



# DEAN'S EDITION

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
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HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS



## dean's message



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I am extremely proud to announce that the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME) program has received continuing full accreditation following our survey visit last April by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

Canadian and American medical schools face a rigorous and intense accreditation process, typically every seven to eight years, during which 131 UGME accreditation standards are assessed by CACMS and LCME. In the surveyors' final report to the University of Manitoba, issued late October, they acknowledged the faculty's remarkable effort and team approach. They commended us for the many important changes and enhancements we have implemented over the last several years and identified standards in need of improvement. We are continuing our hard work in these areas such as curriculum renewal, curriculum governance and student supports. We will provide a detailed report to surveyors by the end of August 2012 demonstrating our progress and achievements.

We can all take pride in our many accomplishments over the last few years in preparation for the positive survey visit. However, accreditation

cannot be viewed as an end point, but rather should be considered an ongoing quality assurance process that continually enhances the MD education program and student experience, and improves accountability to the public we serve.

I want to sincerely thank and recognize the following individuals for their immense contributions and hard work over the last several years that ultimately led to our successful accreditation: Dr. J. Dean Sandham, former Dean; Dr. Ripstein, Associate Dean, UGME; Dr. Bruce Martin, Associate Dean, Students and former Associate Dean, UGME (Co-chair: Medical Students); Dr. Helmut Unruh, Faculty Lead; Dr. Brock Wright, Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs (Chair: Institutional Setting); Dr. Chris Christodoulou, former Director, UGME Curriculum (Chair: Educational Program for MD); Dr. Kristel Van Ineveld, Senior Advisor, Student Affairs (Co-Chair: Medical Students); Beth Beaupre, Executive Director, Joint Operating Division and Dr. Murray Enns, Head, Dept. of Psychiatry (Co-Chairs: Faculty); Keith McConnell, Director of Operations (Chair: Educational Resources); Dr. Samia Barakat, Associate Dean, Professionalism & Diversity; Dr. Keevin Bernstein, Director, UGME Curriculum Renewal; all UGME Course/Clerkship and Program Directors; Associate and Assistant Deans; Karen Howell,

Project Manager; Carol Anne Northcott, UGME Program Manager; all UGME support staff; Ilana Simon, Director of Communications; Dean's Office support staff; the OPAL team; and the Accreditation Task Force members.

I also want to acknowledge the contributions of hundreds of faculty members, clinical and basic science department heads, and staff. Special thanks to the Manitoba Medical Students' Association, its leaders (former Senior Stick Jessica Cudmore and Senior Stick Mark Lipson) and all medical students for their valuable input.

In other faculty advances, recognizing the significance of distributed medical education, we are moving forward to enhance opportunities beyond the Perimeter. We currently offer education and training in Dauphin, Morden/Winkler, and Steinbach and are looking at expanding these sites as well as adding new locations. I am currently part of a provincial review committee looking at medical education options in Brandon. As well, consultants Drs. Daniel Klass and John Horne are currently reviewing Brandon as a distributed medical education site and considering further opportunities for education and training in Brandon.

Adding to our momentum, the Province of Manitoba announced funding for seven new residency positions in Brandon and four new residency positions in Morden/Winkler and Steinbach. The hope is this will result in more physicians practicing in rural areas and will help meet the health-care delivery needs of rural Manitobans. As Manitoba's medical school, it is important for us to continue to enhance the educational opportunities for our students across Manitoba, work with the regional health authorities and promote research throughout the province.

**Brian Postl [MD/76]**  
Dean of Medicine

## editor's message

*Welcome to the Dean's Edition of MB Medicine. In this issue, you will catch up on the latest news regarding your Faculty of Medicine, and discover what's new in areas such as research, continuing education, academic affairs, finance, philanthropy and more.*



You will also meet two fellow accomplished University of Manitoba alumni – Dr. John Sampson, Researcher and Professor of Neurosurgery at Duke University and Dr. Hugh O'Brodovich, Paediatric Pulmonist at Stanford University - as part of our ongoing alumni profiles. Our med school alumni are scattered across the continent, and world, doing interesting and meaningful work. Send us your update for our "Check Up on Alumni" page or ideas for future alumni profiles.

We have had a busy and exciting past six months with UGME accreditation in April, Convocation in May, welcoming of the Class of 2015 in August, Homecoming in September and the 10-year anniversary of the Shantou University/University of Manitoba Academic Exchange Program and visit by Li Ka Shing Foundation.

The symposium marking the 10th Anniversary of our Shantou University/University of Manitoba program was a memorable and auspicious event. It was our honour to host Ms Solina Chau, Director of the Li Ka Shing Foundation and Dr. Frieda Law, co-ordinator of the Shantou exchange program.

It was inspiring to hear from both the Chinese and Canadian students who had participated in the exchange about how their experience had helped shape who they are today. And the University was extremely grateful to receive another generous \$1-million gift from the Li Ka Shing Foundation to support the Shantou University/University of Manitoba Exchange Program.

On another high note, we welcomed 257 alumni (along with their 171 guests) back to Winnipeg for Homecoming weekend Sept. 18-20, 2011. Nearly 50 per cent of our alumni came from out-of-province to celebrate nine Faculty of Medicine milestone reunions at Homecoming.

Three other medical school reunions – including one in Palm Springs - occurred at other times of the year, resulting in a total of 326 Medicine alumni who reconnected with their classmates and alma mater in 2011. When we include accompanying guests, some 540 U of M Medicine grads and their guests participated in something really special this past year!

If you are celebrating a milestone reunion in 2012, and want to serve as a class leader to help plan your reunion, please contact Darcy Routledge, Alumni and Events Officer at [routledd@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:routledd@cc.umanitoba.ca) or call 204-977-5650. She will help you organize your class reunion and support you over the next year to ensure your reunion is a success!

If you would like to hold an alumni reception in your city, please contact us and we are pleased to help with organization and planning.

**Ilana Simon**

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## SUMMER LEARNING IN THE INNER CITY

FACULTY OF MEDICINE OFFERS FREE  
BIOMEDICAL YOUTH CAMP

Science came to life for more than 150 Aboriginal, new Canadian and inner-city students participating in the 5th annual Biomedical Youth Camp – this year in their own backyard.

The free, week-long event is aimed at under-represented populations in the inner city, who would not normally have the opportunity to attend science camp.

Open to youth ages eight to 17, Biomedical Youth Camp ran July 25-29, 2011 at Niji Mahkwa School, instead of on the University of Manitoba's Bannatyne Campus. Niji Mahkwa is home to the Inner-City Science Centre, developed in 2009 by the Faculty of Medicine in partnership with Winnipeg School Division and the Winnipeg Foundation, to expose young North End learners to state-of-the-art science equipment, science experiments and mentoring for science fair projects.



PHOTO: DAN GWOZDZ

At this year's Biomedical Youth Camp, students explored 35 different activities close to home. They conducted hands-on biomedical and physical science experiments to detect cancer, analyzed proteins and DNA, studied physiology of vision and sound, and performed soil analyses. Students also learned about health care careers and used hands-on simulation technology to replicate real-life medical procedures. The program also expanded this year to include Cree and Ojibwe classes and Aboriginal story sessions by Margaret Lavallee, the Bannatyne Campus Elder.

"We wanted to attract as many inner-city youth as possible by holding the Biomedical Youth Camp right at Niji Mahkwa School," said Dr. Francis Amara, Associate Professor Biochemistry and Medical Genetics and Director, Biomedical Youth Program and Inner-City Science Centre. "We sent the message to our inner-city neighbours that we are prepared to come to them and make it easier for their children to participate."

## SUCCESSFUL UGME ACCREDITATION!

BY DR. IRA RIPSTEIN, ASSOCIATE DEAN, UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION



In October 2011, we received notification that the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Medical Education program has received continuing full accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) of American Association of Medical Colleges and the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS)

of the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada. This process was accomplished with the help of many people, both faculty members and students, who worked hard to make our medical school reach its potential.

I want to specially commend our students who were reported to be the most positive student body whom the reviewers had ever met.

We now move forward into a process of curriculum renewal. The last formal curriculum renewal occurred in 1997 and we intend to follow the recommendation of Health Canada's Future of Medical Education (FMEC) Project in revising our curriculum. We currently have eleven working groups who reported to us at the end of October.

