

# DME DISPATCH

Memorial's Distributed Medical Education Newsletter



## TOWARD *Adventure*

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ABOUT UNDERGRADUATE ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES



Clinical elective experiences are part of the Doctor of Medicine (MD) curriculum at all Canadian medical schools. The Committee on

Accreditation of Medical Schools (CACMS) accreditation standards require medical schools to arrange all elective experiences through a centralized process. For local electives, our learners apply for elective experiences outlined in our electives catalogue via the Undergraduate [Undergraduate Medical Education \(UGME\) Elective & Selective Application form](#).

The visiting electives application process for all Canadian medical schools is supported via the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada ([AFMC Student Portal](#)). All

visiting electives applicants must use this portal to request visiting elective experiences at any Canadian medical school. Each application must be vetted to determine whether applicants are in good standing at their medical school, have the appropriate immunizations and the core clerkship rotations relevant to the elective experience. **All electives applications must be reviewed, arranged and approved by the UGME electives team.** Through this process, UGME ensures learners have the appropriate malpractice insurance coverage, facilitates the learner's application for educational registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSNL), coordinates orientation and training requirements of Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (NLHS) and communicates important safety information through the provision of university policies and procedures.

Any preceptor interested in supervising elective experiences, may contact the UGME electives team at [UGMEelectives@mun.ca](mailto:UGMEelectives@mun.ca).

## LEARNER MOMENTS



*Hannah Jardine and Keeley Hatfield, Phase 4 learners, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University.*

### **RURAL EXPOSURE TRANSFORMS PERSPECTIVE – SPRINGDALE, NL**

As third year clerks we were excited, yet hesitant, to pursue our family medicine rotation in Springdale. We did not know what to expect. Dr. Todd Young and the amazing team of health-care professionals at the Green Bay Health Centre changed our view. Our recent core family medicine rotation there gave us exposure to pre-natal procedures, emergency room triage, ambulance care, long-term care, overnight emergency room and virtual patient care to name a few!

This rural core family medicine rotation provided us with a top-notch learning experience. Our perspectives have been transformed. We were both exploring other pathways and now doors have been opened for us to consider rural family medicine.

During our time in Springdale, we were spoiled with great housing, a gym membership and even a welcome basket from the town of Springdale! We enjoyed the walking trails, the support of the community and the fact that, as friends, we could share this experience together. The medical staff, town and patients of the region made us feel extremely welcome.

Even though we shared this as friends, we feel the time spent at the Springdale site would be a wonderful experience, even if you were by yourself!



## REGIONAL DME HIGHLIGHTS - NORTHERN

### HELLO FROM THE BIG LAND - LABRADOR!

*Dr. Michael Curran, DME lead, Northern Region*

In early October we concluded our week of medicine on the land at the annual Innu Gathering at Gull Island. We provided basic care in a tent clinic setting with learners and staff physicians who were scheduled for service each day. This is a wonderful experience for everyone and we look forward to it each year. The opportunity provides service-based learning and culturally safe care.



Over the Thanksgiving weekend, residents and learners ran or volunteered for the Trapline Marathon. Participants travelled to Happy Valley-Goose Bay from all over Canada and international locations to take part in this world-class event! Starting in beautiful North West River, the Boston Marathon-qualifying Trapline Marathon is one the best kept running secrets in Canada! As in the past, some learners volunteer as first aiders, riding bikes along the route.

We are now preparing for our winter season which includes our annual medivac course and winter camp event. The three-day cross-discipline medivac course helps prepare participants for medivacs and multiple casualty events. Our winter camp gives learners and staff the opportunity to spend the weekend camping on the river, snowmobiling and ice fishing while team building and practicing winter survival skills.

Labrador offers residents and learners experiences they will not soon forget and introduces them to full-scope family medicine in a unique rural and northern way.



*L-R : Dr. Jeetinder Chana (PGY1), Dr. Louise Twells (PGY2), Dr. Michel Curran, Dr. Kayla Viguers (PGY1), Dr. Rachel Howlett (PGY2).*

## STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

### MEET YOUR WESTERN DISTRIBUTED TEAM:

Introducing the “Best coast” west coast academic program administrators (APA) team.



**Lavinia Chin**, APA, has been with the Faculty of Medicine since the formation of Distributed Medical Education, previously known as the Rural Clinical School Medical Education Network, or RCSMEN, in September 2011. Lavinia is the point of contact for all undergraduate and postgraduate learners who visit Corner Brook. The coordination of undergraduate placements, resident placements (outside of Western Stream) and Memorial University leased properties keeps her on her toes.



