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# **FACULTY PROMOTIONS**

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We are pleased to present the College of Medicine faculty throughout the province who have achieved the prestigious promotion in academic rank this year. Furthermore, each of them did this during a year that was further complicated by the challenges presented by the pandemic in terms of time, adapting to new ways of working and added responsibilities.

The College of Medicine Standards for Promotion represent a rigorous evaluation of academic contribution by departmental, college and university collegial committees. Each of these individuals have contributed in diverse but significant ways to enhance the reputation of the College of Medicine. The summary below is only a small account of the vast amount of work each has done.

Congratulations to all!



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*(Presented in alphabetical order)*



**BRENNA BATH - PROFESSOR**  
**School of Rehabilitation Science (Saskatoon)**

As a physiotherapist, Dr. Bath specializes in musculoskeletal disorders. Her expertise is sought in the areas of rural health care access challenges/health services mapping, models of virtual care, evaluation of collaborative spinal triage assessment and inter-professional primary care services. She has a strong research program and recently received a SHRF Impact Award recognizing research that builds capacity, advances knowledge and informs

decision-making. Dr. Bath serves and contributes provincially and nationally in the physiotherapy world.

**LANE BEKAR - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Bekar is an electrophysiologist with a program of research in neuroscience and neuroscience-related fields. His teaching shows that he is invested in his students' success, encouraging them to be involved in publications and presentations. Dr. Bekar's own publication output is very high. As a faculty member, he has established a solid foundation as a researcher and colleague in the department, college and university.





**MOHAMED ELEMARY - PROFESSOR**  
**Division of Oncology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Elemary is a hematologist who also holds a PhD and is currently the program director of the Saskatchewan Bone Marrow Transplant Program. Since coming to the Saskatoon Cancer Centre in 2010, he has participated in more than 800 bone marrow transplants. He was integral in getting the provincial Stem Cell Transplant Program accredited. Dr. Elemary specializes in the treatment of malignant hematology, mainly leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma and lymphoma. He leads webinars for Cell Therapy Transplant Canada, participates in clinical trials, has published over 60 articles, abstracts and book chapters, presented nationally and internationally to peers, and takes every opportunity to educate the public about stem cell transplant.

**SHARYLE FOWLER - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Fowler's sub-specialty is inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), and since 2014 has served as the director of the multi-disciplinary IBD Clinical and Research Program. She is recognized across the country for her work, has helped develop the *National Guidelines for Management of IBD in Pregnancy*, is involved with the national QI IBD Network, and the COVID-19 Task Force for Crohn's and Colitis. She is a committed, excellent educator and is also the assistant program director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program in the Department of Medicine.



**HADI GOUBRAN MESSIHA - PROFESSOR**  
**Division of Oncology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Goubran Messiha is a highly-regarded hematologist with a busy clinical practice. His career and experience have established him as a respected leader in Canada and abroad. He has been invited by two Royal Colleges (Canada and Edinburgh) to lend his expertise to their educational forums and was on the international advisory board of the *Davidson Textbook of Medicine*. He is highly regarded also for his teaching skills and his scholarly work, publishing more than 30 papers in recent years, while always giving patient care the highest priority.





**GARY GROOT - PROFESSOR**

**Department of Community Health and Epidemiology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Groot is a surgical oncologist who, in 2011, also obtained a PhD. His clinical research focuses on quality improvement, and Indigenous and health equity. He is the current director of the Clinical Investigator Program for the college. As an educator, Dr. Groot participates in developing curriculum and values relaying knowledge to the next generation in a professional and supportive manner. He is invested in finding ways to successfully implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s calls to action in order to positively effect change within the Canadian health care system.



**LORI HANSON - PROFESSOR**

**Department of Community Health and Epidemiology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Hanson is described by her peers as ‘an emerging leader in the field of global health’. She portrays herself as an activist scholar. Dr. Hanson’s work has a unique community focus and interdisciplinary area that seeks to engage communities. She collaborates with a wide base of peers and has a long-established network of colleagues in Central America; and more recently, with community groups around the opioid crisis locally and provincially as well as the COVID-19 response. The depth and meaningfulness of Dr. Hanson’s activist research and community-engaged work has been impactful.

**PAUL HAYES - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

**Department of Surgery (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Hayes is a general surgeon with a passion for medical education and sound training experiences of future doctors. For seven years, Dr. Hayes was the program director of general surgery, during which time he built a strong and competitive residency training program in the department. He is known by his colleagues as an excellent clinician and teacher who consistently uses a patient and family-centered, evidence-informed approach to his practice, while also demonstrating collegiality and initiating multidisciplinary collaborations.





**GARY HUNTER - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Hunter’s training as a neurologist led him to focus on stroke, and on seizures and status epilepticus. He has been the medical director of acute stroke and inpatient neurology since 2016, where he works to develop acute stroke pathways. He is an engaging teacher, recognized by learners for his efforts in going ‘above and beyond’ to prepare them as future physicians. Since 2012, he is also the program director of neurology. His participation on national working groups has resulted in co-authoring the *Telestroke Best Practice Guidelines* (in use nationwide), co-authoring position papers and presenting at national conferences.

**NAYYER IQBAL - PROFESSOR**  
**Division of Oncology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Iqbal specialized in clinical oncology and internal medicine, and is widely respected medical oncologist. He was the director of medical oncology at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre (SCC) for nine years, where he improved waiting times substantially, enabling the SCC to accommodate a 60% increase in patients. Dr. Iqbal also improved outreach tremendously by establishing tele-health clinics. His expertise has been critical in the development of clinical practice guidelines for the treatment of the cancers he specializes in. Dr. Iqbal is the site lead and primary investigator for many national and international clinical trials.



