	Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI)	\$ 75,000.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada	\$ 74,250.00
Prisman, Eitan	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 12,500.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 100,000.00
Redekop, Gary	Provincial Health Services Authority	\$ 149,125.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Stem Cell Network	\$ 110,000.00
Schellenberg, Devin	BC Cancer Foundation	\$1,500,000.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada	\$ 25,500.00
Singhal, Ash	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 4,331.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada	\$ 25,500.00
Tamber, Mandeep	National Institutes of Health	\$ 18,223.49	Verchere, C. Bruce	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 5,198.00
Thamboo, Andrew	GlaxoSmithKline (Canada) Inc.	\$ 29,478.85	Verchere, C. Bruce	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 52,500.00
Thamboo, Andrew	UBC Department of Surgery	\$ 12,500.00	Verchere, C. Bruce	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 20,000.00
Verchere, C. Bruce	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 40,000.00	Wilson, Don	BC Cancer Foundation	\$ 1,200,000.00
Verchere, C. Bruce	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 10,000.00	Ye, Jian	Artivion, Inc.	\$ 643.73
Verchere, C. Bruce	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute	\$ 67,000.00	Ye, Jian	Edwards Lifesciences LLC	\$ 10,992.60
Verchere, C. Bruce	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$ 8,688.54	Ye, Jian	Edwards Lifesciences SA	\$ 7,000.00
Verchere, C. Bruce	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	\$ 158,737.00	Zwimpfer, Thomas J.	National Institutes of Health	\$ 58,133.52
Verchere, C. Bruce	NanoMedicines Innovation Network (NMIN) - Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE)	\$ 109,450.00	<b>TOTAL UBC SURGERY RESEARCH FUNDING \$ 10,018,169.18</b>		



# Congratulations to the Award Winners

## UBC Department of Surgery George W. Leroux Memorial Scholarship

**Rosalind Groenewoud**  
Resident, Cardiovascular Surgery



**Amy Antonsen**  
Resident, General Surgery



**Megan Chan**  
Resident, General Surgery



**Nicole Mclellan**  
Resident, General Surgery



**Irena Zivkovic**  
Resident, General Surgery



**Jessica Wang**  
Resident, Neurosurgery



**Anne Theilmann**  
Resident, Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery



**Amir Khorrami**  
Resident, Plastic Surgery



**Meghan Katherine McGillivray**  
Resident, Vascular Surgery



## UBC Department of Surgery Graham Clay Presidential Prize

**Austin Heffernan**  
Resident, Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery



## Branch for Global Surgical Care Instructor Appreciation Award: Winter 2023-24 (Term 1)



Dr. Doreen Nakku, Affiliate Assistant Professor of Teaching, co-recipient with Dr. Phyllis Kisa as instructors for [SURG 512: Global Disability: A Surgical Care Mandate](#) and [SURG 510: Surgical Care in International Health](#)

## Faculty of Medicine Award Recipients

Each year, the **Faculty of Medicine** recognizes faculty and staff members for excellence in teaching, research, administration, innovation and public service. Congratulations to our 2023 recipients from the Department of Surgery:

**Erin Brown, Clinical Professor, Plastic Surgery**  
Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching

**Krista Genoway, Clinical Instructor, Plastic Surgery**  
Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusiveness

**Daphne Lu, Resident, General Surgery**  
2023 Faculty of Medicine Sandra Banner Student Award for Leadership

## External Awards



**Geoff Blair, Clinical Professor Emeritus, Pediatric Surgery**  
2023 American Academy of Pediatrics, Surgery Section Arnold Salzburg Mentorship Award





# Clinical Faculty Promotions

Our Faculty members teach and inspire learners, serve as role models for the next generation of healthcare professionals, provide administrative leadership, promote professional development and advance research.

Congratulations to our Clinical Faculty members noted below who have been promoted in recognition of their outstanding academic contributions.

Read the [Clinical Faculty Appointments Policy](#) to learn more about the criteria demonstrated to achieve each rank.



