Rochester is a small town (population less than 120,000) in rural Minnesota. But it is also the home of the world renowned Mayo clinic. Similar to Winnipeg, there are mosquitoes in Rochester and the winters are cold. Similar to Winnipeg, there is no Silicon Valley and no Boston/Cambridge-like biomedical research hub in its vicinity. Nevertheless, Mayo stands worldwide for excellence in health care delivery, research and education. Why do I mention this? Well, because it tells us that quality and success do not depend on location, but, at least to a large part, on attitude, on our will to strive for making it better with more in our view than just the local market, each of us in his/her place, as a Department, as an Institution.

Some of the success of institutions like the Mayo is due to selecting the “right” talent, or cherry picking, as some may say. At least beyond a certain point, success is also a bit of a self-fulfilling prophecy – talent seeks to join talent in order to propel itself to the next level. And the opposite is true too, it is hard to attract talent to an environment where it feels little valued and perceives that its chance to develop and grow is limited. Constantly excusing ourselves as being able to compete “only” for the size of the mosquitoes because we are “only” in Winterpeg does not exactly help either. Better then to give up our ambitions, accept that we are not able to cherry pick like the Mayo, settle for what we do reasonably well and train “only” local physicians for the local market?

That would be wrong on several accounts. Firstly, training (home grown) physicians for Manitoba is not a second class task, but a noble obligation that serves Manitoba’s population. That said, and secondly, I strongly believe it is also our mandate to train the next generation of academic physicians who will advance the field through research and innovation and sustain, in the decades to come, education and training of the next generation of physicians for the community. Both, training the future community physicians and training the future academic innovators are intimately linked; one will fall apart without the other.

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Accepting this dual obligation begs multiple questions including whether one size still truly fits all, i.e. whether it might be more effective and efficient to implement separate community and academic training tracks. Both career goals are of equal importance and none, nor their trainees, must be valued over the other. Compromising on quality standards to assure “producing” the required number of physicians for each destination can however not be an option. If need comes, we all want to be treated by a competent professional.

Equality has become a hot buzz word everywhere these days; it may sometimes cook so hot that it boils over, potentially running the danger of turning into (inadvertent) reverse discrimination. Despite this, equality clearly remains of pivotal importance. However, equality means equality of access, not equality of outcome, i.e. equal access to a program/institution, not quasi-guaranteed progression through the ranks once one is accepted into it. In fact, in most instances and as a first iteration, talent and skill sets can be expected to be close to normally distributed. Assuming that all entering will in the end meet the bar is assuming that candidate selection is perfect and the selection process can perfectly predict the future outcome; or, alternatively, is turning a blind eye on the outliers on the left side of the distribution curve who fail to fulfill quality standards despite all efforts and supports.

Thus, perhaps, we should stop shying away from being ambitious - why should it not be possible to build in Winnipeg what was possible to build in small town Minnesota? And maybe, we need, indeed, to allow ourselves to cherry pick a bit more?

As the academic year comes to an end we would like to extend our best wishes to:

our new faculty and residents - we extend a warm welcome to the Department and wish you the utmost success.
the residents leaving our programs - we wish you successful and rewarding medical careers.
our faculty and staff members - thank you for your hard work and commitment.

Have an enjoyable, relaxing, and safe Summer!
The project: **“Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD): Defining the Impact, Severity and Natural History of NAFLD in Canadian First-Nations and non-First Nations Communities”**

Term: 5 years  Approved total funding amount: **$2,031,075.**

Principal Investigator (PI): **Julia Uhanova**, Section of Hepatology, Co-investigators:
- **Gerald Minuk**, Section of Hepatology,
- Brenda Elias, Department of Community Health Sciences;
- Robert Tate, Department of Community Health Sciences
- Byron Beardy, Four Arrows Regional Health Authority

The project: **Promotion of breastfeeding for preventing type 2 diabetes and obesity In First Nations mothers and children in communities.**

Term: 3 years  Approved total funding amount: **$424,575.**

Principal Investigator (PI): **Gary Shen** Section of Endocrinology and Metabolism
Co-investigators:  Sora Ludwig, Section of Endocrinology and Metabolism

The project: **Heparin anticoagulation to improve outcomes in septic shock: The HALO International Phase II efficacy RCT**

Principal Investigators: **Ryan Zarychanski (Nominated), Anand Kumar**, and **Dean Fergusson**


Term: 3 years

Funding Sources:
- Canadian Institute of Health Research ($631,000) – International sites and trial infrastructure
- CancerCare Manitoba Foundation ($120,000) – Patients enrolled in Manitoba
- Philippine Council for Health Research & Development ($125,000)–Patients enrolled in Philippines

This international trial will be directed from Manitoba, but will enroll patients from several high, middle and low income countries.
Drs. Allan Garland and Bojan Paunovic, Section Heads Critical Care Medicine, are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Marcus Blouw, as the new PGME Program Director Critical Care Medicine.

Dr. Blouw will be succeeding the current Program Director, Dr. Faisal Siddiqui effective July 1, 2017.

Marcus Blouw received his Medical Degree from the University of Manitoba. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and fellowships in Respirology and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Blouw provides in-patient services in both the Sections of Critical Care and Respiratory, and out-patient services in Respiratory Medicine. He is actively involved in teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and serves on the PGME Education Committees for both Respirology and Critical Care, and the Quality Improvement Committee for Critical Care. Dr. Blouw is a grant recipient for ongoing joint research efforts between the Departments of Critical Care Medicine and Psychiatry.

