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## Faculty Message

The future of health professions education worldwide is marked by a focus on two important dimensions: social responsibility and interprofessional education/practice. [The Lancet](#) report on education of health professionals for the 21st century issued a call to action to address emerging challenges. Many examples of innovation in health professions education come from our Faculty of Medicine, with amazing leadership from students and faculty across our programs and teaching partners.

The vision of the internationally recognized [IMAGINE](#) (Interprofessional Medical and Allied Groups for Improving Neighbourhood Environments) is to foster partnerships between students and marginalized communities to promote the delivery of holistic health care. The interprofessional student-run clinic works with inner-city communities and a community health centre that provides basic and accessible health services to those in need.

The [Summer Mentorship Program](#) (SMP) in the Health Sciences, through a four-week programs, engages Toronto-area high school students from communities underrepresented in health science careers. In partnership with First Nations House and the Association for the Advancement of Blacks in the Health Sciences, the SMP aims to help visible-minority students fulfill their academic potential and pursue rewarding careers. Our [Youth Summer Program](#) draws Grade 10 and 11 students from Toronto and around the world for health sciences lectures and labs. The two programs have proven to catalyze pivotal career-path changes for these young people.

The [Leadership Education and Development](#) (LEAD) program equips our students with knowledge and skills for leadership and is creating a new generation of physician leaders committed to improving healthcare and the health of our communities.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) in Washington DC has established a [Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education](#) to engage in dialogue and policy development on the future of health professions education. As part of this Forum, IOM has chosen four international multi-disciplinary collaboratives located in Canada, India, South Africa, and Uganda. The Canadian Interprofessional Health Leadership Collaborative (CIHLC) is a multi-institutional partnership of faculties and schools of medicine, nursing, public health, and programs of interprofessional education led by the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Queen's University, and Université Laval. The CIHLC is developing a collaborative leadership model aimed to assist countries to transform education and health on a global scale.

The depth and breadth of our advances in health professions education is unparalleled. Our award-winning students and faculty have created a living laboratory of innovation, leading reform and guiding education in a socially responsible direction.

**Sarita Verma LLB, MD, CCFP**  
Acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine

## IN THE NEWS:

Common diabetes drug promotes development of brain stem cells

Comic books have something to teach future doctors

Heart ultrasound app for babies: an inside look

C. difficile rates dropped after Ontario hospitals released infection rates to the public

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### 1. In Memoriam

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It is with profound sadness that the Faculty learned of the passing of Dr. Trevor Gray on July 9, 2012, an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Gray was one of the pioneers of neurology in Canada. A former student of the Faculty himself, Dr. Gray was a gifted educator teaching students for over 40 years during which time he was the Program Director of the Neurology Training program as well as the head of the Division of Neurology. Dr. Gray was a dedicated clinician at St. Michael's for several decades where he was the founding Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Clinic. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A service of remembrance was held on July 14, 2012. Donations in his name can be made to the MS Society of Canada or the ALS Society of Canada and online condolences can be made through [www.turnerporter.ca](http://www.turnerporter.ca).

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### 2. Honours and Awards

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## P & V Foundation Citizenship Award

**Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish** (Dalla Lana School of Public Health) is the recipient of the 2012 P & V Foundation Citizenship Award. This Award is presented to an individual or organization who strives tirelessly towards building a better, more inclusive, global society. Dr. Abuelaish was selected for his work and dedication to improving the quality of life for all people through respect and communication and for the founding of the Daughters for Life Foundation which provides scholarships for young women. The Citizenship Award will be presented in November 2012 in Brussels.

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## Order of Canada

The Order of Canada recognizes individuals for their outstanding achievements and their dedication to their communities. On June 29, 2012, two Faculty of Medicine members were appointed to the Order: Professor **Prabhat Jha** (Dalla Lana School of Public Health) as an Officer for his contributions to epidemiology and the economics of global health, which have influenced the development of global health policy and Professor **Marian Packham** (Department of Biochemistry) as a Member of the Order of Canada for her pioneering research in biological medical science, notably her contributions to critical breakthroughs in arterial health.

