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We are pleased to highlight the faculty from the College of Medicine throughout the province who have each achieved prestigious promotion in academic rank during 2022-2023. Each of them accomplished this milestone despite the interruption of the pandemic in the last few years and the added responsibilities for many.

The College of Medicine Standards for Promotion represent a rigorous evaluation of academic contribution by departmental, college, and university collegial committees. In addition to these individual achievements, 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 accomplished.

Congratulations to all!



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(Presented in alphabetical order)



**DR. TRUSTIN DOMES, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Surgery (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Domes has worked within the College of Medicine since 2011 and is heavily involved in the administration and delivery of undergraduate, postgraduate, and continuing medical education. He is the current Director of Admissions at the medical school. His contributions in undergraduate surgical education have been recognized regionally and nationally. He has won a number of different teaching awards including the John Provan Outstanding Surgical Educator Award, the most prestigious national award given every two years to recognize outstanding contributions to surgical education in Canada. Dr. Domes area of specialization is urology and is the provinces primary provider of male reproductive health services.

**DR. BRITTANY ELLIS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Emergency Medicine (Saskatoon)**

Dr. Ellis completed her undergraduate training at the University of Saskatchewan, obtained a Master of Science in Public Health at the University of Edinburgh before completing her FRCPC in Emergency Medicine at the University of Ottawa and her Fellowship in geriatric emergency medicine at the University of Toronto. Dr. Ellis works clinically in the Emergency Department and holds a provincial role focused on improving geriatric care across the province in emergency medicine through education, research, policy, and quality improvement. She chairs the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, Geriatric Medicine Emergency Group and is the Secretary of an International Federation for Emergency Medicine. Along with being the provincial lead for geriatric emergency medicine, she also works as a transport physician with STARS Air Ambulance.





DR. NATHAN GINTHER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Surgery (Saskatoon)

Dr. Ginther completed his undergraduate degree, medical degree, and General Surgery residency at the University of Saskatchewan before completing his colon and rectal surgery fellowship at the University of Manitoba. He is an academic colorectal & acute care surgeon. His clinical research is focused on colon cancer and colorectal surgery and is one of three specialists in the province. He is one of two surgeons that founded the Centre of Excellence in Colorectal Surgery for the province of Saskatchewan that has incorporated advanced minimally invasive colorectal surgical techniques.

DR. TANYA HOLT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Pediatrics (Saskatoon)

Dr. Holt completed her pediatric critical care fellowship from McGill University Health Centre and has been practicing as a pediatric intensivist and has served as Division Head and Medical Director of Pediatric Intensive Care (PICU) since 2007. She is also the Pediatric Transport Medical Director and provides leadership in pediatric critical care transport and virtual care with a specific focus on triaging pediatric transport in remote communities. She was nominated for a YWCA Women of Distinction Award for this work.



DR. NIELS KOEHNCKE, PROFESSOR
Department of Medicine (CCHSA) (Saskatoon)

Dr. Koehncke completed his undergraduate training in zoology and his Medical Degree in occupational medicine before completing his Master's in Public Health Sciences with specialization in occupational health. Dr. Koehncke is the only specialist in occupational medicine involved in agricultural health and safety in Canada and the only occupational health physician in Saskatchewan. He holds specialty credentials in occupational medicine in Canada (FRCPC) and the United States (ABPM).



DR. VERONICA MARCOUX, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)

Dr. Marcoux completed her internal medicine and respirology training at the University of Saskatchewan followed by an interstitial lung diseases (ILD) fellowship at the University of Saskatchewan. She is an adult respirologist with specialty training in ILD/pulmonary fibrosis. Dr. Marcoux plays an important role leading Saskatchewan's first of a kind ILD clinic located in Saskatoon. Dr. Marcoux's area of research is studying the burden of ILD in our society to better understand the impact exposures on individuals in our province, the utility around further study in eosinophils in ILD and how improving access to subspecialized care improves patient experiences.



