#### DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

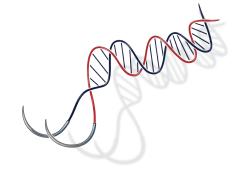




# ANNUAL ADDRESS 2020

James T. Rutka

MD, PhD, FRCSC, FACS, FAAP, FAANS
RS McLaughlin Professor and Chair





#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019-2020



- ✓ Publication of academic business case for Global Surgery
- √ Formalization of the Surgeon-Entrepreneur job description
- ✓ Initiation of Phase 2 Wellness Program, focus group discussions
- ✓ Publication of the SSTP roadmap for research fellowships
- ✓ Creation of Inaugural Merit Awards for Junior Faculty
- ✓ White paper on Parental Leave
- ✓ Hiring of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Co-Directors
- √ Impact of COVID-19 on the Practice of Surgery
- √ \$2.8M raised in philanthropic support





# DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY STAFF



Harjit Bains - Finance Administrator

Val Cabral - Research Program Manager

Nancy Condo - Business Officer

Alina Gaspar - HR/ Payroll Administrator

Joanna Giddens - Strategic Plan Coordinator

Elena lourtaeva - Acting UG Education Coordinator

Stacey Krumholtz - Medical Illustrator

Stephanie Neilson - Web/Communications Coordinator

Effy Ordon - Senior Development Officer

Sylvia Perry - Executive Administrator

Violetta Sochka - PGME Program Assistant

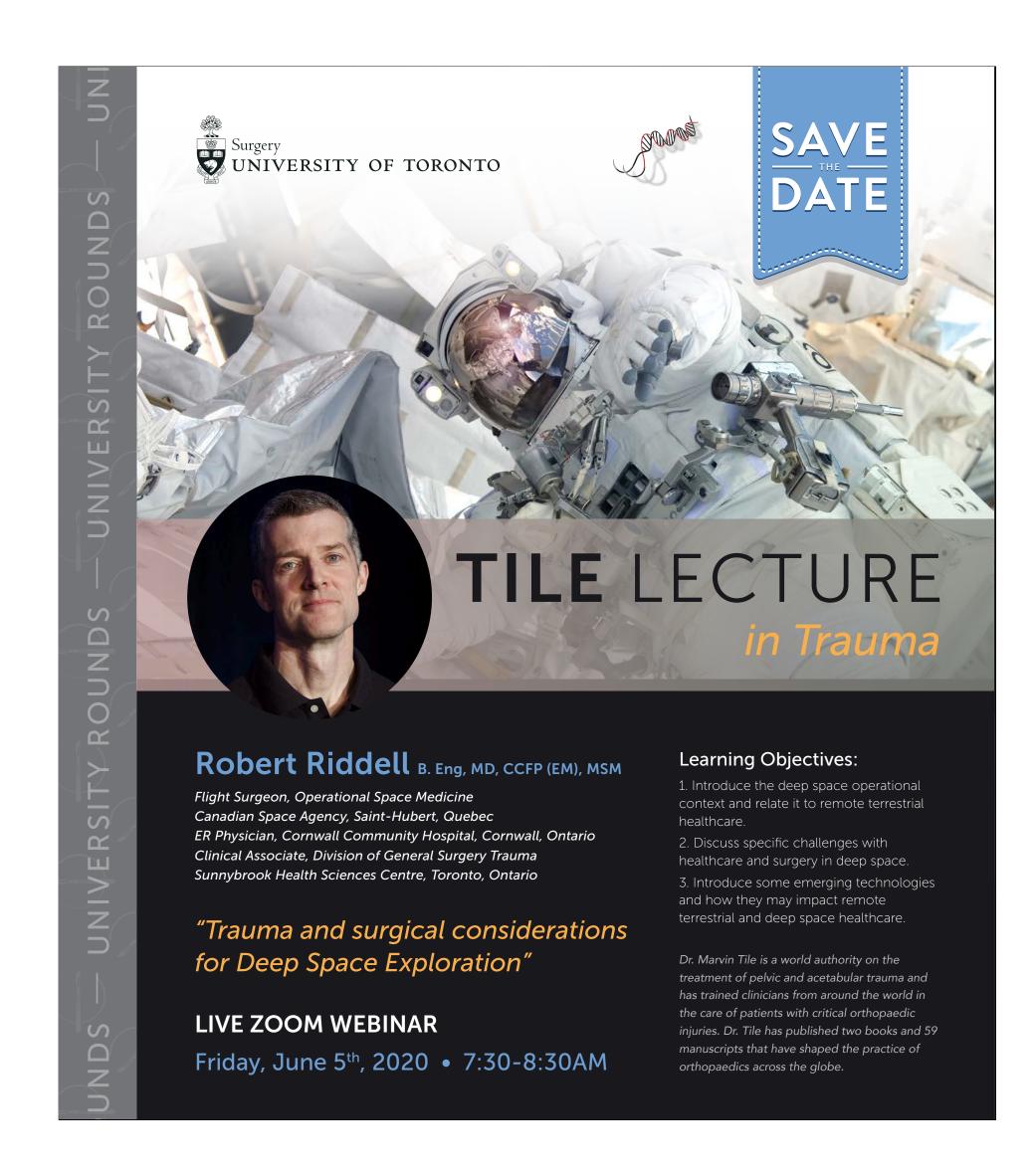
Nancy Somer - Clerical Assistant

Tess Weber - PG Education Coordinator



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#### UNIVERSITY ROUNDS 2019-2020





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#### **DEPARTMENT EVENTS 2019-2020**





Department of Medicine

Department of Surgery

#### Joint Departments of Medicine & Surgery Annual Presentation

Bob Bell, MDCM, MSc, FRCSC, FACS, FRCSE (hon)

A Single Payer, Public Funded Healthcare System in the Age of COVID-19

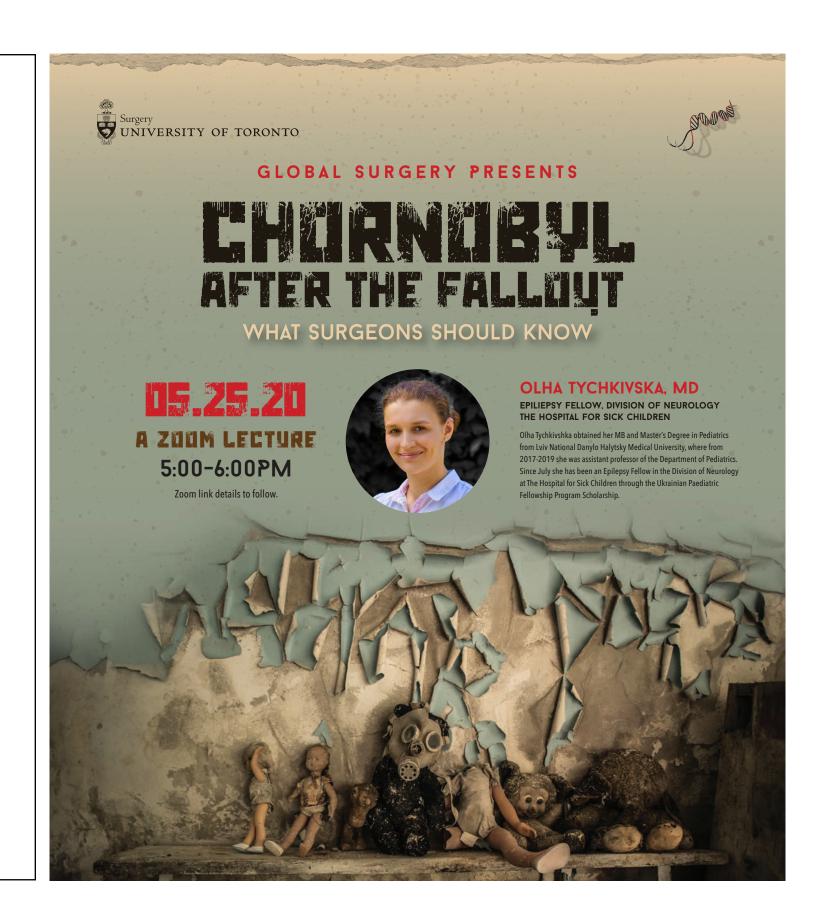
Wednesday, May 20th, 2020 - 5:00-6:00PM

Click here to register

Space is limited. Please register by Monday, May 18th, 2020 at 9:00AM.



Dr. Robert Bell served as Ontario's Deputy Minister of Health from 2014 to 2018. Prior to this role, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of University Health Network for nine years. He was previously the Chief Operating Officer at Princess Margaret Hospital and Chair of Cancer Care Ontario's Clinical Council and the Cancer Quality Council of Ontario.

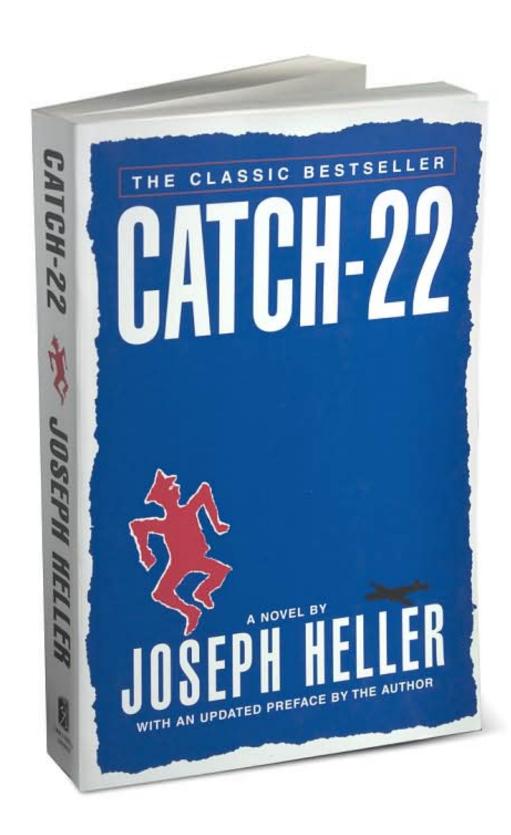






#### **DEPARTMENT EVENTS 2019-2020**

#### **Department of Surgery Book Club**

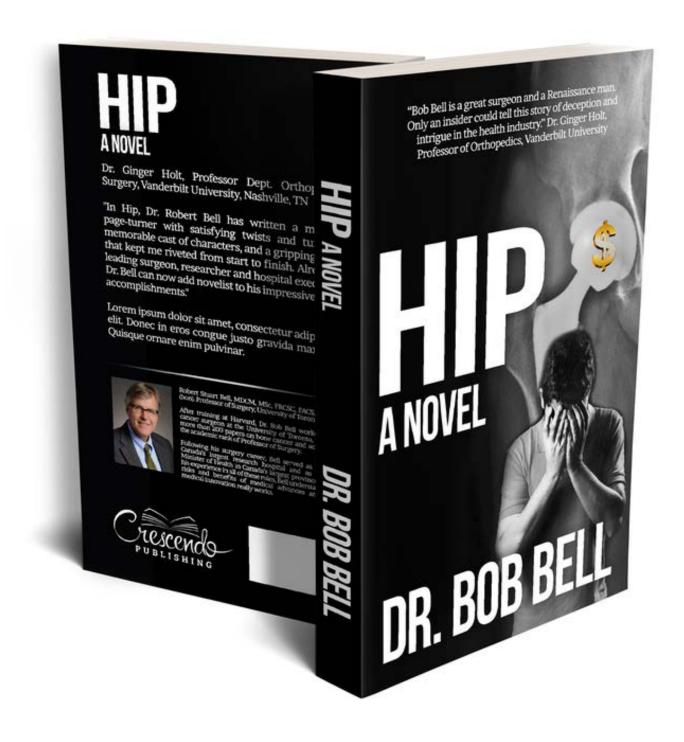


October 15th, 2019

Catch-22

Joseph Heller

Set during World War II it follows the life of Captain John Yossarian, a U.S. Army Air Forces B-25 bombardier and the his fellow airmen, who attempt to maintain their sanity while fulfilling their service requirements so that they may return home.