<b>Dr. Margaret Aron</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Otolaryngology-Head &amp; Neck Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Robert Baird</b> Clinical Professor <i>Pediatric Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Osama Ben Hameid</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Cardiac Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Esta Bovill</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>
<b>Dr. Sean Bristol</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Jessica Chan</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Mathew Chan</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Scott Cowie</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>General Surgery</i>
<b>Dr. Jean Philip Dawe</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Shaun Deen</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Morgan Evans</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Francois Germain</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>
<b>Dr. Robert Irvine</b> Clinical Professor <i>Otolaryngology-Head &amp; Neck Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Arif Janjua</b> Clinical Professor <i>Otolaryngology-Head &amp; Neck Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Henry Jiang</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Shung Lee</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Vascular Surgery</i>
<b>Dr. Jonathan Livergant</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Chad Lund</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Erin Martin</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Howard Pai</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>
<b>Dr. Jin-Si Pao</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Eitan Prisman</b> Clinical Professor <i>Otolaryngology-Head &amp; Neck Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Negin Shahid</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Heather Stuart</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>General Surgery</i>
	<b>Dr. Rebecca Warburton</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Gary Yang</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Tina Zhang</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>



# Welcome to our newly appointed Clinical Faculty members

As one of the world's leading medical schools, UBC's Faculty of Medicine has a bold vision: to transform health for everyone. It's a bold vision but one that our faculty members spread across our province are helping to realize.

We wish a warm welcome the new UBC Department of Surgery clinical faculty members listed below.

<b>Dr. Muhammad Asim Bashir</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Maurice Blitz</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Elizabeth Clement</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Charlotte Dandurand</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Neurosurgery</i>
<b>Dr. Peter Davison</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Katrina Duncan</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Graeme Hintz</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Matthew Hudson</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>
<b>Dr. Zulfiqar Kaderali</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Neurosurgery</i>	<b>Dr. Timothy Kong</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Jaime Kwok</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Stefan Lang</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Neurosurgery</i>
<b>Dr. Sebastian Launcelott</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Nicole Mak</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Shiana Manoharan</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Tyler Omeis</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>
<b>Dr. Kiersten Pianosi</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Otolaryngology-Head &amp; Neck Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Shrinivas Rathod</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Radiation Oncology</i>	<b>Dr. Jenna-Lynn Senger</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Karen Slater</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>
<b>Dr. Jia Lin Soon</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Cardiac Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Dion Steer</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Amjad Tobia</b> Clinical Assistant Professor <i>Otolaryngology-Head &amp; Neck Surgery</i>	<b>Dr. Aaron Van Slyke</b> Clinical Instructor <i>Plastic Surgery</i>
<b>Dr. Elizaveta Vasilyeva</b> Clinical Instructor <i>General Surgery</i>	<b>Thank you for your willingness to contribute to medical education!</b>		<b>Dr. Michael Yamashita</b> Clinical Associate Professor <i>Cardiac Surgery</i>





# Other News and Honours

## From planetary health to planetary healthcare

Dr. Andrea MacNeill explains how the UBC Planetary Healthcare Lab is charting a path toward net zero healthcare systems in a recent UBC Faculty of Medicine's Pathways Magazine issue. [READ MORE](#)



## Long Service

**Dr. Crystal Robertson**  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
*Transplant Islet Laboratory, Department of Surgery*  
**35 years of service**

## Resident Spotlight

Learn what it's like to be a surgical resident from recent resident interviews: [Celine Hounjet](#) (Neurosurgery), [Khalil Merali](#) (General Surgery), [Annie Lalande](#) (General Surgery), and others on our [News and Honours](#) webpage! Reach out to [valeria.kolesova@ubc.ca](mailto:valeria.kolesova@ubc.ca) to suggest the next Resident Spotlight interviewee.



November 21, 2023

Resident Spotlight: Celine Hounjet



January 27, 2023

Resident Spotlight: Khalil Merali



November 2, 2022

Resident Spotlight: Dr. Annie Lalande

**Have a Story to Share?**  
We are interested in celebrating your academic accomplishments and sharing them with the Department and at [surgery.med.ubc.ca](http://surgery.med.ubc.ca). Please contact [valeria.kolesova@ubc.ca](mailto:valeria.kolesova@ubc.ca) with your news.

**Missed a Grand Rounds?**  
We have had some incredible presentations this year. Watch past Grand Rounds [here](#).