DR. MATT NICHOLSON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Division of Oncology (Saskatoon)

Dr. Matthew Nicholson completed his hematology fellowship training at the University of British Columbia and a clinical fellowship in thrombosis medicine through McMaster University. He is a Hematologist at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre and works as the Clinical Education Lead to oversee and review processes related to undergraduate and postgraduate students clinical experience in hematology. Dr. Nicholson's areas of scholarship include venous thromboembolism (VTE) and hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH).



DR. MICHAEL PRYSTAJECKY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)

Dr. Prystajeky obtained his medical degree from University of Calgary, completed his internal medicine and general internal medicine training at the University of Saskatchewan followed by a Master of Science in Healthcare Quality from Queen's University. He serves as the Perioperative Lead for the Division of General Internal Medicine and his areas of research are perioperative medicine and interprofessional collaboration. Dr. Prystajeky is the local investigator for a clinical trial examining the impact of tranexamic acid and hypotension avoidance in patients undergoing perioperative medicine.





DR. FARID RASHIDI, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Medical Imaging (Saskatoon)

Dr. Rashidi received his MD at Shaheed Beheshti University, completed a Fellowship at the University of Ottawa, and finished a specialty fellowship in abdominal and pelvic imaging at the University of Toronto. His area of specialization is abdominal and pelvic imaging and is the main referring physician for abdominal and pelvic consultation for gynecologists, oncology, and gastroenterologist. Dr. Rashidi has served as the Program Director of Diagnostic Imaging program at the University of Saskatchewan since 2017.

DR. WALEED SABRY, PROFESSOR
Division of Oncology

Dr. Waleed Sabry joined the Saskatoon Cancer Centre as a hematologist and the College of Medicine as a clinical assistant professor in 2009. His passion is bone marrow and stem cell transplant. He is the Hematology Lead in Saskatoon since 2018. He started the Malignant Hematology Fellowship Program in Saskatoon in 2012. He is a Member of Board of Directors and a co-founder of the Canadian Leukemia Study Group (CLSG), a non-profit organization. He has been the principal investigator of many international and national clinical trials, and is a member of Canadian Clinical Trials Group for hematology.



DR. RABIA SHAHID, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)

Dr. Shahid's completed her internal medicine residency and general internal medicine fellowship, followed by a Master's degree in Community and Population Health Sciences from the University of Saskatchewan. Her area of specialization is Diabetes and hospital medicine and quality improvement. She currently serves as the Department of Medicine's Director of Quality Improvement. She has developed quality improvement rounds for the department and Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, Self-Assessment for faculty of the department, which was approved for the Royal College, Maintenance of Certification.



DR. JAY SHAVADIA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Medicine (Saskatoon)

Dr. Shavadia completed his basic medical and internal medicine training in Kenya, followed by adult cardiology and interventional cardiology at University of Alberta and a Master's in Health Sciences from Duke University. His area of specialization is cardiology and interventional cardiology and has been instrumental in developing the Cardiovascular Research Group at the University of Saskatchewan. Most of Dr. Shavadia's research work is focused on population outcomes within registries of patients across the spectrum of acute coronary syndromes.



DR. NIROSHAN SOTHILINGAM, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Surgery (Saskatoon)

Dr. Sothilingam graduated from the General Surgery Residency Program at the University of Saskatchewan before completing his vascular surgery clinical fellowship and trauma surgery clinical Fellow from Western University. Dr. Sothilingam serves as the Advanced Trauma Life Support Director, Medical Director of the Trauma Program for the SHA, and Co-Chair of the Provincial Trauma Steering Committee. He is the Editor and Chief of the University of Saskatchewan Trauma Manual.

DR. CHUNJIE WANG
Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Dr. Wang received his MD and PhD from the Air Force Medical University (formerly the Fourth Military Medical University) in China followed by residency training in Anatomical Pathology from the University of Manitoba. His area of specialization is surgical pathologies with expertise in breast pathology. He is widely recognized by surgical pathology colleagues and is regularly called upon to provide consultations for challenging cases in breast and other areas of surgical pathology. Dr. Wang spends half of his time dealing with breast sub-specialty and complex cases of cancer, with the remaining time in the field of general surgical pathology.