Those groups are: Curriculum Framework, Pedagogical Approaches, Learning and Alternative Sites, Information and Informatics, Clinical Skills, Patient Safety, Generalism, Basic Science, Integration, Social Accountability and Professionalism.

It is our hope that we will have a new curriculum in place for the class starting September 2015. Some of the changes we hope to implement are new learning formats, integration between the pre-clinical and clinical years and a focus on more interactive learning on the part of our students. Thank you to Director of Curriculum Renewal Dr. Keevin Bernstein for his hard work toward this goal.

We are also now in the third year of our OPAL curriculum management system. It is now being used by all four medical classes and we are in the final stages of completing all of our projects.

This year, Ms. Carol Anne Northcott, UGME Program Manager, won the University of Manitoba's staff leadership award for excellence in leadership at the University after only two years with us. The office now has a full and stable staff and is functioning as a high-quality team. As well, the OPAL team won the team leadership award, given out by the University, as well as the Best Project of the Year 2010 by the Project Management Institute of Manitoba.

In all, we continue to achieve great progress for the Undergraduate Medical Education program and we look forward to more positive changes in the future.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND WRHA STAFF SERVE UP PANCAKES IN BRODIE ATRIUM FOR NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY.

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE EMERGING AS LEADER IN ABORIGINAL HEALTH

BY DR. CATHERINE COOK, ASSOCIATE DEAN, FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT HEALTH



As a new portfolio within the Office of the Dean, much of our effort has been expended on establishing new relationships and refining those that currently existed.

The establishment of the Section for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Health has been a priority within the Faculty with the integration of the existing three units of the J. A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit, the

Manitoba First Nations Centre for Aboriginal Health Research and the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education. Under my leadership as founding Head, efforts have focused on developing the organizational and operational infrastructure that will allow the Section to emerge as a leader in Canada in the field of Aboriginal Health.

I have established functioning committees that allow the priorities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Health to be addressed through integration within existing systems. The priority areas are currently supporting activities in Northern Outreach – dialogue between the Northern Connections Family Medicine Training Program, the Northern Medical Unit and the First Nations and Inuit Health. Enhancing supports for Aboriginal students can occur through the working group to address student admissions, curriculum and student affairs, and the research working group will link the research priorities of First Nations and Métis with the research efforts of the University.

The Advisory Committee is representative of the First Nations and Métis community and includes leadership from the Faculty of Medicine and the Executive Lead in Indigenous Excellence.

Collaboration with Dr. Samia Barakat, Associate Dean, Professionalism and Diversity has offered opportunities in identifying those areas where support for Aboriginal students can be maximized, and ensuring an infrastructure that is equitable for all students.

At an organizational level, awareness of key and current issues in Indigenous Health will be addressed through the Lecture Series on Indigenous Health. The theme for this year focuses on 'Truth and Reconciliation' and will be launched in January 2012. In addition, participation in Continuing Professional Development and curriculum renewal will ensure practical approaches to culturally-relevant medical practice through the development of an awareness of historical and contemporary issues in Indigenous Health.

This year, the Faculty of Medicine collaborated with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority to host National Aboriginal Day celebrations in our Brodie Atrium. It was an opportunity to bring together the medical community and our surrounding community, to share in a day of celebration and acknowledge the contributions of the Aboriginal Peoples in our nation. We shared cultural practices, foods, music and dance and the event was very successful in bringing large numbers of people together in celebration of this important day.

## PGME GEARING UP FOR ACCREDITATION IN 2014



BY DR. MICHAEL WEST, ASSOCIATE DEAN,  
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

The past year in Postgraduate Medical Education has been eventful. In association with the UGME accreditation process, PGME revised the Teacher Development Program (TDP) to address compliance with the ED-24 standard. We recruited Dr. Rick Singh, an anesthesiologist working on a Master's of Education degree, as faculty lead. We also recruited 30 faculty members who volunteered to facilitate individual sessions in the TDP. We plan to incorporate the Core Curriculum into this program, including the teaching of professionalism, ethics, epidemiology, biostatistics, medical-legal issues, lifestyle issues, and quality management.

We continue to develop an informative webpage for the Division of Postgraduate Medical Education. We performed an assessment of the software needs for PGME, aiming to have a faculty-wide curriculum management system for all training programs that will cover such needs as a rotation calendar, scheduling, evaluation, logging of procedures and experiences. Information regarding program needs has been obtained in consultation with program directors, program assistants, residents, and others.

Dr. Shayne Taback, accomplished clinical scientist, has been recruited to develop the Clinical Investigator Program. This program will provide hybrid training for residents in clinical programs with an interest in academic medicine, combining basic science research with their clinical endeavors.

PGME sponsored the Faculty-wide Resident Research Day, at which residents presented exceptional oral and poster presentations. Guest Dr. Ori Rotstein gave an inspiring presentation which included his analysis of the future of the clinician scientist. Dr. Brian Schmidt gave a superb keynote address documenting his own evolution as a clinician scientist.

The Royal College evaluates a University's PGME resident training programs every six years. At mid-cycle, the College mandates internal reviews of all programs. We have instituted an Internal Review Committee to guide this process, chaired by Dr. Kurt Skakum. Internal reviews of programs will be performed by two program directors/faculty members in conjunction with a resident member.

PGME participated in a Residents' Accreditation Workshop organized by the Canadian Association of Interns and Residents and the Royal College. This workshop was designed to train residents to participate in the accreditation process of the Royal College and the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

PGME also participated in the Future of Medical Education in Canada study. These consultations will be important in directing change in divisions of Postgraduate Medical Education across the country.

We requested an external review of the Division of Postgraduate Medical Education which was performed in September 2011 by Dr. George Elleker, a former program director and chair of the Accreditation Committee of the Royal College, and Dr. Steve Tilley, a medical resident. This review will lead to positive changes in the structure and organization of the division. The review identified the need for increased resources to improve the support provided to residents, program directors, fellows, and program assistants.

The highlight of the year in Postgraduate Medical Education is the CaRMS match. The 2011 match included 98 medical students from the University of Manitoba. Following the completion of the 1st iteration six students were unmatched (94% of students matched in the 1st iteration). Fifty-two percent matched to the University of Manitoba; the range for the past 10 years has been from 39% to 63% (average 52.7%). Forty-six percent of students matched to family medicine programs in Canada.

Our CaRMS quota included 121 positions: 116 filled in the 1st iteration. Unmatched positions were in Family Medicine (2), Obstetrics and Gynecology (1), Nuclear medicine (1) and Community medicine (1). Most were filled in the second iteration. Thirty-three percent of our total matched positions went to International Medical Graduates, including Canadian medical students who had been studying abroad.

In preparation for this year's CaRMS match, we have developed a CaRMS quota subcommittee. The purpose of the committee, chaired by Dr. Bruce Martin, Associate Dean, Students, is to review the requests from programs to change the number of positions allocated to them, to decide about the use of discretionary positions, and to assist in the management of unmatched students and unfilled positions.

The academic atmosphere in most of our training programs is healthy. The future of postgraduate medical training at the University of Manitoba is bright. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the continued development of this enterprise.



# FACULTY SUPPORTS LEADING-EDGE RESEARCH

BY DR. PETER NICKERSON, ASSOCIATE DEAN, RESEARCH

The Faculty of Medicine’s focus on building research capacity has benefitted students and staff. Dean Brian Postl has continued to grow research education opportunities for medical students by increasing access to the MD/PhD program. Furthermore he has funded new opportunities for 20 students in Med II, who are not already in the B.Sc. (Medicine) program, to conduct research during the summer of Med II. The goal is to expose all medical students to research at some point along the continuum of their medical school training. This emphasis on providing leading-edge research education is to ensure we continue to train the clinician-science leaders of tomorrow.

Building on this investment, basic research capacity will be further enhanced this fall by funding an \$800,000 upgrade of central animal care enabling the creation of a core animal imaging facility. Beyond these capital investments, \$1 million in annual operating funds has been allocated to ensure all faculty have access to sustainable basic science research platforms so that they can use these cutting edge tools to effectively compete for external funding and advance our scientific knowledge.

The investment in internal CIHR peer review is paying off; the success rate of those going through this process is now 28% and the overall University of Manitoba CIHR funding level has increased cycle after cycle since this process was introduced.

