

The Medical Staff Association Newsletter

The MUSE

Fall 2017 Issue

Greetings from the MSA President

Greetings and welcome to this edition of the MUSE! Inside, you will find articles from colleagues, announcements about upcoming MSA events which we hope you will be able to attend, and photos of award winners from Medical Staff Association events from earlier this year!

Dr. Panju has contributed his thoughtful observations about Dr. Ameen Patel, the recipient of the 2017 Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award. Dr. O’Shea highlights the many activities and contributions of REFUGE, the Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health.

Turning to the Medical Staff Association executive, we have included a full list of our executive members in this edition of the MUSE. We hope that you will feel comfortable approaching any one of us if you have any thoughts or concerns.

Since the summer, we have been involved in many activities. We have met with Anna Ventresca, the HHS Vice President Legal Affairs and General Counsel, and are actively involved with updating the professional staff bylaws. Dr. Simon Oczkowski has developed a Medical Staff Association webpage (www.hhs-msa.com) where you will find a wide range of valuable information. We are arranging a session with Dr. Jack Kitts, the Ottawa Hospital CEO, to discuss key factors that enable physician leadership. We are also developing a

plan to facilitate electronic voting for MSA elections, rather than using paper ballots.

From the arts perspective, the Medical Staff Association has long supported music, with the Medical Staff Association band, and the visual arts, with our annual arts show. We would very much like to add literary talent to this list and feel that the MUSE would be a perfect venue. If you or a colleague have poetry or short prose that you would like to share with your colleagues, please contact us!

The MUSE is an important venue to highlight the many non-clinical, non-academic activities that Hamilton Health Sciences medical staff members are involved with. We hope you will all feel welcome to contribute stories about your own activities or those of your colleagues.

Best wishes,



Dr. Dereck Hunt, President
HHS MEDICAL STAFF ASSOCIATION

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Dr. Dereck Hunt and Dr. Akbar Panju with Dr. Ameen Patel (right) awarded the 2017 Dr. Stephen Garnett Award

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Welcome NEW Members

Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award 2017 Dr. Ameen (Mohammed) Patel, Medicine



Dr. Ameen (Mohammed) Patel (right), Department of Medicine, nominated by Dr. Akbar Panju, receives the MSA's highest honour, the Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award, at the MSA Annual Dinner & Awards on June 22 at the Canadian Warplanes Museum.

Dr. Akbar Panju, Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine, writes:

"Dr. Ameen Patel not only fulfills but exceeds the requirements for the Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award. Dr. Patel is an astute and master clinician, a superb educator and is involved in multiple administrative activities at the local, provincial and international levels. He is a true ambassador for Hamilton Health Sciences and for McMaster University, and is well recognized for his education contributions locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. He has trained and mentored many young faculty members and is a role model to our trainees. He carries a large load of clinical practice, both inpatient and outpatient, and at the same time, is involved in leader roles in education and in the Department of Medicine. He is a team player who exemplifies the qualities of true Oslerian medicine. He has been recognized for his contributions by multiple organizations. In my opinion he embodies all the qualities of a complete physician and educator and fulfills all the criteria for the distinguished Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award."

MSA Humanitarian Award for Community and Global Service Dr. Andrea Hunter, Pediatrics



Dr. Andrea Hunter receives the Humanitarian Award for her dedicated volunteer medical services within the Community and globally, presented by Dr. Christian Kraeker, Internal Medicine, at the Annual Dinner & Awards on June 22.

MSA President's Award for Distinguished Long Service Dr. Stuart Martin, Plastic Surgery



Dr. Stuart Martin (right) receives the President's Award for Distinguished Long Service from Dr. Chris Ricci, Anaesthesia and past President, at the Annual Dinner and Awards on June 22.



The Dr. Clive Davis Award, HGH
Dr. Ally Prebtani, Medicine
Presented by: Dr. Clive Davis



The Dr. Dan Dwyer Award, JHCC
Dr. Manon Tougas, Critical Care
Presented by: Dr. Simon Oczkowski (left) and
Dr. Dereck Hunt

Medical Staff Association

Winter Awards Recipients 2017



The Dr. Jeffery Coats Award, MUMC
Dr. Rob Lloyd, Pediatrics
Presented by: Dr. John Mernagh



The Family Practice Award
Dr. Christian Kraeker, Medicine
Presented by: Dr. Paul Miller

Call for Nominations Family Medicine and Consultants Awards 2018

JOIN US in presenting the site **CONSULTANTS AWARDS** and the **FAMILY PHYSICIAN AWARD**. These awards recognize the tireless efforts of the recipients in providing excellence in patient care and willingness to 'go the extra mile' in supportive collaboration with colleagues.