May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**HIP A Novel** 

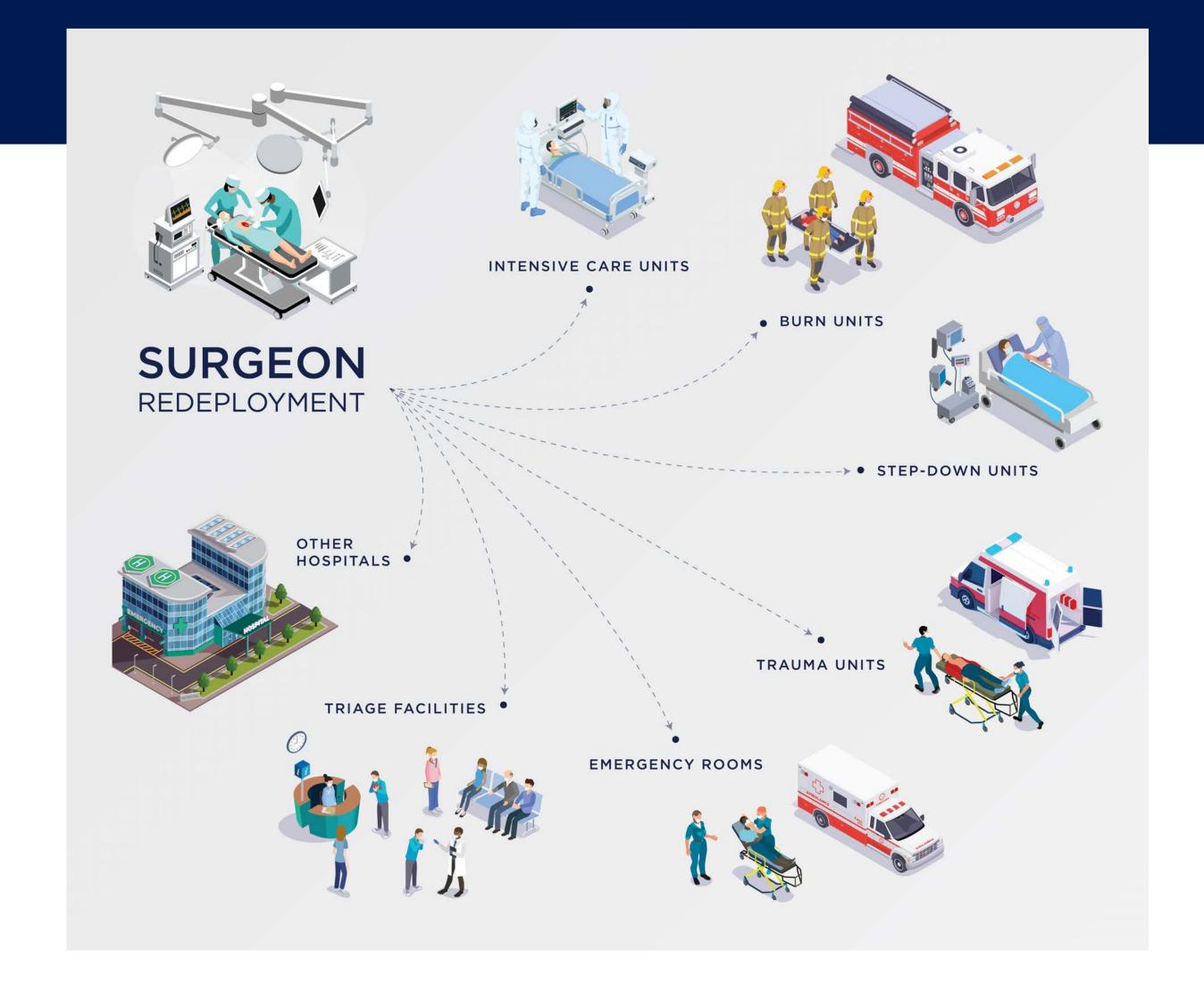
Dr. Bob Bell

This cautionary tale describes the conflict between profitable surgical innovation and the weak approval processes for surgical devices. With extremely powerful forces aligned against him, will a doctor be able to honor his oath? Or will his career be destroyed?





# COVID-19 IMPACT ON SURGERY



#### Surgeon Redeployment

I wish to acknowledge the dozens of surgical residents who have served in a redeployment capacity on the front lines in the critical care medicine units assisting with the care of COVID-19 patients.



**George Oreopoulos** \$500,000 donation towards PPE purchase





#### COVID-19 ART SHOWCASE

Very swiftly, without reflexive blinking, they removed it

Ending me breath by breath

None were left, I had heard rumors the day before

The world was dying.

Illusion of alarmists, I had thought

Left me now in shock state worse than respiratory failure

As I heard them say it with my own ears

Too old, one of them whispered

Oh, how effortlessly they disconnected it

Remembering not once how youth poured out of my eyes.

Vital capacity, Tidal Volume, PEEP, Pressure Support

Ending me breath by breath

None of his numbers heading in the right direction

The world was dying but I aimed to save everyone.

Illusion of idealists, they had said

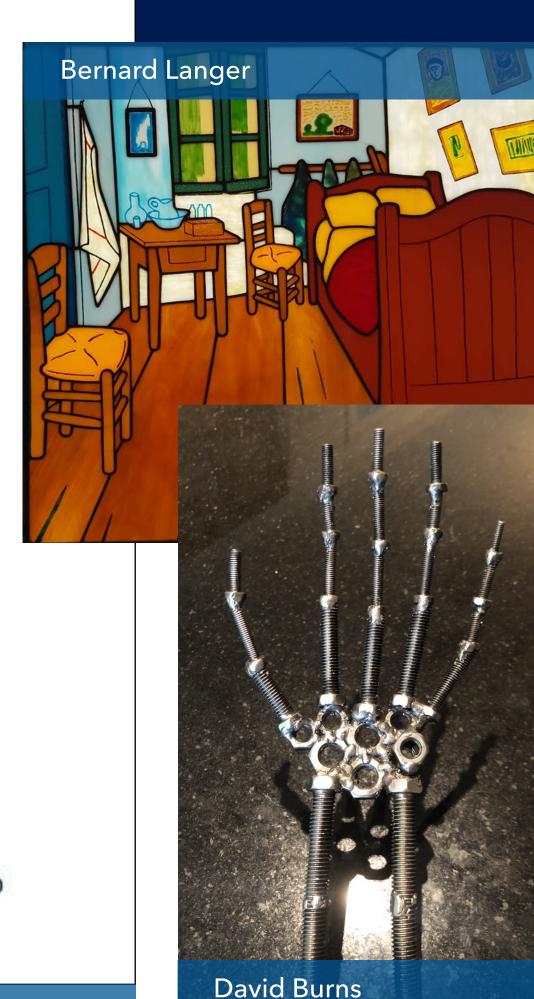
Left me now in shock state worse than my patient's

As I heard them say it with my own ears

Too many patients, and not enough ventilators

Oh, how difficult to disconnect it despite knowing it won't help

Reminding myself every second it will save someone else.





### CALLING ALL SURGEON ARTISTS SHOW US YOUR CREATIVITY IN LOCKDOWN

The COVID-19 crisis has been a significant catalyst in stimulating the power of art and harnessing individual creativity. We are looking to showcase your art and bring it to a wider audience. Work will be assembled by Drs. John Semple and Darrell Ogilvie-Harris and

featured on the various Department of Surgery outlets (Instagram, Twitter, and department website). We welcome art in all forms\*, along with a brief description of its significance to you. This opportunity is open to all trainees, faculty, and alumni.

#### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> 2020**

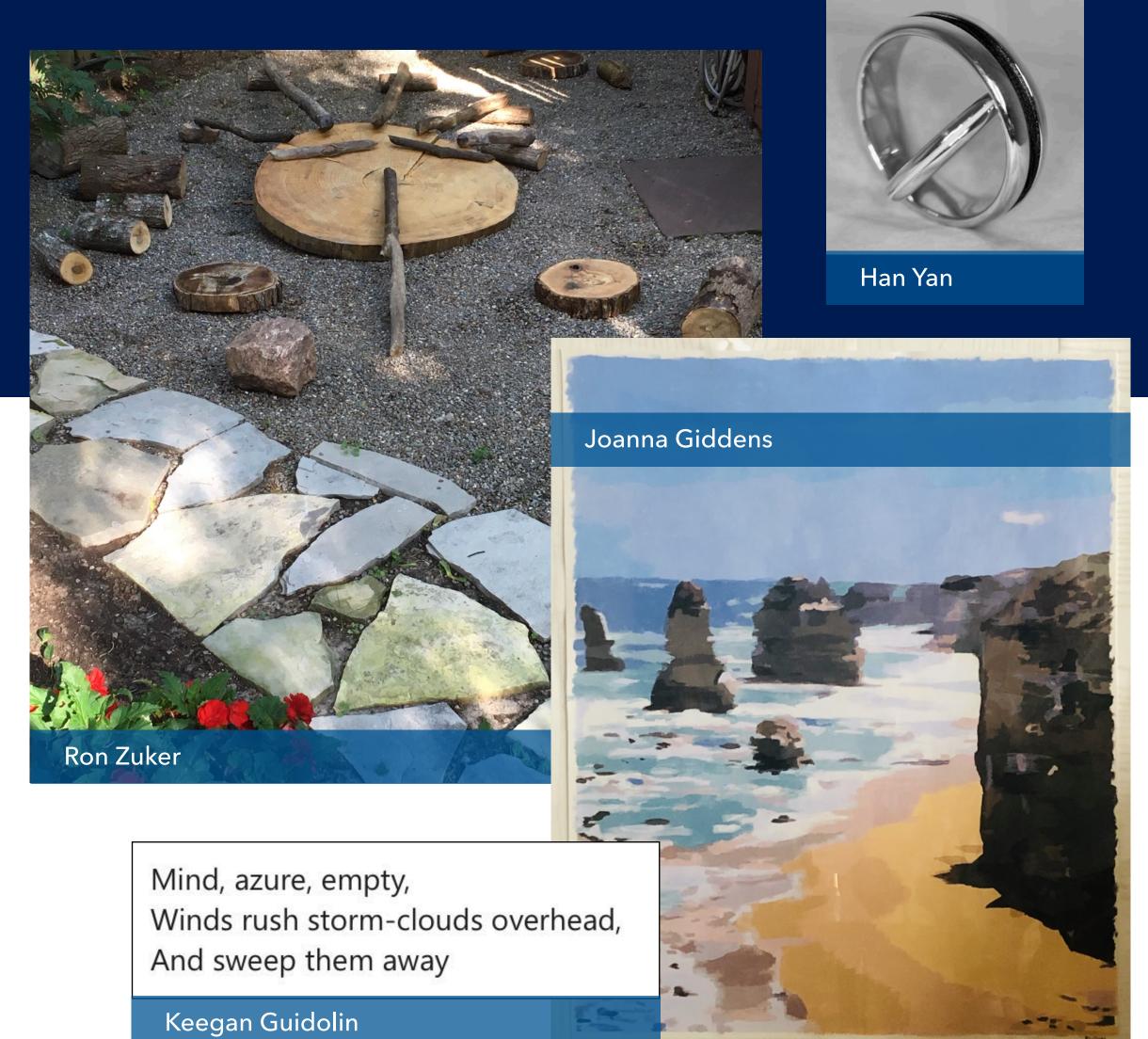
Submit via email to: john.semple@wchospital.ca, d.ogilvie.harris@utoronto.ca

\* Photography, paintings, drawings, sculptures, digital art forms, poems, haiku, videos, music, etc.