To communicate the latest developments in clinical and biomedical science, the Research Office will host a regular

Faculty “Edge of Science” grand rounds starting this fall. It is through this knowledge generation and exchange that advances in clinical care have and will continue to evolve.

Equally exciting on the clinical research front, in partnership with the Manitoba Health Research Council (MHRC) and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), the Faculty is focused on creating a clinical research SUPPORT unit (e.g. a Research Methods Core and a Computational Biology Core, etc.) to align with CIHR’s Strategy on Patient Oriented Research (SPOR). This unit will be housed within the George and Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation (CHI) which itself is a joint project of the WRHA and University of Manitoba.

As important as it is to generate new knowledge, it is equally important for us to communicate and translate that knowledge to the public. To facilitate this process and to ensure our basic and clinical research discoveries are highlighted to Manitobans, we have entered into a partnership with the WRHA WAVE magazine, which has broad distribution in Manitoba and will highlight a University of Manitoba researcher in each issue.

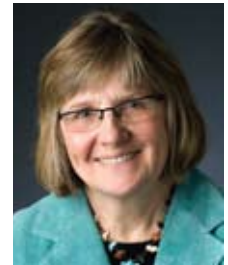
The goal of all of this investment activity is to align with the Faculty’s research strategic vision to ensure the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine is a leading member of one of the top five integrated academic health sciences networks in Canada improving the health of society.

**On the basic medical sciences front, the Dean announced the allocation of \$2 million to create or upgrade state-of-the-art core research platforms:**

PROPOSAL	PROPOSAL LEADER	PARTNER ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCES NETWORK
Manitoba Epigenetic Network Platform	Jim Davie, BSc, PhD	MICB/MICH
Affymetrix Microarray Core Facility	Michael Czubryt, PhD, BSc	St Boniface
Next Generation Proteomic and Metabolomics Capabilities	J. A. Wilkins, Bsc (Hons.), Msc, PhD	HSC
Large Scale RNA & Protein Analysis for Biomarkers in Health & Disease	Redwan Moqbel PhD, FRCPath	
High-throughput Automated Immunoblotting System	Peter Zahradka PhD	St Boniface
Genetic Models of Human Disease Centre (GMC) - Transgenic Core Facility	Geoff Hicks, PhD	
A Translational Imaging Laboratory in Human and Animal Models of Chronic Disease	Krishnamurti Dakshinamurti, PhD, FRSC (UK)	MICH
Development of an MRI compatible PET System	Andrew Goertzen, PhD, MCCPM	HSC

## ACADEMICS SUPPORTED BY FACULTY TO REACH POTENTIAL

BY DR. TERRY KLASSEN, ASSOCIATE DEAN, ACADEMIC, AND DR. HEATHER DEAN, ASSISTANT DEAN, ACADEMIC



The mission of the Office of Academic Affairs in the Faculty of Medicine is to work toward excellence in academic career development by providing a high-quality and coordinated program of academic support and rewards for all faculty members. Our vision is that all faculty members will achieve their full potential and be proud of their academic appointment in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

We can accomplish this vision by providing coordinated programs and resources for new faculty orientation, promotion, tenure, nominations for awards at multiple levels including leadership opportunities and staff development.

Our important partners in maintaining faculty vitality are the Department of Medical Education, the Faculty Office of Research, the Research Institutes, and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA).

All full-time and part-time faculty members have an academic appointment at the University of Manitoba and an academic rank. We are proud of our promotions criteria that reward innovation, originality and leadership. We use a broad definition of scholarship that values scholarship of discovery, education, integration and application. Our promotions process is led by experienced faculty members who share their experience and judgment in a fair, objective and consistent process.

Each year approximately 60 of our senior academic leaders participate in the adjudication of 20-30 faculty members who apply for promotion. The promotion process is an important component of career advancement and job satisfaction. A critical component of the promotion process for academic clinicians is harmonization with the process of the Joint Operating Division for orientation of new faculty and annual performance review.

Inter-professional education (IPE) is a university-wide initiative involving the faculties of Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work, Kinesiology, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Nutrition and Medicine including Medical Rehabilitation and Clinical Health Psychology. IPE is not new but there is a strong global imperative and urgency to improve care access, quality of care and patient safety by better collaboration among health professionals. The knowledge, skills and attitudes of successful teamwork must be learned, practiced and evaluated at all stages of professional life.

The traditional teaching of undergraduate health-care students in silos is necessary for specific professional competencies but is not conducive to optimum teaching of collaboration and communication skills. Thus, the University of Manitoba created an Inter-professional Education Initiative in 2009 housed within the George and Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation. We enjoy a strong partnership with the WRHA on enhancing collaborative care and creating formal collaborative care learning sites. The vision is that there will be a robust, coordinated and integrated curriculum for undergraduate students, graduate students and practitioners.

The George and Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation had significant developments this year. The WRHA has moved its Project Management Office into the centre and Janet Bjornson has assumed the role of Executive Director. The themes within the center are knowledge synthesis, knowledge translation, system performance and clinical indicators. We will launch a new leadership course starting in 2012 aimed at developing the next generation of physician leaders. The centre will also be hosting the Canadian Cochrane Symposium in May 2012.

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### 2ND ANNUAL FACULTY OF MEDICINE TEACHER RECOGNITION DINNER

Dr. Brian Postl, Dean of Medicine, invites all faculty members to attend the Teacher Recognition Dinner in appreciation of their hard work and commitment to the Faculty of Medicine.

Keynote Address by Chantal Hébert, Political Columnist, *The Toronto Star* and member of CBC The National's *At Issue* Panel.

Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
Cocktails: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:30 pm  
Brodie Centre Atrium

# CEPD BUILDING STRONGER ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

BY **DR. JOSE FRANCOIS, ASSOCIATE DEAN,  
CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



When people think of continuing education at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, they often think of the over 100 conferences, courses and workshops we offer each year to health-care professionals across the province. They may not realize that we are one of a handful of medical schools in North America that have developed expertise in the assessment and remediation of physicians in practice.

For more than 20 years, the Clinician Assessment and Professional Enhancement (CAPE) Program has assisted our licensing authority and individual physicians in determining concrete educational needs in terms of core knowledge, attitudes, skills and competence. The target audience for the program includes physicians whose competence is under question, internationally-trained medical graduates (IMGs), or physicians re-entering practice after a period of absence for illness, family responsibilities, administration, or other reasons. CAPE can also be used by physicians who simply wish to have their skills assessed in order to determine where to focus their continuing education efforts.

Our expertise in the area is recognized nationally and internationally, and the faculty members associated with our assessment programs are increasingly sought due to growing interest in how to best monitor and improve practicing health professionals' performance. We also continue to innovate with the soon to be introduced Manitoba Practice Assessment Program (MPAP). MPAP has been developed in response to a need identified by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba and the Province of Manitoba and is aimed at assessing physicians practicing on a conditional license in the Province of Manitoba who have not yet achieved their Canadian certification through the CFPC or RCPSC within the defined time frame designated by the College. The Division has designed a comprehensive, multi-faceted practice-based assessment approach which integrated CanMEDS roles and enabling competencies from both the CFPC and the RCPSC.

Most exciting is that work undertaken with MPAP may ultimately inform our undergraduate and postgraduate medical education programs on how to best assess the competency and monitor the progress of learners. Utilizing the full potential of our expertise in area assessment is just one of the reasons that the Faculty of Medicine has brought together the Division of Continuing Professional Development and the Department of Medical Education under the single umbrella of a new Division of Continuing Education & Professional Development (CEPD). The new Division of CEPD will build a stronger academic community as we bring together areas which share many commonalities, and improve educational supports.

# FACULTY CONTINUES TO GROW

BY **KEITH MCCONNELL, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

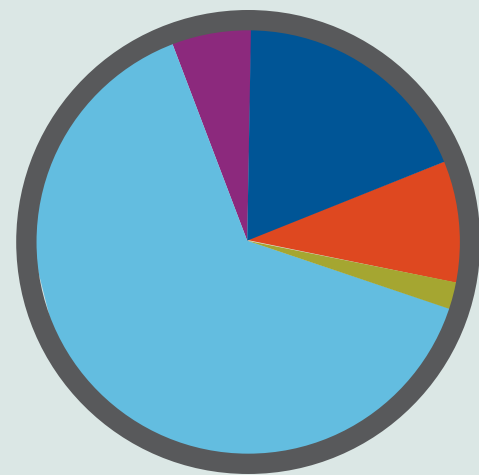


It has been an exciting year in the faculty with continued growth and expansion. The staff and faculty have worked hard on a number of projects over the last year: the accreditation of UGME, new student service area, enhancements to OPAL, construction of 6th floor BMSB, new finance reports, new IT structure, plus numerous other changes to enhance the faculty and the community. Many of our staff members have been recognized with both internal and external awards for their dedication and commitment.