**RICK JAGGI – ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Surgery (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Jaggi is an otolaryngologist (head and neck surgeon), who is also recognized as a strong and involved instructor in the College of Medicine. He implemented a two-day ‘ENT Skills Day’ for first-year medical students, which is now mandatory curriculum. Dr. Jaggi is actively engaged in his specialty – as western representative for the Canadian Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and provincial representative for the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. In the community, he founded an annual cancer fundraiser in Saskatoon.

**MARILYN KINLOCH - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Pathology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Kinloch is a gynecologic pathologist and the current division head of anatomic pathology for the department. Her clinical expertise is sought from all corners of the province, including the adoption in Regina of her analysis services. Colleagues value Dr. Kinloch's collegial manner and the high quality of her reports, stating she has made exceptional contributions to improving cancer care. On the education side, she developed the gyne-path curriculum for residents in 2015. Within the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), she is group chair of a command centre and co-chairs her specialty group. Dr. Kinloch also serves as an executive committee member of the Canadian Association of Pathologists.



**RAHUL MAINRA - PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Mainra is certified in nephrology, internal medicine and renal transplantation, and has a Master of Medicine in Clinical Epidemiology, along with recently completing the 'Leading Innovation in Health Care and Education' certification. He serves on a number of national working groups and committees, including contributing to national clinical trial studies, all focused on improving outcomes for transplant patients. He has served as director of the department's UGME program since 2015, co-directs a course along with other administrative work at the college level and serves on a review panel with the SHA.

**GREGORY MALIN - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Family Medicine (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Malin is one of the College of Medicine's 'medical educators' and is known college-wide and beyond for his strong teaching ability. He received the CoM's Excellence in Teaching award in 2018, presents nationally and internationally, and facilitates medical education workshops for peers locally and nationally. Dr. Malin's college leadership roles include undergraduate program (year 1) chair, and currently, director of academic programs. He continues to contribute significantly to program design and development of the CoM's medical education program, and faculty development programs. When the pandemic began, Dr. Malin successfully directed the transition of the UGME program to online learning. At the national level, he is the provincial representative for the department on the Health Professional Educators group at the College of Family Physicians of Canada.







**MUNIER NOUR - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Pediatrics (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Nour's subspecialty is pediatric endocrinology and metabolism. He is currently the division head of endocrinology for the Department of Pediatrics. He also has a master's degree in Medical Sciences and completed the Clinical Investigator Program. Dr. Nour received the province's Diabetes Health Canada Provider of the Year Award in 2018. He applies his knowledge beyond the hospital walls, as medical director for the Saskatchewan Children's Camp for Type 1 Diabetes, planning and speaking at Diabetes Family Day events, and through his participation in professional organizations such as the Turner Syndrome Society of Canada and the Canadian National Medical Task Force on Diabetes.

**IBRAHEEM OTHMAN - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Division of Oncology (Regina)**

Dr. Othman has become one of the province's lead physicians in his field of clinical hematology. He has also established a national presence with a recent nomination to the American Society of Hematology panel, which is responsible for updating clinical practice guidelines. In 2018, Dr. Othman was also invited to participate in the Canadian/International Hereditary Angioedema Guideline Consensus Conference, which produced updated guidelines. His clinical research includes enrolling patients in clinical trials, site lead on clinical trials, and member of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency's Clinical Research Steering Committee.



**SHAQIL PEERMOHAMED - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Peermohamed completed specialty training in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. Following that, he also completed a Master of Public Health degree from Harvard. Dr. Peermohamed has been recognized for his teaching, having received awards from his learners, and is involved in the continual development of infectious diseases education. Since 2018, he serves on a working group developing national standards for antimicrobial stewardship programs; and is the associate editor of the *Journal of the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada*. Additionally, early in the pandemic he designed 'ear savers' for mask-wearers using 3D printing technology.



**DARRIEN RATTRAY - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Regina)**

Dr. Rattray is known for providing exceptional care to his patients and has helped establish outreach programs in the city of Regina. His teaching ability has been recognized with a national teaching award and Program Director of the Year Award in 2018. Dr. Rattray helped to develop the simulation curriculum and CanMED curriculum in Regina for his department. As well, he trains colleagues in the one-year Minimally Invasive Surgery program and in laparoscopic procedures, both in Canada and the United States. Dr. Rattray's colleagues praise his leadership involvement, and the value of his clinical research articles and videos.



**ALEXANDER WONG - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Medicine (Regina)**

Dr. Wong is the lead infectious disease physician in Regina. His focus is HIV/AIDS and the majority of his presentations address this subject. (Although since the pandemic, the public recognizes him for his frequent national television interviews on COVID-19). Dr. Wong has worked closely with the SHA and the Ministry of Health during the pandemic. His work in HIV/AIDS includes being part of a Regina team that pioneered an approach to train nurses to provide hepatitis C and HIV care in community clinics. In 2015, Dr. Wong initiated and implemented a program in the Regina Provincial Correctional Centre to provide that same care.

**YUE WU - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**Department of Pathology (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Wu is an anatomic pathologist who also holds a PhD. Until 2019, she was the only hematopathologist in the province and also consulted on those subspecialty cases. She does extensive testing comparisons on complex cases and in 2016, was an 'expert witness' on legal cases in the United States. Colleagues praise the quality of Dr. Wu's clinical work, her knowledge and her collegiality. She is involved in clinical administration of hematology services for the SHA, served on the department's residency program committee, volunteers with an international group (Chinese American Pathologists Association), and mentors undergraduate students with the Carleton College Externship Program.