Send in your nomination letter and plan to **CELEBRATE** at the MSA **GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING & 13TH MEDICAL STAFF ART SHOW** on Thursday January 25th at the Sheraton Hotel, 5:30 pm

E-mail msa@hhsc.ca or fax 905-577-1479 your nomination letter to the MSA Office by **DEADLINE**: December 1, 2017

Questions? Call the MSA Office at ext 46770

NEW! STARTING AT THE WINTER AWARDS JANUARY 25, 2018

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital will join the MSA Winter Awards Celebration with their inaugural 'WLMH Colleague's Award'.

The Family Medicine Award will be nominated by hospital-based physicians to be awarded to a Family Medicine physician

MSA Community Outreach

HHS Medical Staff Association Annual Charitable Donation

Call for Nominations for 2018

The Medical Staff Association Executive invites submissions from members for a worthy community group in need, for the

Annual MSA \$5,000 Charitable Donation

Criteria for this Donation:

- ~ Must be a registered charitable organization
- ~ Must serve Hamilton area
- ~ Must have a specific need

Submit nomination letters to:

The MSA Office , 3 Upper Room 321, 237 Barton St. East, Hamilton L8L 2X2

Hamilton General Hospital fax 905-577-1479 OR email to msa@hhsc.ca

Submission Deadline: December 15, 2017

Plan to be there to present this donation to your favourite charity at the Winter General Business Meeting on Jan 25, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel 6:30 pm. Questions? Call x 46770 or email msa@hhsc.ca

MSA Donations through the years...

2007 YMCA - Camp Wanakita – children’s safety equipment

2008 T.E.A.D. Equestrian Assoc. for Handicapped

2009 The Good Shepherd & Salvation Army Food Banks

2010 The Mark Preece Family House

2011 The Hamilton Association for Recreational program

2012 Community Child Abuse Council & St. Matthew’s House

2013 Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health & Wellwood

2014 Cancer Assist Program & City Kidz Program

2015 541 Eatery & Exchange & The Hamilton Good Food Box

2016 Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health Syrian Refugees

2017 Wesley Centre for Teen Drop-in Program & Epilepsy
Halton Peel Hamilton, Sunny Days Camp for Children

Dr. Tim O'Shea reports on the wide reach of the MSA donations

This January, the Medical Staff Association will celebrate its 12th year of donations to organizations actively involved in helping the needy in our community. Donations will be presented at the Winter General Business Meeting and Medical Staff Art Show on January 25th at the Sheraton Hotel. Read on to find out how the MSA's donations are helping.



Dr. Tim O'Shea, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine at HHS, is a long-time volunteer at Refuge: the Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health, offering free medical services to new Canadian citizens. Dr. O'Shea writes, "Hamilton

Health Sciences physicians continue to contribute to the work of Refuge: the Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health. Refuge has been the recipient of donations from the Medical Staff Association on two separate occasions, and these contributions have

been put to good use keeping the clinic running and supporting the work of MSA members. Refuge currently runs daily primary care clinics staffed by family doctors and nurse practitioners. These clinics are supported by regular specialist clinics in internal medicine, hematology, cardiology, dermatology, pediatrics and psychiatry. In addition, resident-run clinics in pediatrics and internal medicine run once to twice per month, and an immunization clinic supervised by McMaster medical students occurs monthly.

Refuge continues to see a significant number of patients. Over time the population of patients has changed as the demographics of newcomers to Hamilton shifts. Despite these challenges, Refuge continues to strive to offer excellence in clinical care for newcomers to our city in a safe and welcoming environment. The contributions of the Medical Staff Association have assisted in this mission in a significant way, and are greatly appreciated."