In the financial report below, we continue to see growth in the Research budget of the faculty, a direct impact of success of recent awards. The increase in capital is a correlation of the strategic funds created by the Dean and the Federal Action Plan programs. We have also seen increases in Trust and Endowment Income and Sales and Service Revenue (third party).

As we look ahead, the University of Manitoba is moving forward rapidly on a number of Resource Optimization and Service Enhancement (ROSE) projects that will enhance transparency, reduce the volume of paper, and improve efficiency on many key functions.

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE BUDGET ALLOCATION AS AT MARCH 31, 2011



**TOTAL BUDGET: \$215,099,272**

**RESEARCH: 63.9% / \$137,370,808**

**CORE OPERATING/COPSE: 18.8% / \$40,516,009**

**SALES & SERVICE REVENUE: 9.3% / \$20,058,427**

**CAPITAL: 6.0% / \$12,822,689**

**TRUST & ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT INCOME: 2.0% / \$4,331,339**

# U OF M WELCOMES EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS TO MED SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015

BY ILANA SIMON



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A Rhodes Scholar, a married military couple, an Aboriginal student scholarship winner, and an Economics grad with a focus on health are just some of the exceptional members of the Medical School Class of 2015.

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine welcomed 110 new medical students at the annual Inaugural Day Exercises on August 24, 2011. Of the 110 students, 99 are Manitobans and 11 are from out-of-province. Nine students, or 8 per cent, are self-declared Aboriginal.

First-year medical students recited the Hippocratic Oath after they were cloaked during the White Coat ceremony by the Dean, Associate Deans and by special guests Minister of Health Theresa Oswald, CPSM Registrar Dr. William Pope, WRHA CEO Arlene Wilgosh, AMC Grand Chief Derek Nepinak and keynote speaker Hugh O'Brodovich.

Rhodes Scholar Aaron Trachtenberg spent the last three years at Oxford University in London, England earning a PhD in clinical neurology after studying the effect of the Alzheimer's risk gene in the brain function of healthy adults. "I wanted to come back here for medical school," he said. "Winnipeg made me who I am and I wanted the opportunity to serve the community where I'm from."



PHOTO: ANDREW SIKORSKY

Trachtenberg, who also played on the Oxford Australian rules football team, hopes to become involved in further research, during his medical education.

Med I students and reserve officers Paul Kirvan and Heather Shonoski are flight instructors in the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.

Shonoski (pictured above, third from left) completed her M.Sc. in Medical Anthropology at Brunel University, UK as a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar. As part of her practicum, she spent two months volunteering at an orphanage for HIV positive and abandoned children in Nairobi, Kenya. Kirvan completed his M.Sc. in Medical Physics at the University of Alberta.

"At the orphanage, I helped with family integration and education. The goal was to send HIV positive children back to their families and once they understood the disease, families were more accepting," Shonoski recounted.

She, too, had her sights set on the University of Manitoba's medical school. "I like the culture here. There is a huge emphasis on social medicine and disadvantaged populations. I like the U of M's stance on that," Shonoski said.

She and her husband both signed up to take advantage of the Province of Manitoba's new return-of-service tuition reimbursement program and look forward to working in rural Manitoba and delivering healthcare to underserved populations.

"We take pride in attracting the best and brightest students to the University of Manitoba," said Dr. Brian Postl, Dean of Medicine. "This year we are welcoming a diverse group of students to our medical school from varied backgrounds and from around the Province which we believe will benefit future health care delivery across Manitoba."

RHODES SCHOLAR AARON TRACHTENBERG CHOSE U OF M FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL.

# HONOURING LEADERS AND ROLE MODELS

University of Manitoba president and vice-chancellor David Barnard and His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, celebrated inner city success stories on October 20.

The Celebrating Inner-City Community Connections event showcased highlights of the University of Manitoba Connecting to Kids report. This report demonstrated that world-class scholars, researchers and staff are joining with community members and organizations to share the resources of the University of Manitoba with inner-city children, youth, and their families.

"Education is a transformational force. I am proud to see the University of Manitoba and its partners working with and in the inner city to inspire children and youth and help make a real difference in their lives," Barnard said.



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The event, held at the Bannatyne campus, included several presentations of some of the 190 inner-city activities that are offered in partnership with the University of Manitoba and were identified in the Connecting to Kids report. The report was written by the Faculties of Medicine, Social Work and Kinesiology and Recreation Management, lead by Dr. Sharon Macdonald, Head of the Department of Community Health Sciences.

Among the programs highlighted at the celebration was a student demonstration of the Inner-City Science Centre Project, The Bridge: Music Learning for Life program, the Rec and Read Mentor program at Children of the Earth School and a presentation from students from the Inner-City Social Work program.

"These programs have been developed in collaboration with our partners in the inner city," noted Barnard. "Together, we can ensure children and youth can reach their full potential and become the next generation of visionaries, trailblazers and innovators."

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# LI KA SHING FOUNDATION DONATES \$1,000,000 GIFT TO SHANTOU/UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA EXCHANGE

BY ILANA SIMON



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LtoR: DR. DAVID BARNARD, DR. BRIAN POSTL, DR. FRIEDA LAW, MS. SOLINA CHAU, DR. TERESA WAWRYKOW, SHU-RU (SUE) CHEN, DR. PATRICK CHOY AND DR. CLAYTON DYCK

On the 10th anniversary of the Shantou University/University of Manitoba academic exchange, the Li Ka Shing Foundation committed another \$1 Million gift to the University of Manitoba to build on the Chinese/Canadian partnership and enhance the exchange program.

The generous gift was announced by Ms Solina Chau, Director of the Li Ka Shing Foundation, at the “Ten Years of Building Bridges in Medical Education and Research” symposium held September 20 at the University of Manitoba.

“To the founder of our Foundation Mr. Li Ka-shing, it [Shantou University] is the realization of a dream - a dream that he could attract like-minded individuals and academics devoted to reforming and building a new model of higher institution in China,” said Ms Chau.

“On behalf of our Chairman and all of us from Li Ka Shing Foundation and Shantou University, we would like to express our deep appreciation for the support from the University of Manitoba in building this dream, the achievements we made together the last 10 years will be continued and built upon. Mr. Li has asked me to share with President Barnard this morning that our foundation will top up the \$2 Million

Canadian endowment fund granted to support this initiative, with an additional 1-million,” she announced.

The Li Ka Shing Foundation previously contributed \$1 million in 2003, and another \$1 million gift came from Husky Energy Inc. in 2007, to support the exchange program.

“At the University of Manitoba, we are visionaries and innovators. The Li Ka Shing Foundation is built and operated by people who are also visionaries and innovators so this partnership works. There is an alignment of values, there is friendship, there is opportunity, there are results. Thank you to all who have contributed,” said University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. David Barnard.

Dr. Barnard noted that the the hallmark of any friendship is commitment. “With that in mind, I want to thank the Li Ka Shing Foundation, Husky Energy Inc., Mr. Li Ka-Shing, Ms Solina Chau, Shantou President Dr. Xiaohu Xu, Dr. Frieda Law, Dr. Patrick Choy and all participants from Shantou University and the University of Manitoba for their support, passion and dedication to this partnership.”

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LtoR: DR. PATRICK CHOY, MS. SOLINA CHAU, DR. DAVID BARNARD, DR. BRIAN POSTL

Over the past decade, more than 120 medical students, residents, researchers and faculty members have participated in the visionary Shantou University/University of Manitoba academic exchange program – broadening their perspectives on one another’s cultures, medical treatments, research and education.

Chinese medical student Shu-ru Chen is one such student. She has experienced Canadian patient care, research methods and physician training – thanks to the trailblazing partnership between Shantou University, the University of Manitoba and the Li Ka Shing Foundation.

Chen completed family and emergency clinical electives in Winnipeg last year, and in 2011 participated in a B.Sc. Medicine (student research) program.