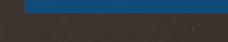




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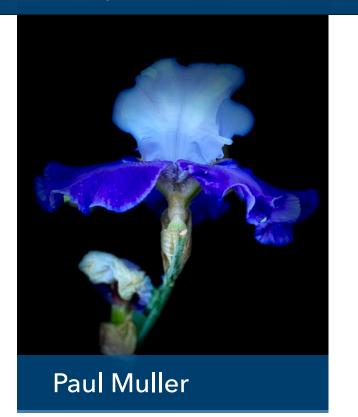




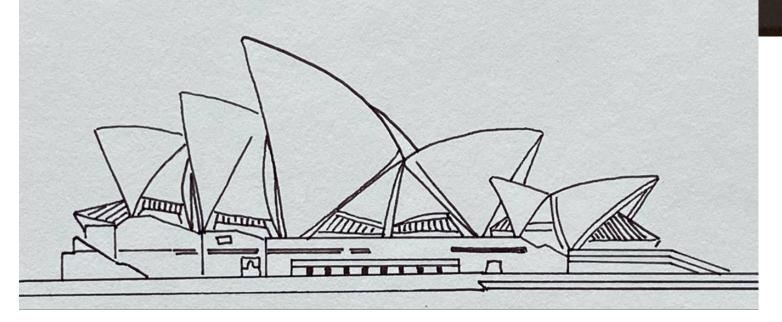


Laura Tate











# COVID-19 ART SHOWCASE





O. Rotstein

Associate Chair

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



R. S. McLaughlin Professor and Chair





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DON VALLEY NEWTONBROOK \_\_\_\_ VILLAGE

#### **SURGEONS-IN-CHIEF (BY HOSPITAL LOCATION)**

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North York General Hospital



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YORK MILLS



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M. Musgrave Director, **Evaluations and Teaching Innovation** 



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Anatomy



B. Yanagawa

Program Director,

Cardiac Surgery

Cardiac Surgery General Surgery



A. Lozano











Urology

S. Keshavjee

Vice-Chair, Surgical

Innovation

J. Lee Program Director, Program Director, Program Director, Program Director, Program Director,



G. Oreopoulos Program Director, Vascular Surgery

Vascular Surgery

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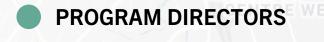
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Program Director, Program Director, Program Director, Program Director, General Surgery Colorectal Surgery Surgical Oncology Pediatric General



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**C. Morshead**Anatomy



**T. Yau**Cardiac Surgery



**C. Swallow**General Surgery



**A. Lozano**Neurosurgery



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**C. Forrest**Plastic Surgery



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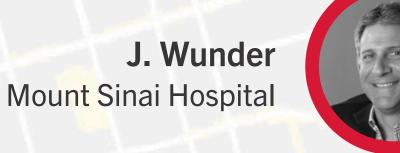


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# EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TEAM 2019-2020



Najma Ahmed Vice Chair, Education



Michael Fehlings
Vice Chair, Research



Ralph George
Director, Continuing Education



Robin Richards
Chair, Internal Evaluations Committee



Oleg Safir
Director, Surgical Skills Centre



Jeremy Hall
Director, Undergraduate Education



Melinda Musgrave
Director, Education Evaluation



Ron Levine
Director, Postgraduate Education





## PROGRAM DIRECTORS 2019-2020



Markku Nousiainen
Orthopaedics



Frances Wright
Surgical Oncology



Andrew Pierre
Thoracic Surgery



Sav Brar General Surgery



**Kyle Wanzel**Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery



Georges Azzie
Paediatric General Surgery



George Oreopoulos Vascular Surgery



Jason Lee Urology



Bobby Yanagawa Cardiac Surgery



Helen MacRae
Colorectal Surgery



Ab Kulkarni Neurosurgery





### CHAIR RE-APPOINTMENTS









**Tom Forbes** 

Division Chair, Vascular Surgery
Division of Vascular Surgery
University Health Network



**Avery Nathens** 

de Souza Chair in Trauma Clinical Research Division of General Surgery Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre



**Carol Swallow** 

Bernard and Ryan Langer
Chair in General Surgery
Division of General Surgery
Mount Sinai Hospital





## NEW CHAIR APPOINTMENTS









**Peter Dirks** 

Harold J. Hoffman/Shoppers Drug Mart
Chair in Pediatric Surgery
Division of Neurosurgery

Hospital for Sick Children

**Tulin Cil** 

Gattuso Chair in Breast Surgical Oncology

Division of General Surgery

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Dan Family Chair in Neurosurgery
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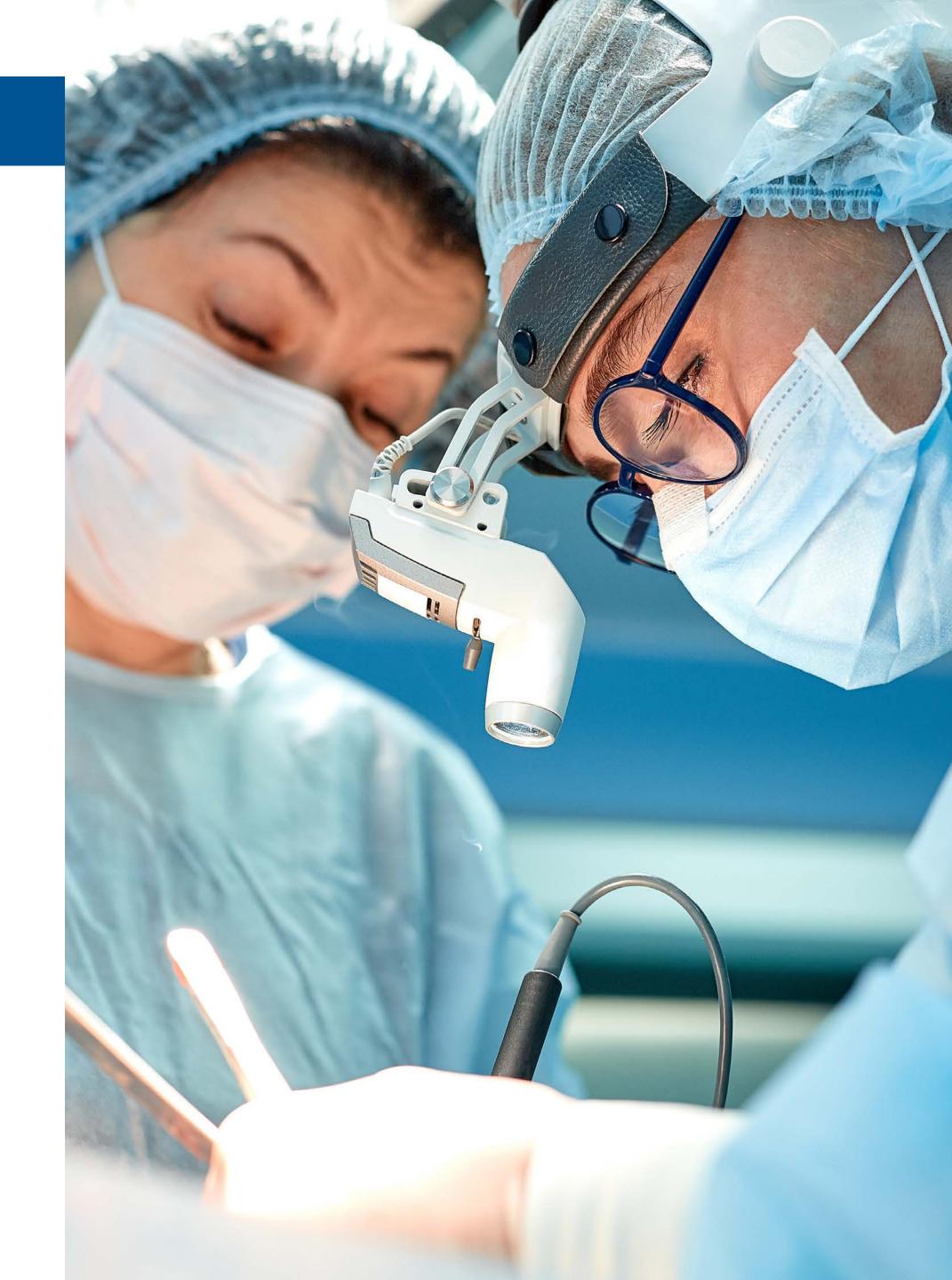




#### NEW KEY APPOINTMENTS

- Jas Chahal Interim Hospital Head, Orthopaedics, WCH
- Nancy Baxter Head of School of Population and Global Health,
   University of Melbourne
- Gelareh Zadeh President of the Society for Neuro-Oncology
- Gail Darling Editorial Board, Annals of Surgery
- David Urbach Editorial Board, Annals of Surgery
- Natalie Coburn Editorial Board, Annals of Surgery
- Armando Lorenzo Hospital Head, Urology, HSC
- Peter Dirks Hospital Head, Neurosurgery, HSC
- Homer Tien President and CEO of ORNGE
- Gregory Borschel President ASPN



