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Faculty of Medicine celebrates 50th anniversary of first MD graduates. [Read more](#)

Dr. Deepak Kaushik, an assistant professor of immunology, Biomedical Sciences, has received approximately \$345,000 to study the progression of multiple sclerosis. [Read more](#)

In the News

Minister of Health and Community Services, the Hon. Tom Osborne announced that the province is funding the creation of a new geriatric medicine training program and expanding Memorial University's care for the elderly training program for family physicians. (CBC) [Read](#)

Memorial medical students hiking Signal Hill to support treatment for 24-year-old Paradise woman who suffered a stroke. (Saltwire) [Read](#) or [video](#)

MUN professor finds high-fat diet triggers brain inflammation leading to weight gain. (Saltwire) [Read](#)

Alumni News

PolyUnity Tech, a local startup which uses agile manufacturing to make products rapidly for hospitals, has been named CAN Health Network's Company of the Year. The company was formed by three Memorial University med students to 3D print medical simulation models. (Entrevestor) [Read](#)

Dr. Jennifer Russell, New Brunswick's chief medical officer of health, will join the University of New Brunswick this fall as the executive director of a planned institute of population health. Dr. Russell received her MD at Memorial University. (Education news) [Read](#)

Awards and Honours

Dr. Proton Rahman, [John Lewis Paton Distinguished University Professorship](#)

Dr. Guangju Zhai, [University Research Professor](#)

Ms. Amy Carroll, President's Awards for Exemplary Employees [Champion of Service](#)

Equity Diversity Inclusion Anti-Racism Speaker Series

The next Faculty of Medicine EDI speaker series is coming up!

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m., Faculty of Medicine, Room 1M102 (Frank and Eileen Gronich Lecture Theatre). Register at: <https://bit.ly/49wDxT3>.

Rising above perceptions in medicine and redefining inclusive culture with Dr. Jessica Dunkley, University of British Columbia. Dr. Dunkley is the first deaf Metis physician in Canada. She received the 2023 Canadian Medical Association Dr. Ashok Muzumdar Memorial Award for Physicians with Disabilities. Passionate about inclusion in medical education for learners and trainees with Disabilities, Dr. Dunkley will speak on the intersection of bias and inclusive design in medicine and how we can create a positive learning environment through innovation and compassion.

Accommodations Fair – In conjunction with the EDI-AR Speaker Series, the Faculty of Medicine will host an accommodations fair, where we will celebrate the importance of disability confidence in shaping a more inclusive medical community. Discover a wide range of resources, technologies and support systems to enhance understanding and contribute to a more inclusive medical community. Vendors will include Newfoundland Labrador Health Services, the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Vision Loss Rehabilitation, Autism Society, Blundon Centre, Learner Well-Being and Success, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and Memorial University Human Resources/Dallas Mercer Consulting (an agent of Memorial University). **Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, 12-1 p.m.**, Faculty of Medicine Atrium.

Canadian Association for Medical Education Nominations

The Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) is calling for nominations for their upcoming awards, including:

- The CAME Certificate of Merit Award (*faculty*)
- The CAME Rising Star – Certificate of Excellence (*learners*)

The deadline for these nominations is Nov. 17. Submit nominations to tyna.doyle@easternhealth.ca with CAME Award in the subject line. Please include nominee's full name, email and mailing address, a short summary of their educational activities, curriculum vitae (pdf) and a high-resolution photo.

Visit the website for details on these and other awards at <https://www.came-acem.ca/>, including:

- Ian Hart Award for Distinguished Contributions to Medical Education (*senior faculty*)
- Meredith Marks Award (*early career faculty*)

The deadline for these submissions is Dec. 1.

Lights of Love Tree Campaign

The Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador (RMHNL) MUN Medicine student group are hosting a Wish List campaign leading up to the holiday season. The RMHNL Wish List provides a summary of items which support families in the home. The MUN Medicine

student group will focus on providing items to stock the 'Magic Room,' where children of families living in RMHNL can select a toy prior to their departure, following surgery, or if celebrating a special event. Christmas gifts are also provided.

A bin for donations will be placed outside of Learner Well-being and Success (LWS) from Nov. 20 to Dec. 15. Please visit the [RMHNL website](#) for guidelines for acceptable items. Questions can be sent to [Charlotte Elliott](#) or [Maggie Deering](#).

Upcoming Events

Illuminate 2023 Live Finals – The [Memorial Centre for Entrepreneurship](#) is thrilled to invite the Memorial community to be inspired by a showcase of brilliance! Exceptionally talented women and gender-diverse students will pitch their innovative business concepts to take home one of five awards, including over \$10,000 in cash and prizes. Attendees even get to vote for their favourite pitch! So, come witness the [Illuminate](#) magic unfold. Thursday, Nov. 16, 4-6 p.m., CSF 1302 & the Whale Atrium (Livestream on Hopin). Refreshments will be served. Students and community members of all genders are welcome to attend. [Register](#)

Faculty of Medicine Brewing Research – Join Dr. Laurie Twells, assistant dean of clinical research, Research and Graduate Studies (RGS), along with clinical faculty and research support staff, to meet and brew up research ideas, build collaborations and discuss how RGS can support research efforts. All are welcome. **Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7-9 p.m.** Quidi Vidi Brewery. This is a Research Week 2023 event. More Memorial Research Week events will be posted [here](#).