“We had the opportunity to see patients ‘hands-on’ and learn more about family medicine, which is new to China,” said Chen. “This experience dramatically expanded my academic skills and my personal development, and I gained knowledge and skills which I hope to share with others.”

Teresa Wawrykow [MD/05] participated in the exchange as a student and later as a Resident. “We focused on both traditional Chinese medicine and Western medical systems including acupuncture and the use of traditional medicinal plants,” she recalled of her student experience.

The faculty members’ objectives were to introduce a new learning style via problem-based small group modules, and to enhance medical English skills through interactive sessions focused on medical topics relevant to family medicine. “In dealing with the challenges of teaching medical students in China, I learned many lessons which have served me well as I teach medical students in Winnipeg in the ER and classroom settings,” she said.

Speakers at the symposium included Dr. Law, Shantou exchange coordinator; Dr. Choy, U of M exchange coordinator; Dr. Clayton Dyck, U of M Deputy coordinator; as well as program alumni from China and Canada.

Dr. Law, who has served as Shantou co-ordinator for the past nine years, said that from the Shantou point of view, “It has been really a most valuable experience for our

medical students. Certainly they have grown professionally, personally and for some it has been most life changing.”

Indeed, the academic exchange program provides powerful learning experiences for everyone involved that crosses language, culture, and discipline, noted Dr. Brian Postl, Dean of Medicine, University of Manitoba.

“The opportunity to train in another country is valuable for both Canadian and Chinese medical students,” he said. “As these students embark on their clinical careers, the lessons learned through this exchange will help them serve their patients as more compassionate physicians.”

Clinician scientists have a chance to work with internationally renowned researchers and faculty can teach - and learn - new skills in both countries.

The partnership between the University of Manitoba and Shantou University has also allowed research from both institutions to be showcased at two “International Symposia on Recent Advances in Basic Clinical and Social Medicine.” These symposia, held in 2005 and 2009, also included the publication of selected papers in a special edition of the National Research Council of Canada’s *Biochemistry and Cell Biology* journal.

In closing the official ceremony of the symposium, Dr. Law presented Dr. Choy with a relief sculpture as token of appreciation. “This is actually very environmentally friendly; it is made of activated charcoal. It is two shaking hands, some Chinese characters, the Great Wall of China and this water represents the ‘Red River of Winnipeg,’” she said. “This symbolizes the crest of the two schools celebrating our 10-year anniversary.”

On behalf of the University of Manitoba, Dr. Choy presented Dr. Law and Shantou University with an Inukshuk. “The Inukshuk has been used by Inuit people as a sign to guide them to the correct path for where they should be going. Hopefully we can use it to symbolize our continued cooperation and let this be the guiding light for our continued exchange for the next decade so we can see each other and celebrate our 20th Anniversary either here or in Shantou,” he said.

# SHINING STAR IN MEDICINE AWARDED VANIER CANADA SCHOLARSHIP

BY JANICE LABOSSIERE

The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship is one of Canada's top research awards, reserved for the country's best and brightest scholars.

## Nicole Lovat fits the bill, and then some.

Lovat, a 25-year-old MD/PhD student in the Faculty of Medicine, is a 2011 recipient of the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS). She will receive \$150,000 over the next three years to fund her research on the naturally occurring pre-diabetic state experienced during pregnancy.



PHOTO: DAN GWOZDZ

This pre-diabetic state may be related to a hormone called Hepatic Insulin Sensitizing Substance (HISS) and Lovat hopes to better understand HISS by studying animal pregnancies. A new antioxidant cocktail may be able to treat pregnancy-related insulin resistance associated with the hormone, and Lovat's studies will determine the suitability of a randomized trial in the pregnant population.

A graduate of Kelvin High School, Lovat completed her Bachelor of Science at the University of Manitoba with a double major in physics and biochemistry prior to acceptance into the Faculty of Medicine.

"I loved physics in high school so I wanted to combine it with biochemistry since biochem was better for medical school. I guess I took physics for fun in university," she laughed.

The Vanier CGS is not based on marks alone. Nominations are reviewed by multi-disciplinary peer-review committees and a board of Canadian and international experts. Winners are chosen based on their exceptional leadership skills along with high scholarly achievement.

While in her grade 11 year at Kelvin High School, Lovat started a spring break day-camp for children at Mulvey School. "Camp Ooga Booga" provides three meals, scheduled activities, and transportation for 40 children at the elementary school.

"It was a really rewarding experience and very good experience in handling resources," Lovat said. "Camp Ooga Booga continued on after I graduated. Now Kelvin IB students run the program every spring break."

Teaching is one of Lovat's passions. She started tutoring at age 12 and even now, while doing clinical rotations, spends over 20 hours a week tutoring medical and physician assistant students.

"I love the rush you get when a student starts to believe in themselves and sees improvement," Lovat said. "It's an amazing feeling for both of us." Along with tutoring fellow medical students, she helps future colleagues by teaching MCAT preparation courses.

"I love that there are limitless opportunities and directions in medicine – teaching, research, clinical – and that really excites me," she said, adding that she wants to be involved in teaching in some capacity throughout her career. And despite spending a lot of time and energy tutoring and doing research, Lovat can't wait to be a practicing physician.

"I've always wanted to be a doctor, for as long as I can remember," Lovat said. "My parents say I was four or five when I first started talking about it. Maybe it was all of the medical tv shows I watched as a kid, like Doogie Howser (MD)."

## NEW INDUCTEES INTO CANADIAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Three Faculty of Medicine professors have been inducted as fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). Drs. Stephen Moses, Brian Postl and Noralou Roos were honoured at a ceremony in Ottawa in September.

Fellows of the Academy are elected by their peers on the basis of their demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and commitment to advance academic health sciences. Membership is considered one of the highest honours for members of the Canadian health sciences community.



**Dr. Stephen Moses** is a physician and scientist who has made major contributions internationally to understanding biological and behavioural risk factors for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), particularly HIV infection, and translating research findings into practice.



**Dr. Brian Postl**, Dean of the Faculty and a distinguished senior pediatrician and academic physician, has contributed significantly to the health and welfare of children particularly in Northern communities through his active efforts in developing patient-based programs with a community health perspective.



**Dr. Noralou Roos** founded the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and created a population database for understanding why some people are healthy and others are not. She received funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation to create Canada's first data laboratory and has been awarded a Tier I Canada Research Chair in Population Health.

## NEW PROFESSORS EMERITI



LtoR: DR. LABELLA, DR. CRAIG, DR. BRIAN POSTL AND DR. WROGEMANN

Congratulations to the following faculty members who were conferred with the honorary title of Professor Emeritus by the University of Manitoba in 2011.

**Douglas Craig MD**, Department of Anesthesia

A faculty member for 40 years, Dr. Craig also served as Senior Vice President Medical at the Health Sciences Centre from 1988 – 1990, and Professor and Chair of the Department of Anesthesia from 1990-2000. Many of his research publications on cardiorespiratory physiology continue to serve as seminal references in anesthesia.

**Frank S. LaBella PhD**,

Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics  
Recruited after finishing his PhD in 1957, Dr. LaBella's career has included many international awards, including the John J. Abel Award of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. He has authored over 200 manuscripts in top peer-review journals and has trained numerous graduate students and post doctoral fellows.

**Klaus Wrogemann PhD**,

Department of Biochemistry & Medical Genetics  
Dr. Wrogemann is a biochemist, molecular biologist and geneticist with a national and international reputation in the study of genetic diseases, with special emphasis on muscular dystrophies. Dr. Wrogemann has received uninterrupted funding for over 40 years totalling over five million dollars and published over 100 papers which have received over 3300 citations.



## HUGH O'BRODOVICH [MD/75]: STANFORD PEDIATRIC PULMONIST PAYS FORWARD U OF M EDUCATION

BY SHARON CHISVIN

A one-room school house 16 miles outside of Kenaston, Saskatchewan is a long way from the hallowed halls of California's Stanford University Medical School. But for paediatric pulmonist Hugh O'Brodovich [MD/75], the journey from point A to point B has been seamless, satisfying and extremely successful.

Certainly, the ease with which O'Brodovich adapted from his rural upbringing to big city life and an internationally renowned medical career has much to do with the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. O'Brodovich had moved to Winnipeg from Saskatchewan at the age of 14, subsequently graduating from Vincent Massey Collegiate and enrolling at the University of Manitoba to study physics, math and biology. He had not really planned to become a doctor but, after realizing human biology intrigued him more than photons, applied to the medical school only a few weeks before the application deadline. He was accepted.