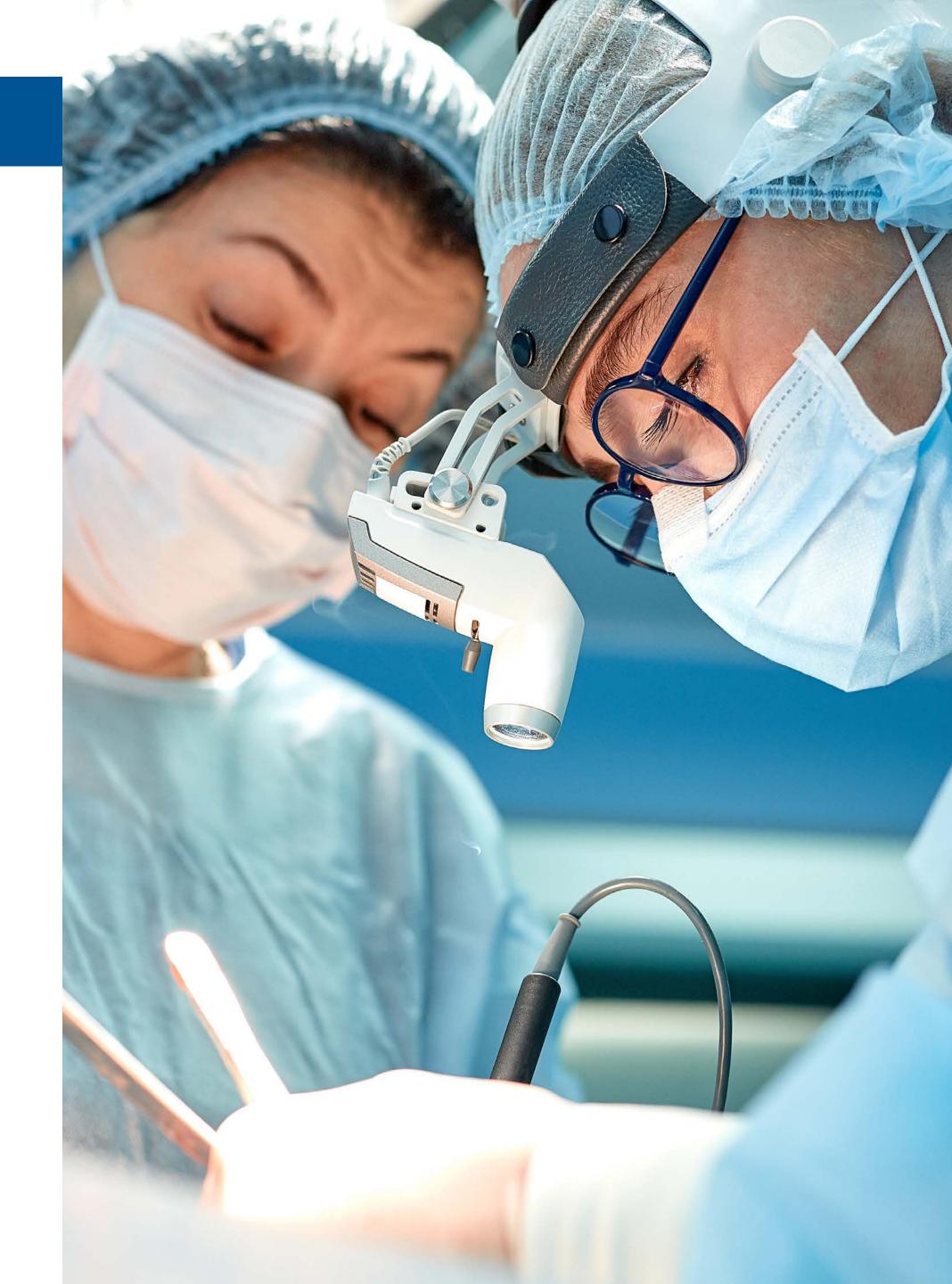




# NEW KEY APPOINTMENTS

- Erin Kennedy Hospital head, General Surgery, MSH
- Blake Murphy Interim Chief, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, SMH
- Annie Fecteau Associate Chief, Quality and Safety, HSC
- **Simon Kelley** Associate Chief, Perioperative Services, Clinical and Ambulatory, HSC
- Abhayah Kulkarni Associate Chief, Education for Perioperative Services, HSC
- Sharifa Himidan Chair of Pediatric Surgery Examination Board of Royal College of Surgeons
- Mingyao Liu Director, IMS (Re-appointment)
- Michael Taylor Royal Society of Canada Fellowship (Elected)







# ACADEMIC PROMOTION - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR











Tulin Cil
University Health Network
General Surgery



Suneil Kalia
University Health Network
Neurosurgery



Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre General Surgery

Catherine O'Brien

University Health Network General Surgery





# ACADEMIC PROMOTION - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR











Anne O'Neill

University Health Network
Plastic and Reconstructive
Surgery



University Health Network Vascular Surgery

Ivan Radovanovic

University Health Network Neurosurgery



Michael Garron Hospital Urology





# ACADEMIC PROMOTION - PROFESSOR











**Robert Cusimano** 

University Health Network
Cardiac Surgery



Hospital for Sick Children
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery



University Health Network
Orthopaedic Surgery



**Erin Kennedy** 

Mount Sinai Hospital General Surgery





# PROMOTEES ZOOM CELEBRATION DINNER







# ACADEMIC PROMOTION - PROFESSOR EMERITUS





William Williams

Director of CHSS Data Center Cardiac Surgery





# TRANSITIONS FROM CLINICAL PRACTICE!





St. Michael's, Unity Health Toronto Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery



**Bernd Neu** 

North York General Hospital Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

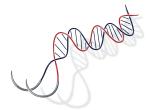




Nir Lipsman CAR, September 2019
From L-R: Avery Nathens, Nir Lipsman, Andre Lozano



Savtaj Brar CAR, January 2020 From L-R: Jay Wunder, Savtaj Brar, Carol Swallow, Najma Ahmed, Erin Kennedy





Jeff Wllson CAR, January 2020

From L-R: Najma Ahmed, Julian Spears, Jeff Wilson, Michael Fehlings, Ori Rotstein



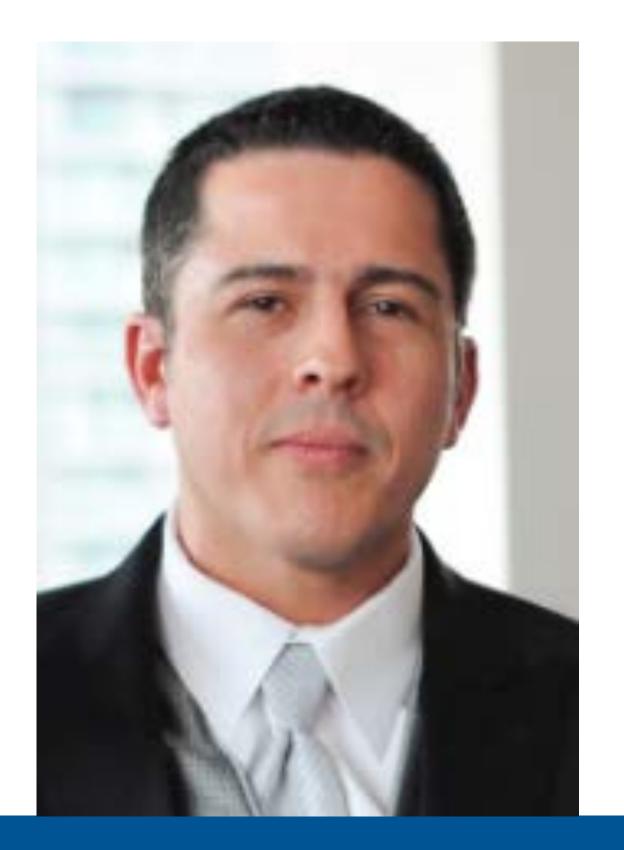
Amit Atrey CAR, March 2020

From L-R: Ori Rotstein, Amit Atrey





Sami Chadi CAR, February 2020 From L-R: Carol Swallow, Sami Chadi, Allan Okrainec, Shaf Keshavjee



Luis DaLuz CAR, 2020
Pictured: Luis DaLuz





#### Barbara Haas CAR, February 2020

From L-R: Shady Ashamalla, Carol Swallow, Barbara Haas, Avery Nathens, Laurent Brochard



#### Tim Leroux CAR, February 2020

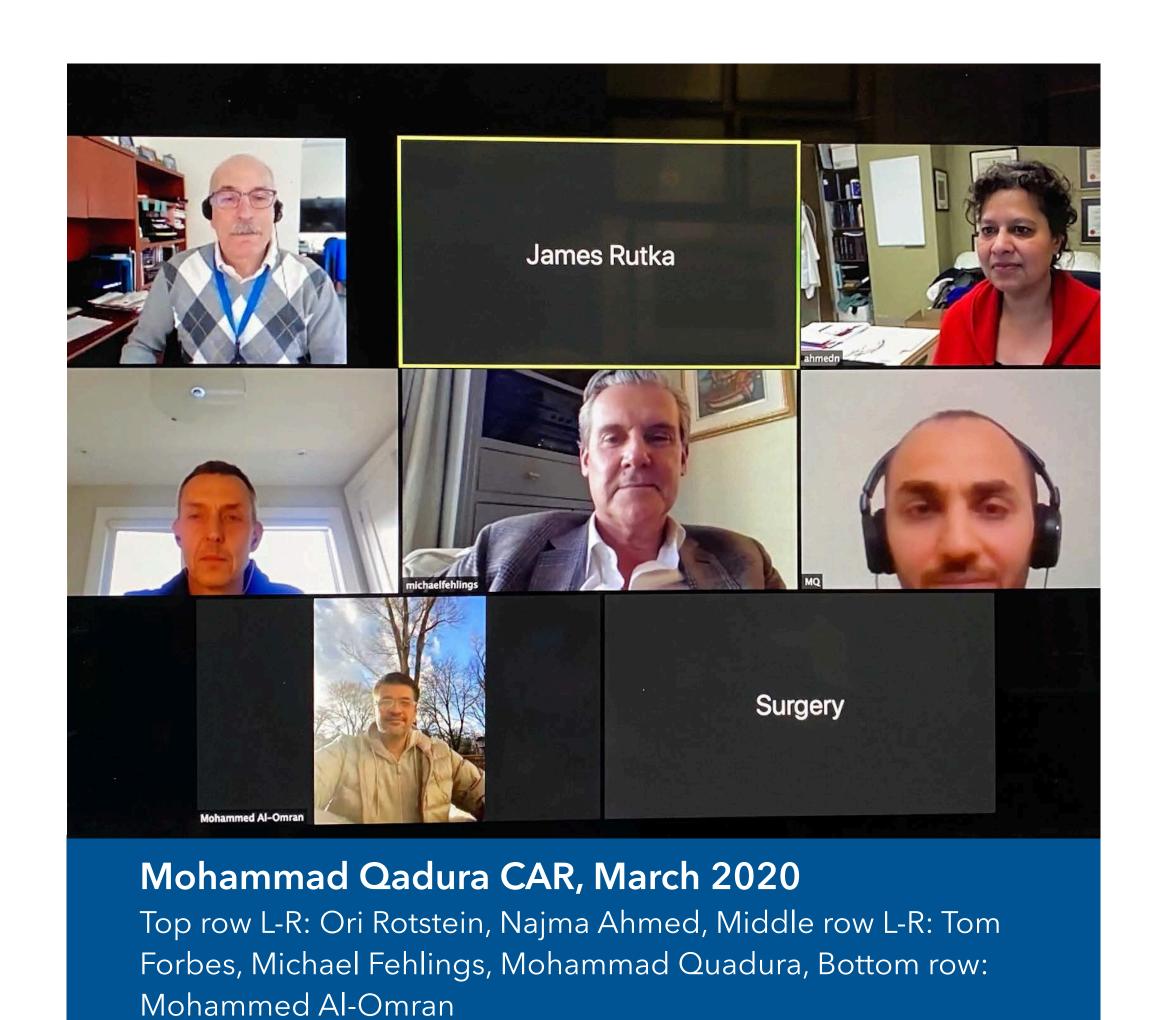
From L-R: Peter Ferguson, Tim Leroux, Shaf Keshavjee, Christian Veillette