Volunteer Physicians at Refuge: The Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health

Alain-Remi Lajeunesse (Family Medicine)
 Andrea Hunter (Pediatrician)
 Ashley McCallagh-Cheung (Family Medicine)
 Brianna Wilson (Family Medicine)
 Christian Kraeker (Internal Medicine)
 Claire Kenny-Scherber (Hon. Physician)
 Diana Ahmed (Family Medicine)
 Elisabeth Canisius (Pediatrician)
 Abubaker Khalifa (Internal Medicine Resident)

Erica Roebbelen (Family Medicine)
 Javier Ganame (Cardiologist)
 Mandy Tam (Family Medicine)
 Maureen O'Malley (Dermatologist)
 Mike West (Family Medicine)
 Madeleine Verhovsek (Hematologist)
 Mohamed Khaled (Medical Director)
 Rachel Erstling (Psychiatrist)
 Shelley Sender (Family Medicine)
 Tim O'Shea (Infectious Disease)

HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES
Medical Staff Association

Fall General Business Meeting

Thursday November 2, 2017



HAMILTON YACHT CLUB 555 Bay St. North, Hamilton

AGENDA

5:30 - 7:30 Physician Flu Shot Clinic

6:00 Buffet Dinner & Host Bar

6:30 Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions - Dr. Dereck Hunt, MSA President

MSA Business & Announcements

PRESENTATIONS

7:00 Hospital Update - Rob MacIsaac, CEO

7:30 Medical Advisory Committee Report - Dr. Paul Miller, Chair

8:00 OMA Update - Dr. Jeff Kolbasnik, Director, District 4

8:30 Closing Remarks & Adjournment

➔ **FREE** Lab Coat order forms at Registration Desk

Next MSA Meeting:

The Winter General Business Meeting & Medical Staff Art Show

Thursday January 25, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel, James & King Sts. Hamilton

Reception & Art show starting at 5:30 Buffet at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00 pm



Medical Staff Artists extend a warm welcome to their creative colleagues! Join us for the Medical Staff Art Show 2018 on January 25! ...details below....

The Medical Staff's Got Talent!

13th Annual Medical Staff Art Show

January 25th at the Sheraton Hotel

THE MSA ARTISTS' GROUP WELCOMES FELLOW ARTISTS, ARTISANS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, WRITERS AND MUSICIANS TO JOIN THEM FOR THE 2018

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

CONTACT THE MSA OFFICE AT EXT 46770, OR EMAIL MSA@HHSC.CA FOR DETAILS

MSA Executive Team 2017-2018

President: **Dr. Dereck Hunt**, Medicine

Vice President : **Dr. Paul Missiuna**
Orthopedic Surgery

Sec-Treasurer: **Dr. Catherine Ross**
Laboratory Medicine

Past-President: **Dr. Chris Ricci**
Anaesthesia

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Dr. Barbara Connolly, Neurology

Dr. Deepak Dath, Surgery

Dr. John Dingle, Anaesthesia

Dr. Dean Hansenberger, Family Medicine

Dr. Bruce Korman, ENT

Dr. Stephanie Lee, Diagnostic Imaging

Dr. John Mernagh, Diagnostic Imaging

Dr. Paul Miller, Emergency, MAC Chair

Dr. Neeraj Narula, Gastroenterology

Dr. Simon Oczkowski, Critical Care

Dr. Tom Van Helder, Anaesthesia

Dr. Linou Zou, Family Medicine

The Executive Team Welcomes New Associate Members

Dr. Simram Basi, PM&R

Dr. Baljoet Bhangoo, Anesthesia

Dr. Alexander Chorley, Emergency Medicine

Dr. Joy Deng, PM&R

Dr. Shalini Desai, Pediatrics

Dr. Rebecca Douglass, Family Medicine

Dr. Jenna Dowhaniuk, Pediatrics

Dr. Jessica Gantz, Pediatrics

Dr. Rimon Ghattas, Internal Medicine

Dr. Gregory Hariton, Family Medicine

Dr. Joseph Jeyaseelan, Family Medicine

Dr. Asha Karbassi, Cardiology

Dr. Linda Kocovski, Laboratory Medicine

Dr. Jian-Qiang Lu, Laboratory Medicine

Dr. Maura Marcucci, Internal Medicine

Dr. Emma Mazurek, Family Medicine

Dr. Matthew McFarling, Anesthesia

Dr. Hasan Merali, Pediatrics

Dr. Jennifer Nelli, Anesthesia

Dr. Gihan Perera, PM&R

Dr. Milita Ramonas, Diagnostic Medicine

Dr. Ziad Solh, Pediatrics

Dr. Aparna Swaminathan, Family Medicine

Dr. Sean Tjandra, Dental Surgery

Dr. Garry Toor, Dental Surgery

Dr. Christian Van Der Pol, Diagnostic Imaging

Dr. Dean Vlahaki, Emergency Medicine

Dr. Robert Yates, Pediatrics