O'Brodovich graduated from medicine in 1975 and opted to remain in Winnipeg for residencies in Paediatrics and Respiratory Medicine. His medical education, he says, was excellent and inspirational.

"When I was a medical student and paediatric resident at the University of Manitoba it had great leaders in the area of respiratory medicine," he says. "This was one of the reasons why I chose respiratory medicine."

These great leaders included Dr. Victor Chernick, who was Chair of Pediatrics at the time and who remains one of O'Brodovich's close friends, as well as doctors Whitey Thurlbeck, Rubin Cherniack, Larry Wood and former Deans of Medicine Nick Anthonisen and Arnold Naimark.

In fact, O'Brodovich was so inspired as a student that he has devoted much of his hectic and demanding career to paying forward the exceptional education and mentorship that he received at the University of Manitoba.

"One of my proudest achievements is to help develop young paediatric clinician scientists and to train paediatric pulmonologists."

Following his residencies, O'Brodovich headed off to Columbia University in New York for a research fellowship, returning to Canada to work at McMaster University in Hamilton and then at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. At SickKids he served in a number of senior positions, before being named

Paediatrician-in-Chief and Chair of Pediatrics at the University of Toronto in 1996. During this time he also was named the inaugural president of the Paediatric Chairs of Canada and elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health.

A decade later O'Brodovich moved south again to assume his current positions as Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Stanford School of Medicine, inaugural Director of the Child Health Research Institute at Stanford University, and Adalyn Jay Physician-in-Chief at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

"I had completed my term as Chair of Pediatrics at University of Toronto and Paediatrician in Chief at SickKids when the Dean of Medicine at Stanford asked me to become their next Chair of Pediatrics," he recalls.

"Stanford is one of the world's leading research universities and I had the opportunity to build the research, education and clinical aspects of the Department of Pediatrics and the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital."

In the process of developing these particular areas, O'Brodovich also has been able to further his own research on lung maturity and the development of new therapies to prevent and treat respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) and bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD). He has garnered numerous accolades, appointments and awards over the years, including the Winnipeg Children's Hospital Research Foundation Researcher Award in 1997, and has published 19 book chapters and 160 peer reviewed manuscripts.

While California has been his home now for three years, O'Brodovich regularly returns to Winnipeg to visit family, get together with former classmates, and guest lecture at his alma mater. In August 2011 he was invited to give the keynote address to a new crop of first year students at the Faculty of Medicine's annual Inaugural Day Ceremony.

Keeping his remarks brief and good humoured, O'Brodovich spoke of the tremendous strides that have been made in the world of medicine in recent years and the critical role that humanism, compassionate care, scientific inquiry and open mindedness play in the practice of medicine. He advised his eager audience to always think critically, ask questions, embrace change, pursue their passions, and grab opportunities as they arose. In other words, he shared with them all the lessons that he learned in Winnipeg more than 30 years ago.



# MESSAGE FROM PHILANTHROPY

BY DANIELLE DUNBAR, ACTING DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

The fall season is always an exciting time at the Faculty of Medicine. In September the University of Manitoba and the Faculty of Medicine hosted Ms. Solina Chau and a delegation from the Li Ka Shing Foundation in Hong Kong. The Li Ka Shing Foundation has been a long time supporter of the Faculty of Medicine's Academic Exchange Program with Shantou University. During her visit Ms. Chau announced the Li Ka Shing Foundation's further gift of \$1 million to this collaborative program.

This fall also saw the Faculty welcome 110 new students to medical school and continued the tradition of the Dean's Homecoming Breakfast. Over the years, our alumni have shown a tremendous interest in reuniting with their classes. This year was no exception.

These reunions illustrate the strong, lifelong bonds that are formed throughout medical school. When classes reconnect, it is a cause for celebration. Many classes are commemorating these milestone reunions by embarking on class campaigns in support of their Faculty of Medicine. The dedication of these alumni groups has made class giving a growing tradition, with 22 classes in the midst of or having completed successful campaigns. Our alumni have come together to raise an astounding total of over \$1.85-Million in support of projects that support students, such as scholarships and bursaries and capital projects that ensure that our Faculty is at the forefront of medical research and education.

In recognition of this outstanding support, I am pleased to announce the launch of our class campaign web site. Here, you will be able to learn which classes are engaged in campaigns, what they are funding, how successful they have been and who is leading each class.

I hope you will take a moment to check out this exciting new addition to our website at [umanitoba.ca/admin/vp\\_external/erob/EROB\\_Classes.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_external/erob/EROB_Classes.html)

If you are interested in joining with your classmates to celebrate your milestone class reunion and support the Faculty of Medicine through a class campaign, we would be happy to assist you. Please contact us at 204-977-5615 or 1-800-330-8066 or Ext\_Rel\_Bannatyne@umanitoba.ca.

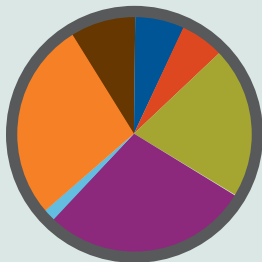
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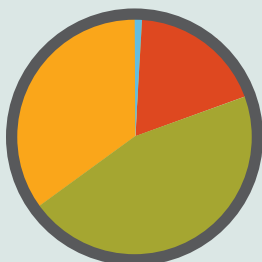
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## JOHN SAMPSON [MD/90]: DUKE NEURO-ONCOLOGIST CREDITS TOP NOTCH U OF M MED SCHOOL

BY SHARON CHISVIN

Neurosurgeon John Sampson [MD/90] begins each work day at four in the morning and ends it about 16 hours later when he returns home to his wife and sons. Depending on the day of the week, Sampson spends those long hours in surgery, clinics and classes or in his research lab at Duke University, where he has worked since graduating from the Faculty of Medicine in 1990.

Sampson recalls his early medical school education as top notch, saying that he was better prepared than many of the other interns he encountered when he first entered the neurosurgery program at Duke in Durham, North Carolina.

"The University of Manitoba was a very hands-on training program," he says. "I was sort of scared when I arrived at Duke but I soon felt that my training was as good as or better than the other medical students. I had better hands-on training than other interns."

The Ottawa-born and Winnipeg-raised Sampson graduated from John Taylor Collegiate and completed two years of sciences before entering the Faculty of Medicine. He completed his B.Sc. (Med) along with his medical degree.

Sampson's interest in neurosurgery was initially sparked by the U of M's Dr. Erico Cardoso, and bolstered by rotations he did as a third and fourth year student at some of the top medical facilities in North America.

Upon graduation, Sampson elected to join Duke's Neurosurgery Residency Program where he was taken under the wing of Dr. Robert Wilkins. He has remained at Duke ever since, assuming the positions of Professor of radiation oncology, pathology, immunology and surgery; Associate Deputy Director of The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Centre; and, with great humility, the Dr. Robert H. and Gloria Wilkins Distinguished Professor of Surgery. Along the way, he also completed a PhD in Neuro-Oncology.

During his tenure at Duke, Sampson has garnered an internationally-recognized reputation as an expert in neuro-oncology and immunotherapy for brain tumours. He has received more than \$20 million dollars in funding, primarily to research new infusion and immunotherapy brain tumour treatments, including vaccines. One of these vaccines was recently licensed by Pfizer and is currently being tested in Phase III clinical trials.

As Sampson's research has increasingly focused on drug development, he has acquired a concurrent interest in the business side of medicine. While he strongly upholds that medicine should not be about dollars, he also maintains that a better understanding of the business side of medicine can help

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improve patient care and outcomes and fuel medical innovation. To this end, and in spite of the many demands on his time and the many degrees he already has completed, he is currently pursuing an Executive MBA at Duke University.

Sampson recently shared some of his new-found business acumen and old-style medical methodology at his alma mater when he was invited to present the University of Manitoba's Joe Doupe Lecture on September 8. This annual lecture honours the legacy of Dr. Joseph Doupe, the highly regarded scientist and medical educator who was Head of the Department of Physiology from 1948 until 1966, the year that Sampson was born.

Fittingly, Sampson spoke on the topic 'Turning Knowledge into Money: The Ups and Downs of Developing Drugs.'