### Bheeshma Ravi CAR, March 2020

From L-R: Avery Nathens, Bheeshma Ravi, Albert Yee and Peter Ferguson

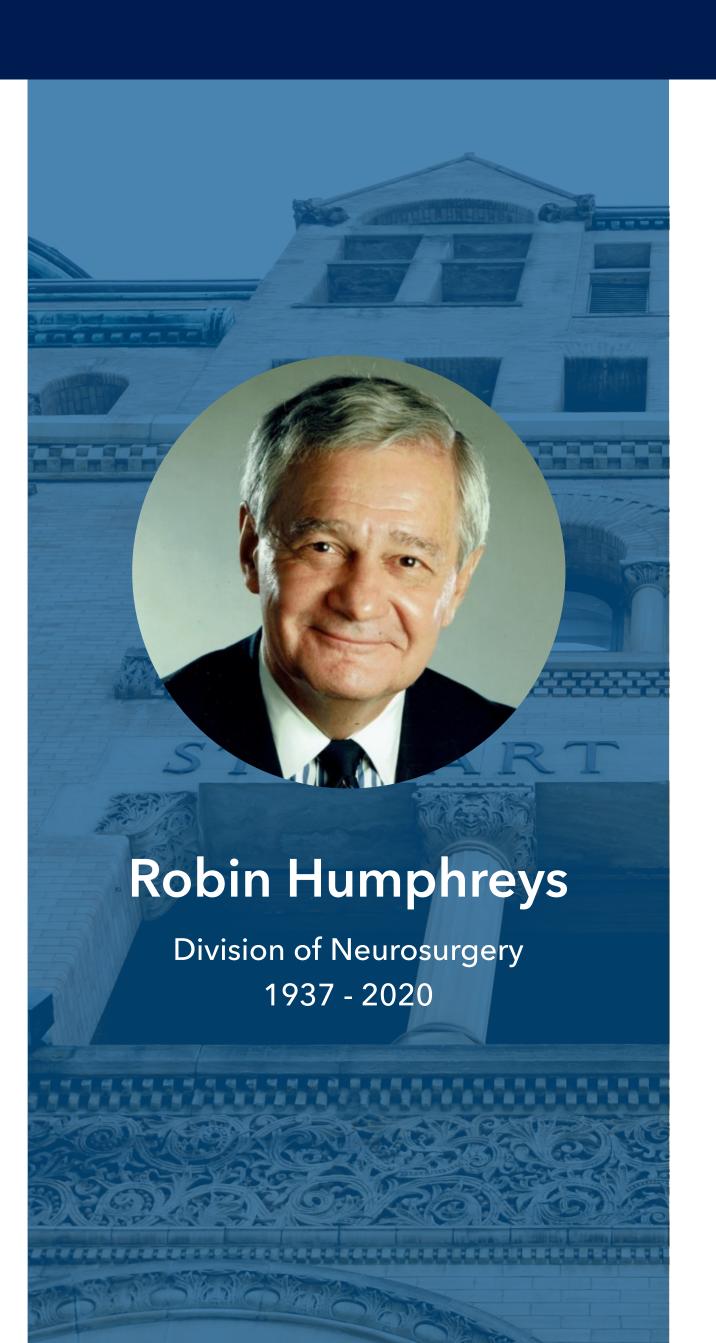


# IN MEMORIAM



Keith Moore

Division of Anatomy
1925 - 2019

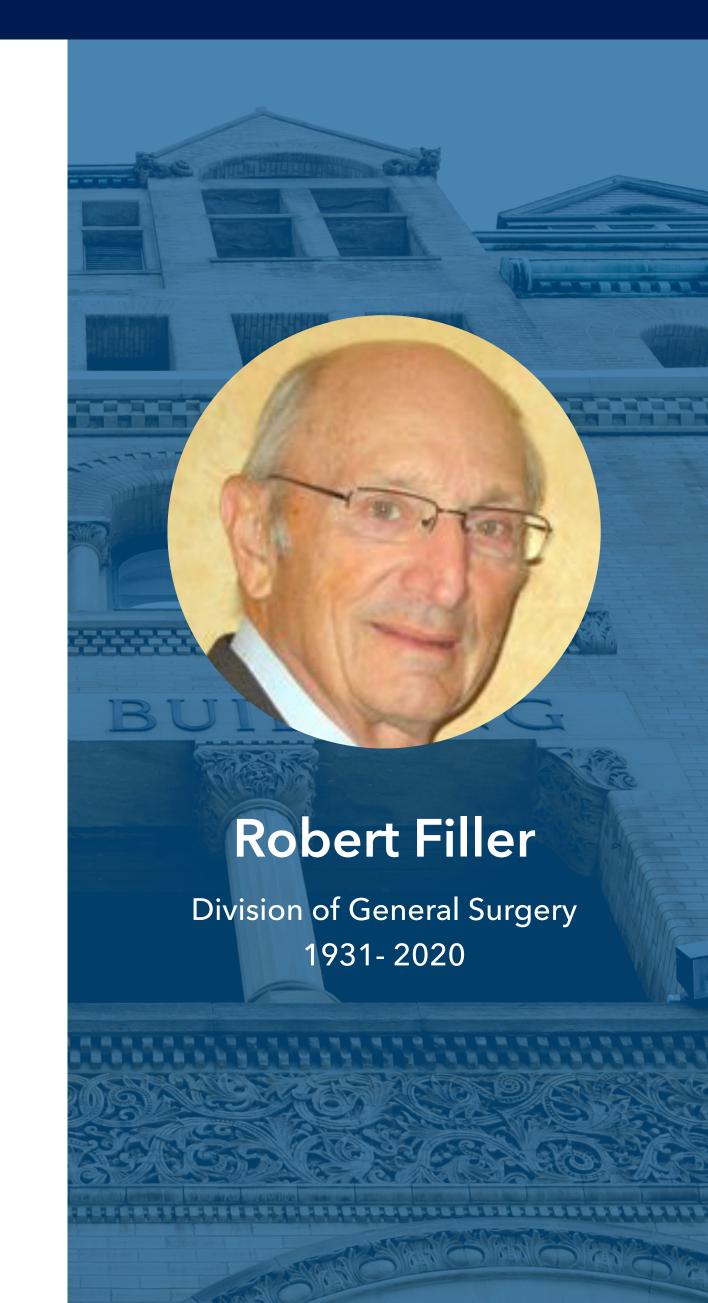




Todd Mainprize

Division of Neurosurgery

1970 - 2020



#### **PART-TIME**

Christopher Peskun (Orthopaedic Surgery)

Sayf Gazala (Thoracic Surgery)

Mark Zarnett (Orthopaedic Surgery)

Andreas Tassis (General Surgery)

Bojana Radovanovic (Vascular Surgery)

**Dmitry Tsvetkov** (Orthopaedic Surgery)

Hanmu Yan (Urology)

Leslie Spevack (General Surgery)

Victoria Cheung (Thoracic Surgery)

Sydney Wong (Vascular Surgery)

#### **ADJUNCT**

Daniel Abramowitz (General Surgery)

Petar Erdeljan (Urology)

Kristina Lisk (Anatomy)

Shahnoor Ullah (General Surgery)

David Walmsley (Orthopaedic Surgery)

#### **STATUS**

Emil Schemitsch (Orthopaedic Surgery)

Michael Fraser (Urology)

Adele Changoor (Orthopaedic Surgery)



#### **FULL-TIME**



Andrea Chan
University Health Network
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery



Jeremy Larouche
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Orthopaedic Surgery



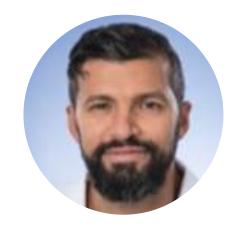
Jana Dengler
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
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Reto Baertschiger
Hospital for Sick Children
General Surgery



Ashlie Nadler
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
General Surgery



Blayne Sayed
Hospital for Sick Children
General Surgery



Kim Tsoi Mount Sinai Hospital *Orthopaedic Surgery* 



Laura Donohoe
University Health Network
Thoracic Surgery



#### **FULL-TIME**



Harman Chaudry
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Orthopaedic Surgery



Raman Mundi Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Orthopaedic Surgery



Andrew Beckett
St. Michael's Hospital
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Christopher Witiw
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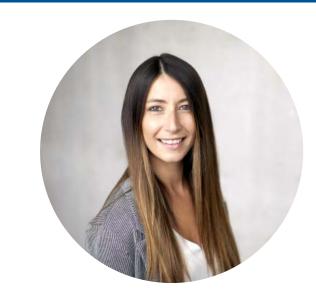
David Barron
Hospital for Sick Children
Cardiac Surgery







# ADVANCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS 2019-2020



Effy Ordon
Senior Development Officer
Department of Surgery

**\$2,914,119** in new pledges and gifts

326 unique donors (majority alumni and faculty), 415 pledges, and 31 major donors (\$25,000+)

Creation of Hold'em For Life Fellowships in partnership with the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation which

benefits the Surgeon Scientist Training Program (SSTP)

Established the Mark Daniels Fund in Vascular Research

Established the Angelo and Christina Marzilli SSTP Scholarship

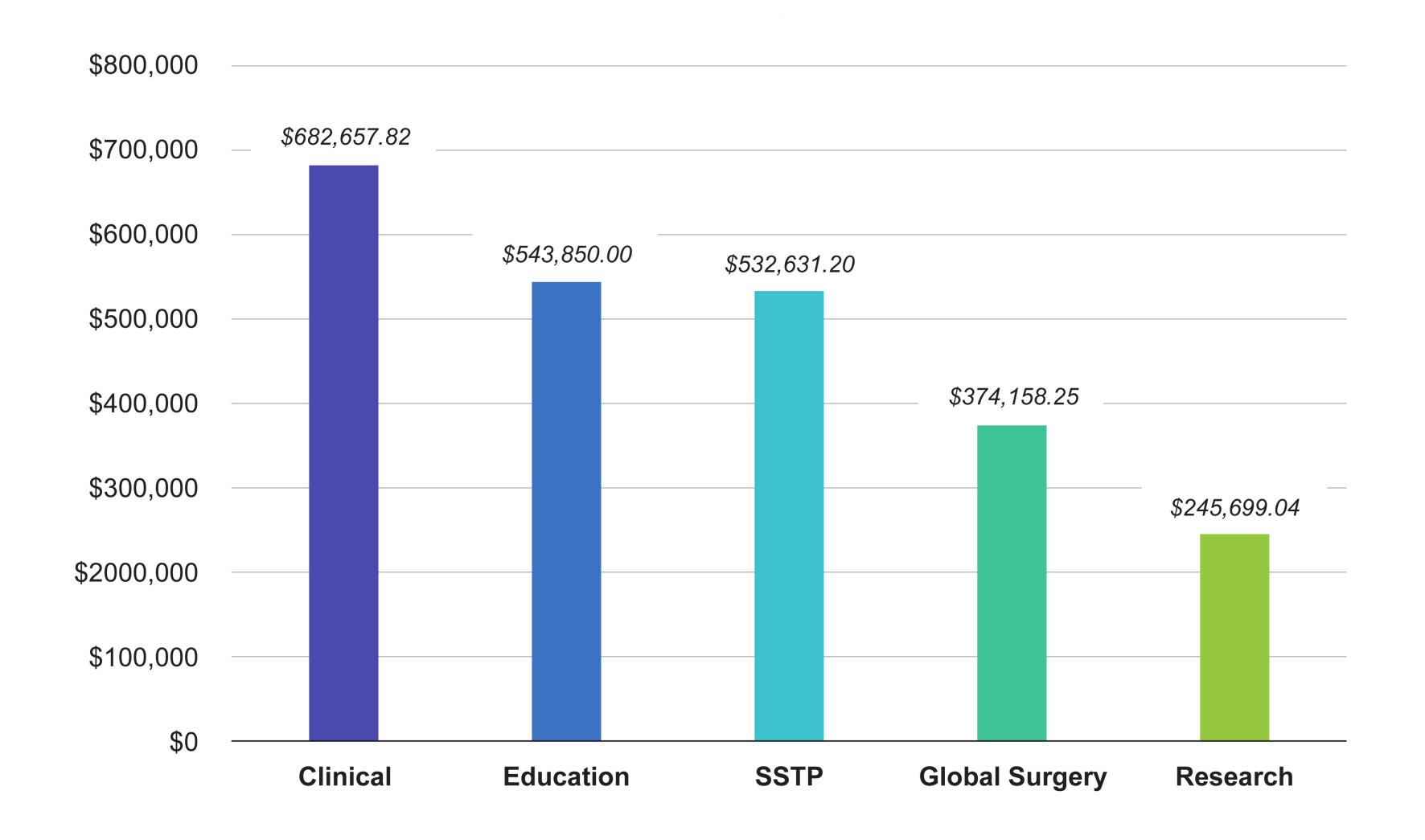
Endowed the Dr. Wayne Carman Surgeon Scientist Trainee Award