We welcome Dr. Marcus Blouw to his new role, and thank Dr. Faisal Siddiqui for his over six-year stewardship of this important position.
HONOURS and AWARDS

The strength of any department lies in its’ members and their achievements and awards

Congratulations to Dr. Karen Ethans, Dr. Alan Casey and Dr. M. Tarhoni for winning a best poster presentation entitled:

“A Randomized Double - Blind, Placebo - Controlled, Cross - Over Trial Assessing the Effect of Tadalafil (Cialis) on the Cardiovascular Response in Men with Complete Spinal Cord Injury Above the Sixth Thoracic Level” at the American Urology Association Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts in May 2017.

Congratulations to Dr. Shuangbo Liu, PGY-6, in the Adult Cardiology residency training program recipient of:

First Prize at the Annual Postgraduate Medical Education Resident Research 3 Minute Thesis Competition Awarded for “Stent and ship: safety of early transfer of STEMI patients after PCI”

2017 Cardiology Trainee Teacher Award of the Year For excellence in teaching, nominated by medical students and residents

2017 Sanofi Canada/Heart & Stroke Foundation Award in Cardiology For excellence in research and scholarly activity

Dr. Brent Schacter completed his term as President of the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER) at the May annual meeting attended by 710 delegates from around the world. As Past-President, he will continue on the ISBER Executive Committee for a further year.
2017 Internal Medicine Residents’

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to Dr. Kulvir Badesha
Section of General Internal Medicine

in recognition of his dedication and teaching excellence.

DALE IWANOCZKO AWARD

Awarded to Dr. Lindsay Torbiak

in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the
Core Internal Medicine Residency Program
demonstrating commitment, compassion, caring and integrity.
Welcome to the Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Residency Training Programs

We welcome and look forward to working with the following individuals who will be starting in our training programs in July.

**Internal Medicine:**
- Reyna Altook, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain
- Anas Alzahrani, King Abdulaziz, Saudi Arabia
- Hillary Bews, University of Manitoba
- Ingrid Hougen, University of Manitoba
- Caroline Hougen, University of Manitoba
- Avni Jain, University College of Birmingham, UK
- Robert Kudlovich, McMaster University
- Allison Love, University of Manitoba
- Ziran Meng, University of Manitoba
- Alexey Mylnikov, University of Manitoba
- Michael Onotera, University of Manitoba
- Galia Pollock, University of Manitoba
- Christie Rampersad, University of Manitoba
- Dale Séguin, University of Ottawa
- Kelvin Tran, University of Alberta
- Kelsey Uminski, University of Manitoba
- Caleb Yeung, University of Manitoba

**Neurology:**
- Conrad Goerz, University of Manitoba
- Anthony Wan, University of Toronto

**Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation:**
- Ans Sabzwari, University of Manitoba
- Dayna Smordin, University of Alberta

**Sub-Specialty Programs:**

- **Cardiology:**
  - Judy Luu, U of S
  - Asem Suliman, Memorial
  - Joel Scott-Herridge, U of M
  - Christopher Hayes, U of M
  - Colin Barber, U of M
  - Jacqueline Mouris, Memorial
  - Rajat Sharma, U of M
  - William (Keith) Cumming, McMaster
  - Lauren Garbutt, U of M
  - Eyal Kraut, Queen’s

- **General Internal Medicine:**
  - Graham Duff, U of M
  - Rachel Fainstein, U of M
  - Britannny Perija, U of M

- **Geriatric Medicine:**
  - Christian Hanson, Memorial

- **Clinical Immunology & Allergy:**
  - Colin Barber, U of M
  - Jacqueline Mouris, Memorial
  - Colin Barber, U of M

- **Respirology:**
  - Justin Ling, U of M (starting Aug. 24)
  - Evan Orlikow, U of M
  - Terry Colbourne, U of M

- **Endocrinology & Metabolism:**
  - Lauren Garbutt, U of M
  - Eyal Kraut, Queen’s
  - Lauren Garbutt, U of M

- **Critical Care Medicine:**
  - Rajat Sharma, U of M
  - William (Keith) Cumming, McMaster

- **Infectious Diseases:**
  - Amina (Sarah) Henni, U of M

- **Rheumatology:**
  - Cairistin McDougall, U of C

- **Chief Medical Residents:**
  - Kevin Brown, Rae-Kiran Jhinger, Rhys Sharkey

- **Senior Academic Residents:**
  - Esther Kim, Paramvir Virdi
The incidence and prevalence of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is rapidly increasing. While NAFLD leads to increasing health care burden, our understanding and the therapeutic options remain limited. It is estimated that 20% - 30% of the North American population has NAFLD – it is therefore imperative that the level of knowledge of this liver disease be increased by a multi-pronged approach from prevention, diagnosis, management, treatment and research perspectives.

We invite Clinicians, young investigators and Scientists to the 2017 International Meeting on Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD).

Meeting Goals

- To review our current knowledge on NAFLD from various perspectives
- To determine knowledge gaps to be filled by future research
- To foster informal exchange between leaders in the field and engage young investigators
- To foster research collaboration on NAFLD within Canada, North America and beyond

Program and Registration Information available at: www.hepatology.ca

In order to profit from reduced early bird rates, register prior to July 1, 2017

Accreditation

“This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver.”

*** 10.5 Category 1 Credit Hours ***

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