In 2020, **Renee Coughlin** joined the west coast team as APA. Renee is responsible for all Western Stream residents and learners visiting our surrounding communities. Renee, along with Western DME and stream lead Dr. Erin Smallwood, provides a rich learning environment with practice-based learning for their Western Stream residents. With the opportunity to visit the various smaller sites in the region and a love for the outdoors, the Western Stream team offers a unique experience to all who visit.



**Holly Munden**, APA, has been with the Faculty of Medicine since November 2012, taking care of all things on the ground in her role in Port Aux Basques. Working very closely with all faculty on site, Holly ensures learners who visit the region receive the best possible experience.

Lavinia, Renee and Holly represent the “Best coast, west coast” everyday by engaging the community, learners and faculty in the unique experiences available in the region.

Connect with Lavinia at [dmehumber@mun.ca](mailto:dmehumber@mun.ca), Renee at [dmesouthwest@mun.ca](mailto:dmesouthwest@mun.ca) or Holly at [dmeportauxbasques@mun.ca](mailto:dmeportauxbasques@mun.ca).

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### DR. LYN POWER



Dr. Lyn Power is from Southern Harbour, N.L. and completed her undergraduate and postgraduate medical training at Memorial University. A portion of her family medicine residency training took her to Burin, N.L. where she continues to practice as a full-scope rural family physician. Dr. Power is a “jack of all trades,” balancing a busy family practice with several in-hospital services including ER work, OR assisting, caring for in-patients and overseeing chemotherapy. She also holds significant leadership positions within the NLHS, where she is the clinical chief for the Burin region, and with Memorial University, as undergraduate director for Family Medicine.

Dr. Power is an incredible role model and mentor for medical trainees. She has played a significant role in developing a strong teaching culture at her site and has been instrumental in the recruitment of physicians to our region. Learners who get the opportunity to work with her are in for a truly authentic experience in rural family medicine – one that often entices them to return!



*Dr. Lyn Power (centre), with Shaelynn Barry (right) and Emily Collis (left) (Phase 4 learners), Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University, participating in the Women's Wellness Clinic in St. Lawrence.*



## NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT DEAN



As the warm summer months wind to a close and we begin a new academic year, we cannot help but wonder what new adventures await. Memorial's Faculty of Medicine radiates new vibrance from its starting cohorts of medical students and residents who are eager to explore and learn. Distributed Medical Education (DME) welcomes our new learners, staff and faculty as we embark on exciting adventures together.

The Office of Distributed Medical Education has undertaken some exploring of its own, having continued its Community Connections tour and stopping most recently in Central Newfoundland and Labrador. We took time to meet with learners, faculty, staff and community stakeholders at our Central teaching sites, discussing the positives, the challenges and the strategies for optimal educational growth at our distributed sites. We were once again happy to coordinate this leg of our tour with representatives from the Department of Health and Community Services and Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services. We are scheduled to visit the teaching sites of rural Eastern and Northern regions in Newfoundland and Labrador during the winter and early spring of 2024.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. David Bradbury-Squires who resigned his DME central lead role in September 2023. Dr. Bradbury-Squires has been instrumental in helping DME attain its goals of quality medical education delivery for the Central region. I congratulate Dr. Bradbury-Squires on his recent appointment as assistant professor with the Discipline of Family Medicine and look forward to working with him in this new capacity and in his continued role as central stream lead for the Family Medicine Residency Program.

I would also like to welcome Ms. Paige Sese, who recently began her new role with DME as the scheduling coordinator. Ms. Sese joins a talented team of DME staff and will be integral in helping the Faculty of Medicine coordinate learner, faculty and staff scheduling at our distributed sites. We are excited to have her join the adventure.

As DME continues to grow and evolve, we encourage you to reach out with any needs, questions and concerns regarding your distributed medical education experience. Check back soon for a new and updated website, full of resources that will cover diverse topics of medical teaching and learning. We are also looking for a [DME physician lead](#) for the Central region so, if you are interested, please email [dme@mun.ca](mailto:dme@mun.ca).

***Dr. Andrew Hunt, Assistant Dean, DME, Faculty of Medicine***



## NOTABLES

Check out the Faculty of Medicine's [UPCOMING EVENTS](#).

Learn more about our recently updated [DISTRIBUTED CLINICAL FACULTY REMUNERATION POLICY](#) and [HOUSING POLICY](#).



## JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

If you are a medical learner or physician interested in an exciting opportunity in rural medical education, connect with us!



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