Endowed the **Dr. Robert Maggisano SSTP Scholarship** 





# BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING 2019-2020







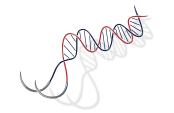
# MCCAIN GENITOURINARY (GU) BIOBANK CELEBRATION



Cancer Centre **UHN** 

UNIVERSITY OF David Palmer, James Rutka, Trevor Young, Meric Gertler, Michael McCain, Princess Margaret

Jill Kantelberg, Neil Fleshner, Kevin Smith and Michael Burns





# 2018-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN



#### RESEARCH

Integrated research for clinical and academic excellence



#### **EDUCATION**

+

Educational excellence through novel approaches to teaching and learner engagement



#### BEST PRACTICE

Optimize patient and clinical outcomes through the provision of high-quality, person-centered care



#### GLOBAL OUTREACH

Consolidated partnerships and expertise for local, national and international impact



## INNOVATION

Translation of novel discoveries into surgical practice



#### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Faculty members achieving their maximum potential in both professional and personal domains

Supporting Strategies: Communication, Awards and Evaluations, Advancement





# 2020 RESEARCH COMMITTEE



Dr. Michael Fehlings
Vice Chair Research, Surgery
Neurosurgery
TWH, UHN



Mrs. Val Cabral Research Program Manager



Dr. Douglas Cheung
Urology
PhD SSTP



Dr. Marcelo Cypel
Thoracic Surgery
TGH, UHN



Dr. Kristen Davidge
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
Sick Kids



Dr. Peter Dirks
Neurosurgery
Sick Kids



Dr. Thomas Forbes Chair, Vascular Surgery TGH-UHN



Dr. Rebecca Gladdy
Surgical Oncologist
Mount Sinai Hospital



Dr. Laureen Hachem Neurosurgery PhD SSTP



Dr. Marc Jeschke
Director, Translational Research
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
SHSC



Dr. Andras Kapus Associate Vice Chair Research



Dr. Paul Karanicolas General Surgery Sunnybrook



Dr. Girish Kulkarni Urology PMH-UHN



Dr. Ren-Ke Li Cardiovascular Surgery UHN



Dr. Andrea McCart
General Surgery
Mount Sinai Hospital



Ms. Effy Ordon
Senior Development Officer
Advancement Office
Faculty of Medicine
University of Toronto



Dr. James Rutka
Chair, Department of Surgery
Neurosurgery
Sick Kids



Dr. Hong-Shuo Sun Associate Professor Anatomy



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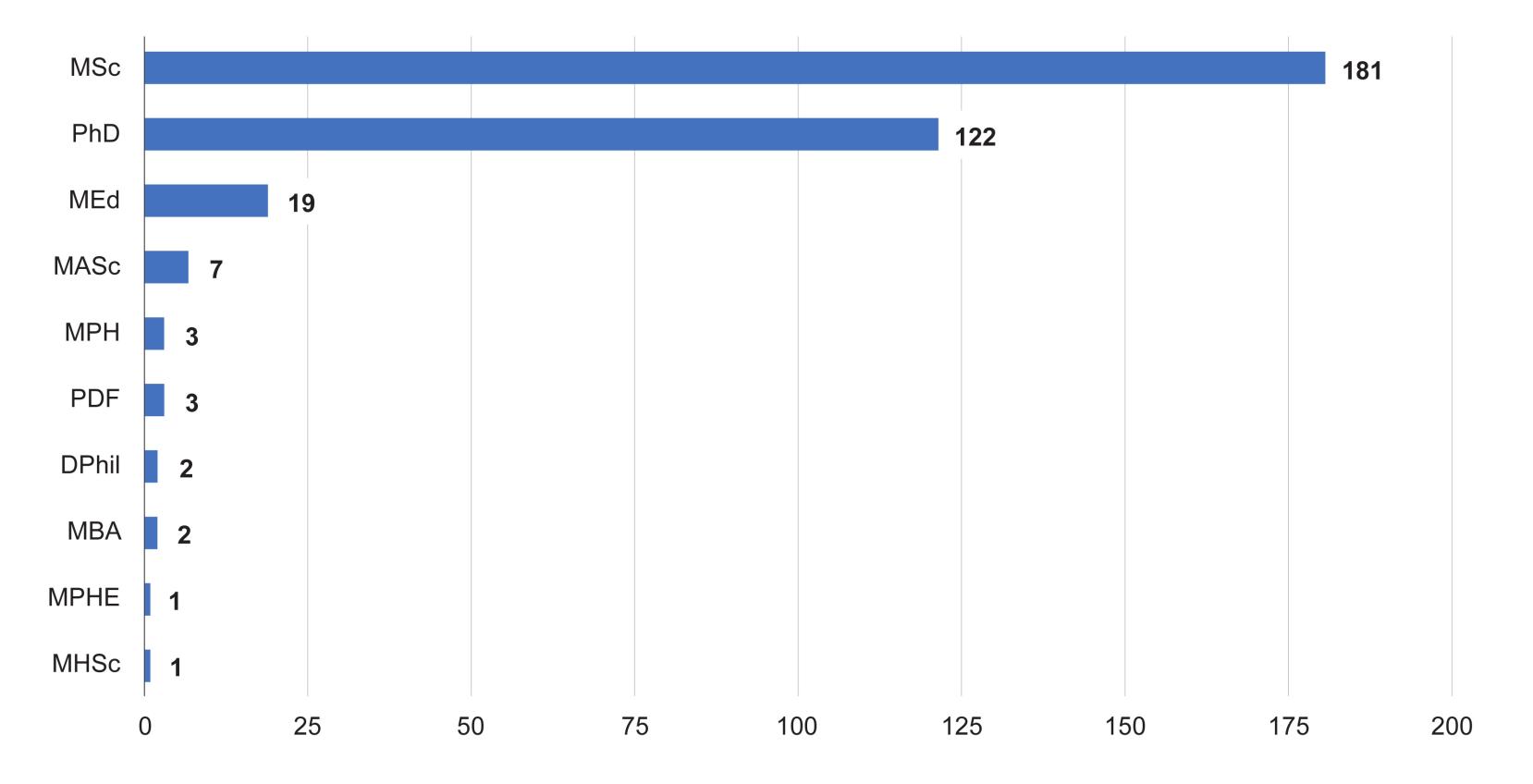