"It was good to be home and nice to be honoured," he says. He was particularly touched, he adds, that his parents, who still live in Winnipeg, came out to watch his presentation.

This show of gratitude for his parents' support speaks well of Sampson, who comes across as self-effacing, soft-spoken and extremely thankful for the education and opportunities that he has received and for the career that he has been fortunate to pursue.

"I have been able to do the work I do because of the support of my wife and family," he says.

This work - life changing and life saving for so many of his patients - has been extremely satisfying for Sampson too.

"Years after surgery being able to tell a patient that he is doing well, is very rewarding," Sampson remarks.

It is so rewarding, in fact, that it makes his 16 hour work days more than worthwhile.

**Michelle Alfa [B.Sc./75]**, Professor, Medical Microbiology, received the Doctors Manitoba Health Administration Award for contribution to policy and/or in administration of health care.



**Tracie Affi [PhD/09]**, Assistant Professor, Community Health Sciences, received the Manitoba Health Research Council Operating (2011-2013) and Establishment Award (2011-2014) for her population-based research in important areas of public health:

family violence, problem gambling, and substantiated reports of child maltreatment in Canada.

**Mark Bernier [MD/81]**, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine won the "Carl Nimrod Educator Award" recognizing excellence, commitment, innovation and leadership in teaching knowledge attitudes and skills to the next generation practitioners.



**Charles Bernstein, [MD/85]**, Professor of Medicine and Head, Section of Gastroenterology, Department of Internal Medicine, and Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology has been selected recipient of the 2012 Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Research Excellence Award.

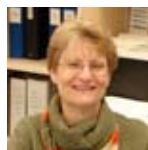


**Rob Brown [MD/87]**, Associate Professor and Associate Head, Education Affairs, Department of Anesthesia and Medical Director, Clinical Learning & Simulation Facility, and Mindermar Professor in Human Simulation, was a recipient of the CAME 2011

Certificate of Merit Award. This award recognizes and rewards faculty committed to medical education in Canadian medical schools.



**Dr. Patrick Choy**, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine and Special Advisor to the President, was inducted into the Order of Manitoba at a special legislature ceremony on July 12, 2011.



**Donna Collins, [M.Sc/02, O.T. Reg. (MB), OT(C)]**, Associate Professor and Head, Occupational Therapy, is the recipient of the Dr. Helen P. LeVesconte Award for Volunteerism in the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.



**Juliette E. Cooper, [PhD/87, OT(C), FCAOT]** Professor Emeritus, Department of Occupational Therapy, was selected to be the Muriel Driver Lecturer at the 2012 CAOT conference which will be held in Quebec City.



**Marc Del Bigio [MD/82]**, Canada Research Chair in Developmental Neuropathology, Professor, Department of Pathology, was the winner of the R.E. Beamish Memorial Award for his research on stroke in children born prematurely. The Beamish award is given to

research grant applicants receiving the highest provincial ranking. Dr. Del Bigio will receive \$10,000 from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba (HSFM) in addition to his research grant.



**Naranjan S. Dhalla**, Distinguished Professor and Director of Cardiovascular Development, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences at St. Boniface Hospital, was recognized for the Lifetime Achievement in Research by the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre, Winnipeg and was inducted in the St. Boniface Hospital Research Hall of Fame.



**Ed M. Giesbrecht [M.Sc/06, O.T. Reg. (MB)]**.

Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, received the Mary Judd Research Award (Manitoba Society of Occupational Therapists), the Thelma Cardwell Scholarship (Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation), and

the Allied Health Professionals PhD Fellowship (Canadian Institutes of Health Research).

**Dr. Emmanuel Ho**, Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology, received a CIHR Operating Grant in the amount of \$393,969 over three years and a Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) Grant in the amount of \$19,000 for one year for "Intravaginal Ring for the Prevention of HIV Transmission."



**Lorrie Kirshenbaum [PhD/92]**, Canada Research Chair in Molecular Cardiology, Professor, Physiology, has been promoted to Tier 1 from Tier 2, allowing him to expand his research program at St. Boniface General Hospital. Kirshenbaum focuses

his research on signal mechanisms that regulate cell growth and death with the aim of developing new treatments to prevent cardiac disease.

Co-Investigators **Linda Larcombe [PhD/95]** and **Pamela Orr** from the Departments of Internal Medicine, Medical Microbiology and Community Health Sciences received an NSERC \$480,000 over 3 years for their project "Housing Renewal to Improve the Health of First Nations Residents."



**Patricia Martens [PhD/99]**, Director of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy will be heading "PATHS Equity for Children: A Program of Research into What Works to Reduce the gaps for Manitoba's Children", a \$2M federally-funded research project. She will also be leading the Manitoba node of the

CIHR's Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies (CNODES) Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network (DSEN) Initiative, a \$17.5-million national initiative.



**Dr. W. Alan Mutch**, Professor, Department of Anesthesia and previous Associate Head, Research and Academic Affairs, was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society Research Recognition Award. This award honours a senior investigator who has sustained major contributions in anesthesia research in Canada.

**Milton Tenenbein [MD/73]** FRCPC, FAAP, Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health and Community Health Sciences, was awarded the American Academy of Pediatrics Jim Seidel Distinguished Service Award, recognizing an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric emergency medicine.



**Dr. Ryan Zarychanski [B.Sc. (Med)/00]**

awarded \$200,000 (2 years) of joint funding from Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Manitoba Health Research Council (MHRC) with co-investigators **Dr. Charles Bernstein, Dr. Anand Kumar and Dr. Donald Houston**

for research on heparin anticoagulation to reduce death in septic shock. Zarychanski was also awarded \$202,590 (3 years) from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada for a multicentre randomised trial.

# check up on alumni



**Glen S. Harrison [MD/51]** continues to conduct surgical assists after 37 years of GP – all at Burnaby Hospital – which opened in 1952. Married twice, 30 years & 35 years with 3 children & 2 step children.



**Douglas P. Walmsley [MD/51]** had family practice in Oakville, ON (1954-1995); retired in 1995; on Honorary Staff, Family Medicine Dept, at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in Oakville, ON.

**Ihor I. Mayba [MD/57-A]** FRCS C, general surgery 1962, orthopedic surgery 1967 was Chairman of the committee that published the 80th Anniversary Book of the Ukrainian National Home, located at 582 Burrows Ave. Due to lack of attendance, the Home was sold in August 2011 and all proceeds from the Home were donated to the University of Manitoba and to the Department of Germanic and Slavic studies at the University. Two copies of the Anniversary book were recently donated to the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library.



**Semeon B. Hrushovetz [MD/60]** M.Sc, PhD is retired and has an interest in gerontology & CAM (Complementary Alternative Therapy) and he writes a blog.

**John Wade [MD/60]** Professor in the Departments of Anesthesia and Community Health Sciences, was the recipient of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) 2011 Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Excellence in Public Administration.

**David Bloom [MD/61, B.Sc. (Med)/61]** was founder of a seven-person Gi Group; president of Medial Society; married with two children and five grandchildren. Retired Dec. 31, 2010.



**John Foerster [MD/61]** B.Sc. (Med) retired Sept 30/2011; contributed to Wintrobe's Hematology 7th to 12 th Editions; has three kids in medicine – David (Orthopedics), Steven (ER Doc), Susan (Interventional Pediatric Cardiology),



**Don Silverberg [MD/61]** M.Sc., FRCP(c) studied, internal medicine (St.B), residency (Mayo Clinic), married with three kids. He moved to Israel 1976, worked in nephrology, parented, played, published, grandparent of six, administrator (chief medical officer – Tel Aviv).

**Raymond Auger [MD/66]** is retired and enjoy nature photography, travelling, and playing bridge



**Brian Ayotte [MD/66, B.Sc. (Med)/66]** has been fully retired for two years; active with cross-country skiing and Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada.



**R. B. Bracken [MD/66]** continues to work full-time as professor of surgery (urology) at the University of Cincinnati.



**R. Bruce Heppenstall [MD/66]** is still working at University of PA.

**Keith McIver [MD/66]** B.Sc. FRCS C is still practicing surgery in Penticton, BC, and enjoying his grandchildren.



**Leah Magel [MD/71]** practices emergency medicine in Miami, Florida.

**Garry Vickar [MD/71]** sold his practice at BJC Medical Group in St. Louis in April 2011; he continues working half time; and is still Prof. Dept. of Psychiatry, St. Matthews University, Grand Cayman; lecturer at Washington University, St. Louis; active in American Psychiatric Association; and presents at IPS/ APA (Institute on Psychiatric Services/American Psychiatric Association) meetings; three articles in preparation on psychiatric education. He has eight grandchildren! Thought it was "good to be back" in Winnipeg - even briefly.

