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Congratulations to Dr.S.Shah!!



Dr. S. Shah Received the certificate of merit from the CPS. Recipients of the certificate of merit are CPS members who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to advocating for children and youth in their community.

Dr. Shah's medical journey began in Uganda, where he attended Medical School, he then completed post-graduate training in Pediatrics in Kenya. Dr. Shah immigrated to Canada in 1985, practicing pediatrics in St. Anthony, Newfoundland. During this period, he helped to provided pediatric medical coverage to the northern portion of the island of Newfoundland, Labrador including the very isolated Labrador coastal communities.

Dr. Shah entered Pediatric Residency at Memorial University in 1990. This was followed with a pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Alberta.

Since 1996, Dr. Shah has been practicing pediatric cardiology at the Janeway. During a large proportion of this time he contributed to the general pediatric call schedule; and provided travelling pediatric cardiology clinics throughout the province. He also provided a travelling general pediatric clinic to Goose Bay. Dr. Shah has advanced pediatric cardiology care Newfoundland. To this end, he has been instrumental in ensuring that our pediatric cardiology program maintains a high level of expertise, providing a province-wide service. Dr. Shah has been key in maintaining pediatric cardiology traveling clinics throughout the province, helping to ease the burden on patients in traveling to St. John's. He is passionate about facilitating care provision for his patients and their families.

He provided exceptional leadership to the Memorial University Pediatric Residency Program, serving as Program Director from November 1998 – June 2005.

For his commitment to education, his dedication to his patients and his contributions to the field of pediatrics Dr. Shah was awarded with a CPS Certificate of Merit.



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The Competence Committee (CC)

It is a sub-committee of the RPC (residency program committee). The purpose of the CC is to review and make recommendations to the RPC related to the progress of the trainees in our residency program. Residents who are on a time based curriculum as well as those using Competency by Design (CBD) will be assessed by the committee.

The ultimate goal of the CC is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement of every resident. These areas will be identified from the residents Academic Portfolio which contains all of their ITERs, work-based assessments, procedure log, EPA's etc.

Each resident will be assigned an Academic Advisor. A person who will review their portfolio with them and who will present on each resident's progress to the CC. Each resident will be reviewed by the Competence Committee a minimum of two times per year.

Competence Committee members:

Dr. Jeff Critch (chair)
Dr. Lynette Bowes (PD-non-voting)
Dr. Mary Jane Smith (assistant PD-non-voting)
Dr. Jill Barter
Dr. David Buckley
Dr. Jennifer O'Dea

Academic Advisors:

Dr. Lisa Goodyear
Dr. Paul Moorehead
Dr. Pushpa Sathya
Dr. Surya Shah
Dr. Anna Dominic

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Dr. Jessica Nicoll joined the Janeway PICU this month and is thrilled to be a part of their outstanding team! Jessica is originally from Edmonton, AB where she did her medical school and Pediatrics Residency. She, along with her husband, Vishaal, and daughter, Lily, relocated to Toronto for her PICU fellowship.

Since finishing her fellowship, she began her PhD in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Research and welcomed her second daughter, Emma to their family. Jessica has been doing PICU locums here since May and is so happy to have the opportunity to relocate here. She is looking forward to working with and learning from this community and helping to care for the children in Newfoundland and Labrador. Jessica's research interest is understanding and improving outcomes after pediatric critical illness. She is conducting a national health services research study to understand long-term outcomes after Neonatal and Pediatric ICU admissions. Jessica and her family are looking forward to discovering St. John's and are so grateful for the warm welcome they have received.



Congratulations!!

Dr. N. Bridger received a Pediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC) 2020 COVID Leadership Award. The award recognizes the contribution Dr. Bridger made to the province of NL in handling the COVID 19 pandemic.



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Congratulations to our residents who matched for sub-specialty training!

Sarah Dinn- Gastroenterology at University of Calgary

Andrew Borodovski- PICU at McMaster University

Allison Lamond- Child Development at University of Alberta

Important upcoming events:

Journal club will be starting up again in 2021. This will be held virtually on a quarterly basis – with dates during Feb, April, Sept, and November. The new time slot will be during Thursday Resident Academic Half day from 4 – 5 pm unless otherwise indicated. All faculty are welcome to tune in and participate in the discussion led by our resident presenters. Keep an eye out for the scheduled times in the ‘What’s On the Go’ weekly bulletin- first one is scheduled for Feb.11th from 4-5pm.

CaRMS File review starts February 8th, 2021 and CaRMS interviews are taking place March 15th-18th, 2021