# SSTP/SIS GRADUATE SURVEY 2020

Total enrolled since 1983: 448

#### Degrees received



#### July 2020 enrolled:

Continuing 39New 10Total 49

#### Scholarship in Surgery (SIS):

MPH MSc MBA

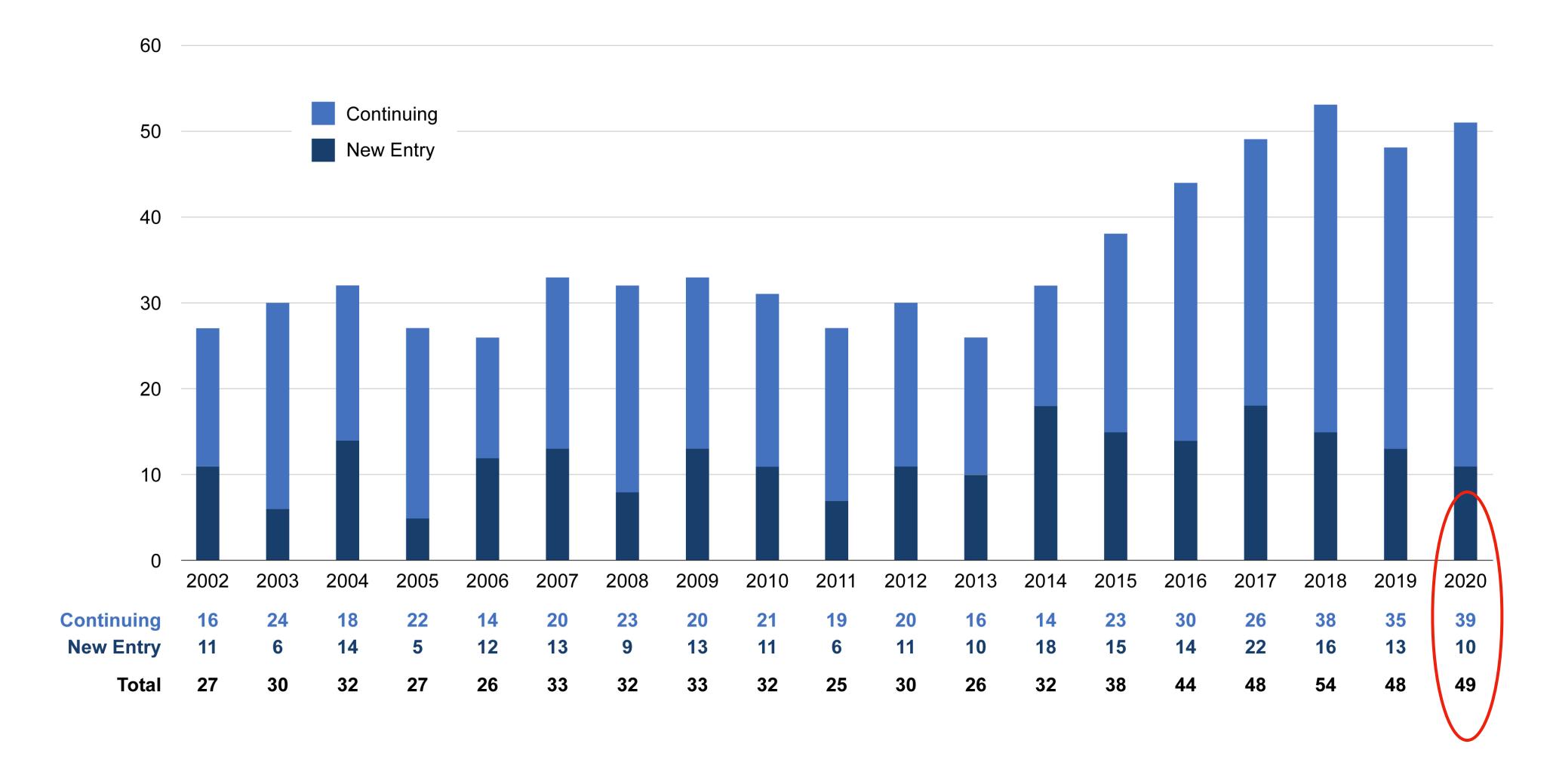




# SSTP TRAINING PROGRAM 2002-2020

#### **SSTP 2020**

39 Continuing10 New Applicants







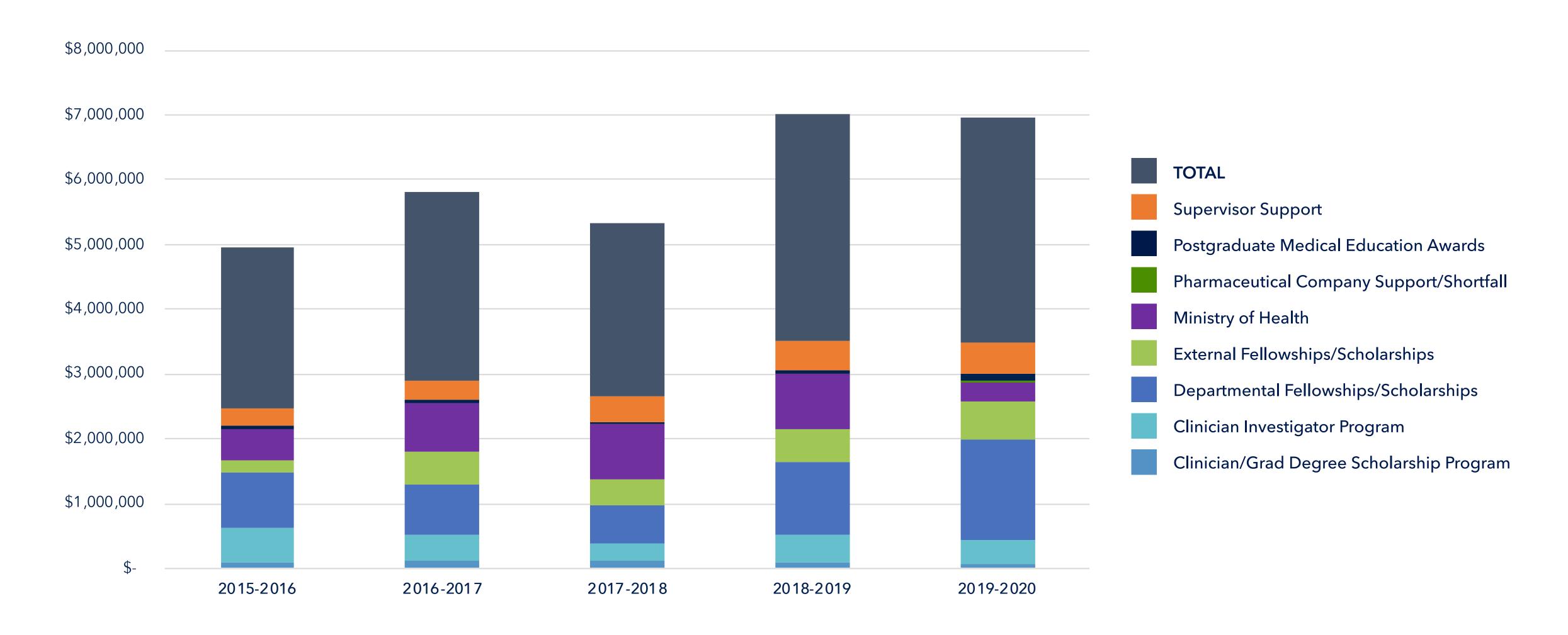
# SSTP TRAINING PROGRAM 2020

DIVISION	Masters	PhD
Cardiac Surgery	1	1
General Surgery	6	12
Neurosurgery	2	15
Orthopaedics	1	1
Otolaryngology	0	1
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	2	2
Urology	0	1
Vascular Surgery	2	2





# SSTP TRAINING PROGRAM FUNDING







# NEW SSTP AWARDS



Wayne Carman Surgeon Scientist Trainee Award
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery



Giuseppe Papia Angelo & Christina Marzilli Scholarship in Vascular Surgery Vascular Surgery

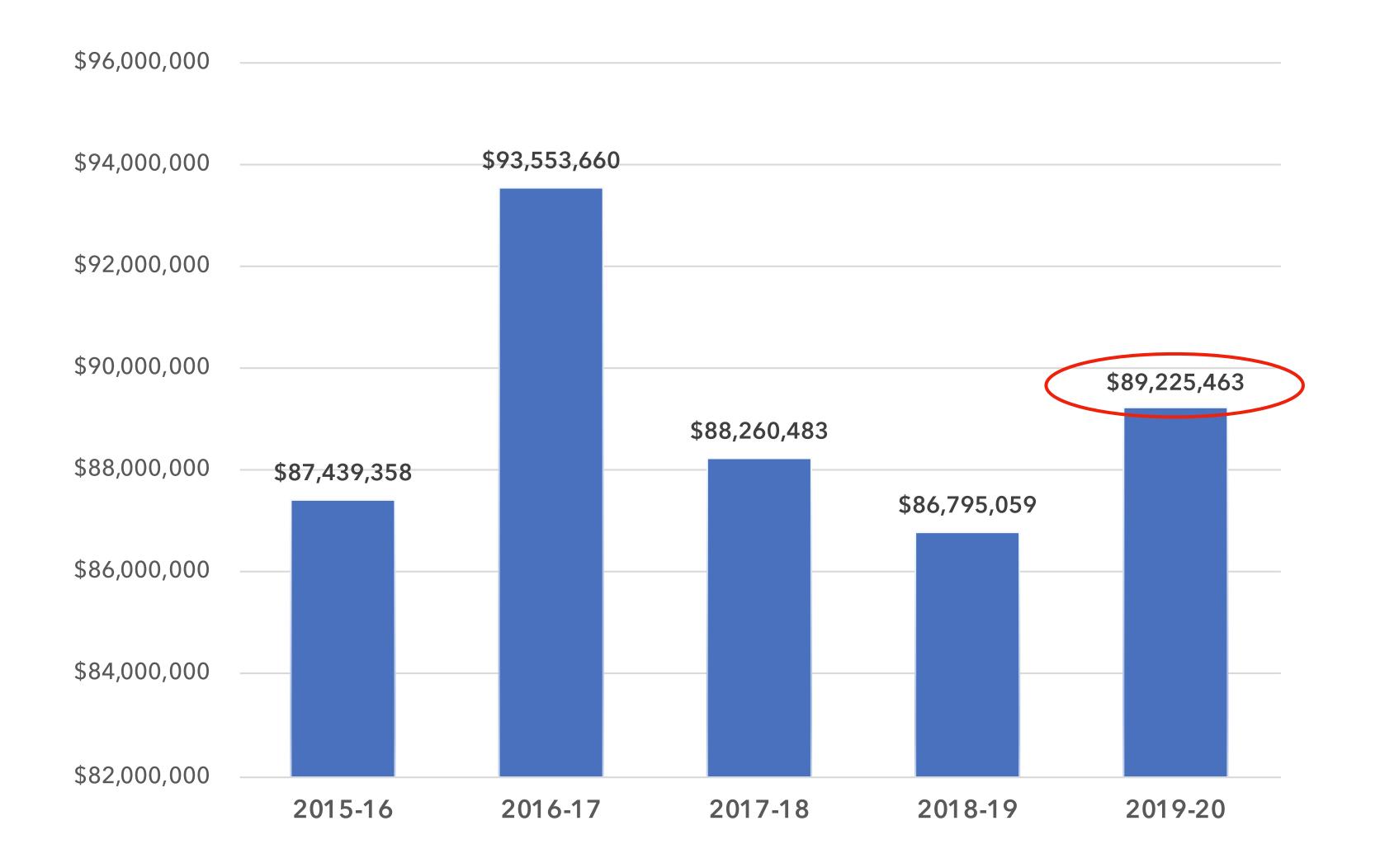


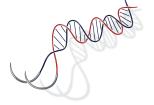
Robert Maggisano
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Vascular Surgery





# RESEARCH GRANTS & CONTRACTS 2015-2019







# HIGH IMPACT PUBLICATIONS

Subodh Verma

New England Journal of Medicine, Cell Metabolism

Nir Lipsman

**Lancet Neurology** 

Michael Taylor

Nature x 2, Nature Genetics, Nature Medicine, Nature Neuroscience

Gelareh Zadeh

**Nature** 

Nancy Baxter

**Lancet Oncology** 

Steve Gallinger

**Nature Genetics** 

Jay Wunder

**Nature Genetics** 

Michael Taylor/Peter Dirks

**Nature Genetics** 

Michael Tymianski

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# A MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT

Michael Taylor

Clarivate List of Highly Cited Investigators





## CODIFYING THE SURGEON SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM





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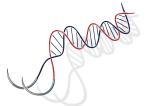


#### Research review

# Navigating the Postgraduate Research Fellowship: A Roadmap for Surgical Residents



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## RESEARCH 2019-2020

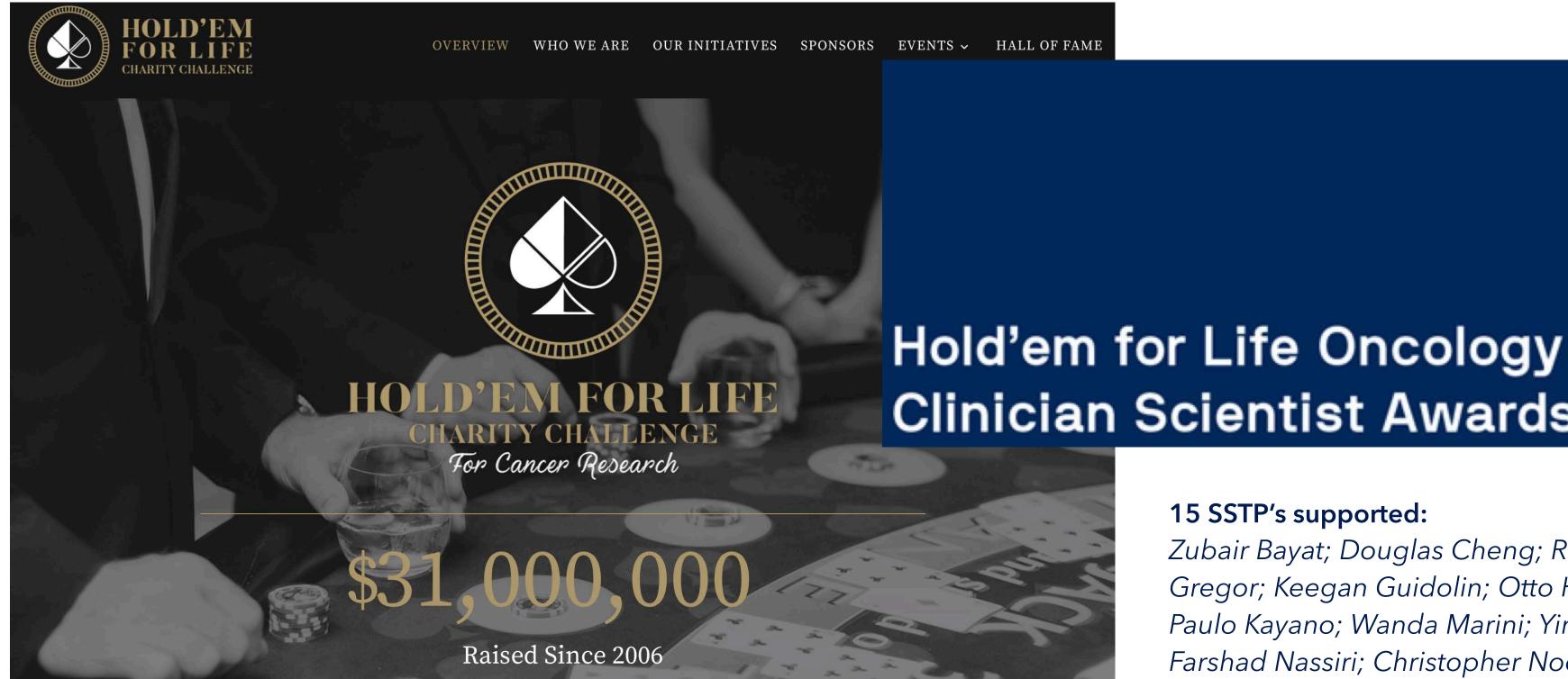
Hold'em for Life Oncology Clinician Scientist Award