**Robert Burke [MD/75]** FRCS(s) FACS is currently President of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology & Head & Neck Surgery.

**Emmett J. Elves [MD/75]** B.Sc. FRCP Peds practices full-time pediatrics in Brandon; and is looking forward to more travel - including "where time stands still" Scottsdale and time with the grandsons.

**Cathy Bachman [MD/75]** works in pediatric anesthesia at University of Chicago (Pediatric Anesthesia Section Chief, Fellowship Director, Clerkship Director).

**Mark Bernier [MD/81]** FRCS C F.A.C.O.G is obstetrician/gynecologist in Winnipeg and married to Karen and they have four children: Austin, Alec, Tristan & Charlie.



**Susan Fair [MD/81]** RN BN CCFP FCFP volunteered in Indonesia; retired in February 2011 from active practice; busy with committee work, CCS board work, and planning for medical conferences.

**Greg Large [MD/81]** BA (Hons) practices family medicine in Brandon

**Aashif Esmail [MD/86]** BSc(Med), CCFP, FCFP is Chief of Medical Services at Millard Health Centre in Edmonton, AB.



**WR Mooney [MD/86, BSc. (Med)/86]** is Acting Chief, Clinical Evaluation Division, Autoimmune/Endocrinology, Centre for Evaluation of Radiopharmaceuticals & Biologics, Biologic & Genetic Therapies Directorate, Health Canada in Ottawa.

**Barb Picken [MD/86]** is married to an RCMP member, living in Vernon BC. She has one daughter and is involved in family practice with special interest in palliative care.

**Laverne Janzen [MD/91]** BA(Psychology), BSc(Biology) does "pro-bono" geriatric practice – parents, uncle, mother-in-law, etc.

**Anne Kong [MD/91, B.Sc.(Med)/91]** CCFP, Anne & husband Craig adopted Tieu Yau Omelan in December 2010 from China.

**WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA FACULTY OF MEDICINE ALUMNI AND COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.**



**Bruce Fehr [MD/85]**

The prominent Twin Cities pediatric emergency physician died July 28, at age 49, in a car fire accident. Investigators called the accident “one in a million” – just like this charismatic high-energy intellectual who people loved to be around.

Bruce grew up in Winnipeg, where most of his family still lives. His first love was music. Bruce inherited his mother’s gift for piano and started playing at age 5. He went on to win many regional competitions, which enabled him to compete nationally. Bruce was also the pianist for his high school musicals and played the bassoon in his high school band.

Bruce earned his MD from the University of Manitoba, then did pediatric residencies at both the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and the University of Manitoba at Children’s Hospital. After his residencies, he completed a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. Bruce practiced in the pediatric emergency room of Pilot City Health Centre in Minneapolis before moving to Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

The pediatric emergency room was a good fit for Bruce. Working with kids was a natural fit for his playful personality, although he didn’t limit his antics to young audiences and always knew when a situation needed lightening up.

Bruce’s ability to read people served him well in his most recent professional accomplishment. He was leading an award-winning Lean process improvement team at Children’s Hospitals and Clinics. Armed with both a medical degree and a MBA from the Carlson School of Management, Bruce was able to bridge the business and medical worlds in a way few people could.

Bruce’s dedication to health care was equaled by his dedication to family and friends. He had a special relationship with his two nieces, who he adored and they him. He maintained connections on a regular basis with many family and friends in Canada, the United States and Europe often traveling to see them. Bruce’s wanderlust was borne from annual family car trips across North America, which later developed into more adventurous trips to many continents.

Bruce was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia, and is survived by his father, Don, brothers Doug (Shelley) and Tom (Michelle), and nieces Meghan and Katherine. Donations in celebration of Bruce’s life may be made to Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.



**HERB FITTERMAN [MD/57] FRCS (CAN),**

Dr. Herb Fitterman, born November 28, 1932, died April 22, 2011 surrounded by his family in Vancouver from complications related to a blood disorder.

One of Canada’s foremost ophthalmic surgeons and diagnosticians, he was recognized worldwide for his skill, stubbornness and pioneering initiatives. Over the objections of many, he performed the first cataract implant surgery in Vancouver during the infancy of what is now a standard surgical procedure and he continued to refine the technique throughout his long surgical career, treating patients who came from as far away as Hong Kong and Europe.

As so many of his patients can attest to, he had a bedside manner second to none, caring, curious and concerned, and he died as he would have wanted to, practicing right up until the end.

Herb had other passions, too. He was a voracious reader, an art connoisseur, a lover of classical and jazz music and a tennis player, cyclist and skier.

But most of all, he was passionate about his family. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of nearly 54 years, his children, Lisa (Julian Sher), Su T (Barry Dunner) and Stephen, his grandchildren, Sam and Fanny Dunner, and scores of other relatives and close friends.



**James R. McPherson [MD/54]**

James R. McPherson, 80, of Rochester, died Saturday, April 23, 2011, at St. Mary’s Hospital.

Born in Winnipeg Feb. 20, 1931, and survived by his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth, five children, and five grandchildren.

Jim attended St. Paul’s High School where he excelled in sports and academics, being named to all-city, all-star teams in basketball and football, and awarded the Ernie Devlin Trophy for Academics and Athletics two consecutive years. He received his M.D. degree in 1954 from the University of Manitoba and was the recipient of the General Practitioners Award for Excellence.

While attending medical school, he played professional football for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for five seasons, 1949 through 1953. After two years of family practice in Winnipeg, he entered the Mayo Graduate School in 1956 as a Fellow in Internal Medicine and was a recipient of the Noble Foundation Award for leadership.

Throughout his entire career at Mayo from 1960 to 1994, he held significant roles in education while continuing his practice of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. He was an Endicott Professor of Medicine and Master of Science Medicine. After retirement in 1994, he worked on a part-time basis in Mount Airy, N.C. in industrial medicine.

- Gordon Chunn MD/51** | June 4, 2011 at Aurora, ON
- Harold Nelson Colburn, MD/51** | October 5, 2011 at Westboro, ON
- Robert George Gerrie MD/61** | July 11, 2011 at Saanich Peninsula, BC
- Douglas R. Gowler MD/57** | April 28, 2001 at Woodland, Washington
- M. Eleanor Puttee MD/63** | May 28, 2011 at Winnipeg, MB
- Ernestine Dawn Wasicuna MD/03** | Wicankpe To Win (Blue Star Woman) August 27, 2011 at Winnipeg, MB

## HOMECOMING

# 2011

### Faculty of Medicine 2011 Class Reunions

- 1 **Med Class of 1951, Back Row (L to R):** Dr. Morris Burke, Dr. Stuart Houston, Dr. Douglas Walmsley, Dr. Glen Harrison, Dr. Cliff Amundson  
**Front Row (L to R):** Dr. Charles Burns, Dr. Joyce Grace
- 2 **Med Class of 2001 L to R:** Dr. Greg Rose, Dr. Jerry Maniate, Dr. Geoff Cuvelier
- 3 **Med Class of 1986, celebrating 25th Class Reunion L to R:** Dr. Leslie Ruggles, Dr. Matt Lazar, Dr. Lisa Gould, Dr. David Strang, Dr. Tak Chan, Dr. Wendy Mooney, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Dr. Aashif Esmail, Dr. Cam Stacey, Dr. Colin Fletcher, Dr. Mike Partridge, and Dr. Lorraine Mabon.
- 4 **Dean's Breakfast Homecoming 2011**

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Reconnect with fellow classmates, old friends and your alma mater at a Medicine class reunion. Many Faculty of Medicine milestone class reunions will take place over the University of Manitoba Homecoming weekend September 14 - 16, 2012. For more information about participating in any of the 2012 Medicine reunions, Dean's Homecoming Breakfast or becoming involved in organizing your own class reunion in 2012, please contact Darcy Routledge, Alumni Affairs & Events Officer at (204) 977-5650 or [routledd@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:routledd@cc.umanitoba.ca).



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