On Behing Human: Our Stories in Medicine– Hear from panelists who share their stories of well-being, challenges and struggles and how they overcame them. Featuring Dr. Dolores McKeen, Dr. Teri Stuckless, Claire Neilson and Colin Duffett. Hosted by the Office of Learner Well-Being and Success. **Thursday, Nov. 23, 3-5:30 p.m.** Room 1M102, Faculty of Medicine. RSVP by Nov. 20. <https://forms.gle/GRTCJpaZvHtM7C477>

Monte Carlo Charity Gala – The students of MUN Medicine & Bogarts invite you to the 47th Annual MUN Medicine Monte Carlo Charity Gala. This year's gala will take place **Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023**, in the Avalon Ballroom at the Delta Hotel, St. John's. The silent auction will take place in person and online. This year's theme is Old Hollywood, so take a trip back in time and enjoy an evening of elegance and glamour in support of four local charities: [Iris Kirby House](#); [Nevaeh's Angel Foundation](#); [Association for New Canadians](#) and [Choices for Youth](#). Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased through their [website](#), powered by Handbid. A limited number of 8- (\$1,000) or 10-person (\$1,250) tables will be available, please contact montecarlo@mun.ca for more information.

Destination Excellence Strategic Planning Event – Faculty, learners and staff are invited to attend a half day strategic planning event which will focus on strategic opportunities, challenges and priorities for the Faculty of Medicine in the coming years. **Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, 12:30-4:30 p.m. in 1M102.** Register at <https://www.med.mun.ca/oped/programs/4691>.

Brown Bag Luncheon with the President – Faculty, staff and students are invited to a brown bag luncheon with Dr. Neil Bose, president and vice-chancellor, *pro tempore*. Bring your own lunch and drop in anytime during the hour. **Tuesday, Dec. 12, 12-1 p.m., 1M102.**

Live CPD

Registration is now open for the [Family Medicine Lecture Series – November 2023](#)

These live sessions are free and will be delivered virtually on Friday mornings from 8-9 a.m. The November 2023 schedule includes the following sessions:

Date	Topic	Speaker
Nov 10, 2023	Diabetic Emergencies	Dr. Jesse Church
Nov 17, 2023	Hematology: Plasma Cell Dyscrasias	Dr. Jacqueline Costello
Nov 24, 2023	Concussion in the Setting of Workplace Injuries	Dr. Allison Furey

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*Note: All those who wish to attend the sessions are required to register for the 4-week block. If you have questions, or would like to present or facilitate a session, contact Karla Simmons at karla.simmons@med.mun.ca.

From Newsline

Name the blue whale – Memorial’s blue whale is an awesome sight, but she still needs a name. Over the past year-and-a-half, we’ve asked the public for suggestions. We received close to 250 ideas; we have narrowed it down to a shortlist of four. So, dive in and choose your favourite!

- **Altum** (pronounced al-tum): This name is Latin for “deep.” It comes from Memorial’s motto: *provehito in altum*, which means “launch forth into the deep.”
- **Apitakwitk** (pronounced ah-bah-dah-gwit-kh): This Mi’kmaq word means “the waves are returning to where they came from.”
- **Aurora** (pronounced ah-roar-ah): This was the name of the Roman goddess of the dawn. It also refers to the Earth’s natural light show, the aurora borealis or northern lights.
- **Rocky** (pronounced rock-ee): This name refers to Rocky Harbour, the town on the west coast of Newfoundland where our whale washed ashore.

[Cast your vote](#) by Nov. 17.

Time change safety reminder – After a time change, there is statistically an increase in health and safety incidents. With the end of daylight savings time this weekend, the afternoons are darker around rush hour, when traffic is at a peak. Drivers aren’t used to the increased darkness and decreased visibility –nor are pedestrians. Pedestrians should always use crosswalks, wear reflective clothing and ensure visibility. The end of daylight savings time can also leave some people feeling fatigued, which can pose health and safety risks both at home and in the workplace. Stay safe and be extra vigilant while working and travelling around campus as we all adjust to the time change.

Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program – Global Affairs Canada has launched the 2024-25 Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program competition. This program, which is accepting applications until Dec. 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. (EST), provides full-time faculty at Canadian post-secondary institutions with opportunities to create or expand partnerships with Latin American and Caribbean institutions through short-term teaching and/or research activities. Additional details, and inquiries about the application process, and other faculty-relevant opportunities can be found [here](#) or [emailing](#) Chris.

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