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## 3. Announcements

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### Vice-Provost and Dean of Arts, Trinity College

The Trinity College Provost, Dr. Andy Orchard, and the Trinity College Board of Trustees announced on July 16, 2012 the appointment of **Dr. Michael Ratcliffe** as the Vice-Provost and Dean of Arts, Trinity College. Dr. Ratcliffe was appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Immunology at the University of Toronto in 2001 and held that post until June 2012. He became an Associate of Trinity College in 2002 and a Fellow of the College in 2008, and has been a member of the Senate since 2009. Professor Ratcliffe is a full member of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto and has supervised 42 graduate students over his academic career. Trinity College and the Department of Immunology at the University of Toronto have collaborated in offering a Specialist program in immunology since 1985-86 and a Major program since 2009-10.

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## 4. Call for Applications

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### Provost's Instructional Technology Innovation Fund (ITIF)

The Education Vice-Deans would like to remind faculty members of the opportunity to submit applications to the **Provost's Instructional Technology Innovation Fund (ITIF)**. This is a seed fund designed to

catalyze initiatives that immediately and directly impact University of Toronto education and teaching programs through innovation and development. It is funded by the Provost, and administered by Academic and Collaborative Technologies, a partnership between the Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation and Information Technology Services.

The ITIF is focused specifically on the practical applications of technology in design, implementation, evaluation, curriculum renewal, faculty development, or continuing education initiatives that enrich learning. The ITIF is intended to support strategic directions in education broadly, across all disciplines. The proposed deliverable and outcomes must be closely aligned with the ongoing goals and objectives of the departments and programs from which they emerge.

For the 2012 competition, applications are encouraged that specifically promote the enrichment and enhancement of *Active and Collaborative Learning*, although projects with other foci will also be considered.

For further information about the requirements, please go to the following website: <http://www.itif.utoronto.ca/>. The application deadline is July 27th at 5:00 PM.

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## 5. Around Campus

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### Changes at Gerstein Library

The evidence-based, point-of-care e-resource **DynaMed** is available free to all Canadian Medical Association (CMA) members, along with a number of other excellent online resources (e.g. 5-Minute Clinical Consult, BMJ Best Practice, CPGs, etc.), through [cma.ca](#). The Library is letting you know about Dynamed's availability due to the recent [changes](#) in access to the e-resource UpToDate for University of Toronto faculty and staff. Dynamed is an alternative to UpToDate. CMA also offers [DynaMed's mobile app](#) and you can use your DynaMed searches to obtain MainPro credits.

In order to use the resources on [cma.ca](#) you will need to register with your CMA ID number. For help with your CMA ID number or to become a member, call 1 888 855 2555 or email [CMA](#).

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### Taking Toronto's Healthcare History

The Faculty of Medicine Medical Alumni Association, in partnership with Associated Medical Services (AMS) has created an interdisciplinary conference for those thinking about Toronto's healthcare communities and their history from diverse, unique perspectives. The opening reception will be held on Friday, November 23 with the conference taking place on November 24. The speakers are Dr. David Naylor, President, University of Toronto, Janet Carding, Director and CEO, ROM and Michael Bliss, University Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto. The [preliminary program](#) is available online. For more information, please contact [torontohealthcarehistory@gmail.com](mailto:torontohealthcarehistory@gmail.com)

## **6. Medicine Research Online**

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### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- Canadian Cancer Society
- CIHR Open Operating Grants - Spring 2012
- CIHR Priority Announcements & Bridge Funding - Spring 2012
- The Ontario HIV Treatment Network
- Physicians' Services Foundation Inc.

*~ Our congratulations to all! ~*

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

#### **August**

Gates Vaccine Innovation Award

#### **September**

American Society for Clinical Investigation membership

Royal Society Fellows (UK)

Sloan Research Fellowships

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