\$16.4M to establish a fellowship program in UofT's Faculty of Medicine



Neil Fleshner

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# Clinician Scientist Awards

#### 15 SSTP's supported:

Zubair Bayat; Douglas Cheng; Robert Grant; Alexander Gregor; Keegan Guidolin; Otto Hemminki; Kyle Juraschka; Paulo Kayano; Wanda Marini; Ying Meng; Gregory Nason; Farshad Nassiri; Christopher Noel; Khaled Ramadan; Michael Taccone





# UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

# CACMS On-Site Accreditation Visit November 2 - 6 2020

Najma Ahmed Vice Chair, Education

#### **Accreditation Preparations**

- Concern with undergraduate education based on the last Annual Report: insufficient learning resources.
- Solution: Huge revamp of the SRG310Y course website: numerous virtual learning components have been added, including recorded lectures.
- Virtual Accreditation Process
- Follow-up site visit December 7th

#### **Curriculum Changes**

- Central Seminars are now happening virtually
- Virtual Mentorship Program



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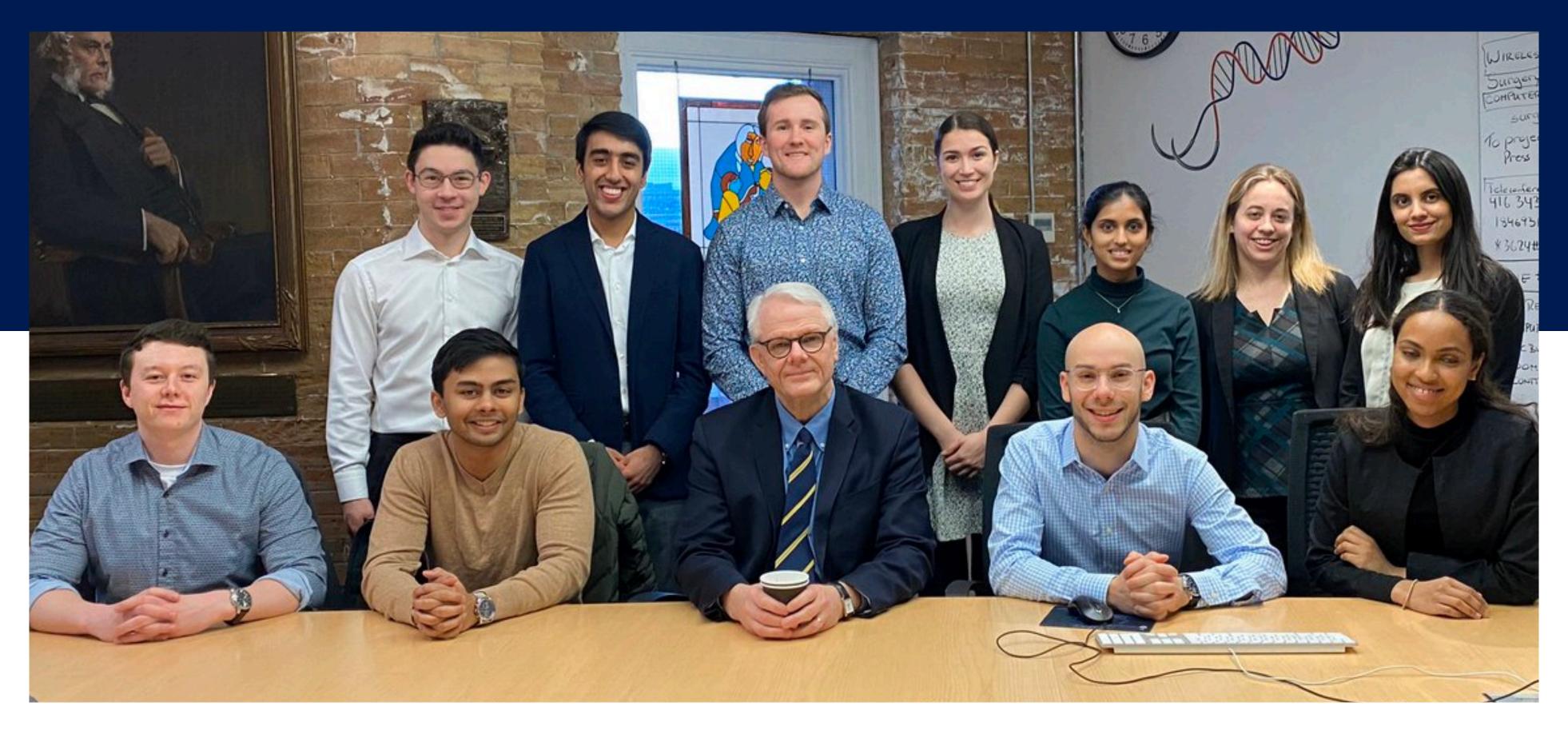
Breakfast with the Chair!

UTM, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020





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**Breakfast with the Chair!** 

Department of Surgery Board Room, January 15th, 2020





## POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

# Royal College On-Site Accreditation Visit Nov 22 - Dec 4 2020

Najma Ahmed Vice Chair, Education

#### **Accreditation Preparations**

- Workshops preparing for Accreditation Visit ongoing
- Meeting with Survey Team (October 13 29, 2020)
- Pre-Accreditation Meetings ongoing
- New Accreditation Standards
- The Accreditation Management System
- Transitioning to Competency by Design (CBD)
- Institutional Review Process
- Areas of Focused Competence

#### **Curriculum Changes**

- Surgical Foundations Lecture Series delivered virtually
- First lecture of the new academic year, September 8 2020
- Lecture schedule: <a href="https://surgery.utoronto.ca/surgical-foundations-0">https://surgery.utoronto.ca/surgical-foundations-0</a>



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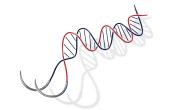


#### **Current Work**

#### Environmentally Sustainable Operating Rooms

Together with the Centre for Sustainable Health Systems, the Best Practice in Surgery is developing a guideline to help Increase the Environmental Sustainability of Operating Rooms. The working group has representatives from the U of T hospitals including stakeholders from Surgery, Anesthesiology, Nursing, and Administration.











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#### **Current Work**

Management of Patients undergoing Abdominal Surgery during COVID-19

Under the leadership of Dr. Anthony De Buck, a group of UofT General Surgeons are developing a guideline on how to safely operate in the era of COVID-19. To date, we have conducted a literature review and drafted recommendations. The recommendations will then be reviewed by other stakeholders including ID experts, anesthesiologists, and nurses and then undergo a modified Delphi to come to consensus.









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#### 2019 Accomplishments

Guideline on the Prescription of Pain Medication at Discharge after Elective Surgery

- Led by Dr. Hance Clarke collaboration between the Depts of Anesthesia and Surgery.
- Surveyed residents and surgeons to better understand current practices with regards to prescribing opioids at the time of discharge. We found that there was significant overprescribing and a need for more guidance.
- Provides recommendations for pain medication at discharge

# Postoperative opioid-prescribing patterns among surgeons and residents at university-affiliated hospitals: a survey study

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Brandon McGuiness, MD
Sav Brar, MD
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**Background**: Overprescribing of opioids to patients following surgery is a public health concern, as unused pills may be diverted and contribute to opioid misuse and dependence. The objectives of this study were to determine current opioid-prescribing patterns for common surgical procedures, factors that affect surgeons' prescribing behaviour and their perceived ability to manage patients with opioid use disorder.

**Methods:** Survey participants included all consultant and trainee surgeons at the University of Toronto. The survey, which was administered electronically, included 52 multiple-choice, rank-order and open-text questions eliciting information on current prescribing patterns, prescribing of adjunct pain medications, and education and other factors related to opioid prescribing. Staff surgeons were also asked about how they manage patients with a suspected opioid issue.

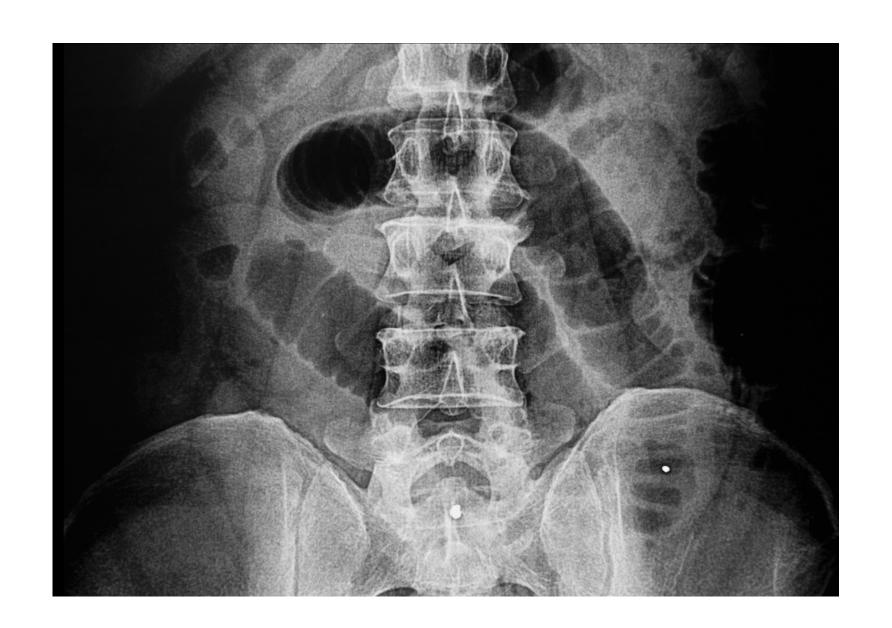








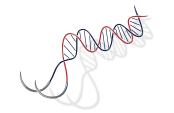
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#### 2019 Accomplishments

#### Adhesive Small Bowel Obstruction Water-Soluble Contrast Guideline

- Led by Dr. Ashlie Nadler developed to give recommendations on how to assess a small bowel obstruction to determine whether the patient can be managed non-operatively and thus avoid unnecessary surgery and be discharged home sooner or if the patient requires surgery. The guideline is currently submitted for publication.
- To accompany the pathway, the Best Practice in Surgery app has an interactive tool that allows residents to enter information about their patient in real time and provides reminders to help adhere to the appropriate timing laid out in the pathway.









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#### **Quality Improvement Course at UofT**

Dr. Najib Safieddine conducted the 4<sup>th</sup> resident QI course for all first-year surgery residents. As well, he started a QI course for Fellows that is now in its second year. For both courses, students learn QI principles and are paired with a mentor who assists them in conducting a QI project over the course of the year.

