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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Department of Physical Therapy held its Annual Faculty Assembly and Awards Ceremony on January 21st. Please join in me congratulating over 100 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Department of Physical Therapy curriculum in 2009. Recipients of the **Exceptional Achievement Awards** included: **Pamela Hilliard** from SickKids- Practitioner category, **Dr. Cathy Evans** – Education category, **Dr. Michel Landry** – Professional Development category. The Physical Therapy Alumni Association presented **Dr. Sharon Switzer-McIntyre** with the Alumni Achievement Award for her exceptional contribution to the profession of Physical Therapy.

Please see the full **Recognitions Award Recipient** list in the 'Honours and Awards' Section below.



Pamela Hilliard, Cathy Evans,
Mike Landry (L to R)



Sharon Switzer-McIntyre



Amazin Aribi, Karen Yoshida (L to R)

It was a successful event, with 130 attendees for the Awards Ceremony, and 75 for the Assembly. The Faculty Assembly speakers included Julie Hard, keynote speaker, who

gave a wonderful presentation about opportunities in global health, sharing her journey as a physiotherapist working with people living with HIV in Canada and abroad. Jordon Lewis then gave an informative workshop entitled "Don't Stop Believin: A journey into Coping with Ups and Downs as Health Care Providers".



Julie Hard

Following are some departmental events coming soon:

- **February 4th: Rehab Rounds** – Joan Scannell, “Disc mechanics – clinical theories of predisposing risk factors and treatment investigated”, 500 University, Rm 150
- **February 17th: Rehab Rounds** – Ewa Roos, Visiting Professor from Sweden, Neuromuscular control of the knee as a way of treating OA, meniscal tears, ACLs, 500 University, 4m 150
- **April 28th, 2010: Second Annual Rehab Sector Clinical Education and Research Day.**
- **July 21, 2010: Physical Therapy Student Poster Day**

We are about to begin the process of updating our website, and if you have any comments or feedback on information that is either difficult to find or outdated, please advise pt.chair@utoronto.ca. We also welcome your ideas for articles or information you would like to see in PT Link.



Katherine Berg
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy

PT PROFILES

With the goal of creating a sense of community and to encourage further collaboration, we are continuing to outline some of the activities of the Department, including committees, units and key partnerships. In this issue of PT Link, we highlight the Curriculum Committee co-chaired by Sharon Switzer-McIntyre and Jackie Schleifer Taylor.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Curriculum Committee is a standing committee that reports to the Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy via the Committee Co-Chairs - Sharon Switzer-McIntyre (Vice Chair Department of Physical Therapy) and Jackie Schleifer Taylor (Vice President, Quality, Equity & Performance, and Chief of Health Disciplines at Women’s College Hospital).

The objectives of the Curriculum Committee are to:

- Monitor the curriculum by gathering input from surveys of graduates and employers, unit and theme coordinator meetings and reports, student course evaluations, the Evaluation and Awards Committee, the clinical and professional communities, and from faculty (yearly whole faculty curriculum review).
- Identify curriculum issues and address them with the broader faculty through the Faculty committee.
- Identify faculty development activities in terms of educational seminars, new technologies, and discussions of teaching innovations.
- Provide advice regarding curriculum reviews when deemed necessary.
- Provide oversight and guidance of performance metrics and reporting related to the delivery of the curriculum

In June of 2009, the Committee revised the Department of Physical Therapy Employer survey to reflect the Essential Competency Profile for Physiotherapists in Canada (2004). The revised

survey was put to use in October 2009 to collect employers' feedback on the new graduates. The results from the survey will be used for monitoring the program's quality, in addition to other indicators that are applied such as student outcomes in each unit, graduation rate, employment rate, and PCE pass rate.

The central task for the committee in the 2009-2010 Academic Year is to take the lead guiding the Department through the accreditation review by the Accreditation Council for Canadian Physiotherapy Academic Program (ACCPAP) in 2010.

The committee is composed of 13 members representing faculty, students, clinicians, education specialists, and administrators. Current members include: Sharon Switzer-McIntyre (Co-Chair), Jackie Schleifer Taylor (Co-Chair), Cathy Evans, Sunita Mathur, Brenda Mori, Marla Nayer, Susan Glover Takahashi, Erin Miller, Amanda Joaquim, Tania Trojeto, Jennifer McCord, Kate Gillis and Katherine Berg

See: <http://www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/events/ptlink.htm>

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



NEW UNIT FIVE COORDINATOR:

The Department is pleased to welcome **Angie Andreoli** as the new Neurological Physical Therapy Practice (Unit 5) Co-coordinator, effective January 1st, 2010. Angie is a Physical Therapist with a broad range of experience in a variety of settings. She has been at Toronto Rehab for the past six years, where she worked as an inpatient therapist on the Acquired Brain Injury service. She is currently the Advanced Practice Leader in Patient Safety at Toronto Rehab, and has recently completed her MSc in health services research at the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. Angie has been involved with the Department of Physical Therapy over the past eight years, including three years assisting Unit 5 in planning, teaching and exams. Angie was also awarded the Recognition Award for teaching and mentoring in the Department of Physical Therapy four times, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2009. Welcome Angie!



NEW RECEPTIONIST

We are very happy to announce that **Shane Brandon** is the new Receptionist and Departmental Support, effective February 1st. Shane has been providing front line service to the University of Toronto since 1996, most recently in New College as a Residence Steward. Please join us in welcoming Shane to the Department of Physical Therapy.

APPLICATIONS FOR STATUS ONLY APPOINTMENTS

Reminder that The **Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy**, **Department of Physical Therapy**, and the **Department of Speech-Language Pathology** are now accepting applications for Status-Only Appointments for the term beginning July 1, 2010.

If you are interested in applying, please visit our website at www.rehab.utoronto.ca and click on the "**Status-Only Appointments**" link. To apply online, scroll down the page to the link:

<http://www.rehab.utoronto.ca/StatusOnly/>. **The deadline for submitting your application is February 28, 2010. Please note that late applications will NOT be considered.**

Should you have any questions, please refer to the 2010 Status-Only Guidelines provided on the website or contact Simone Olivero at the applicable email address listed below:

Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, email: ot.statusappt@utoronto.ca

Physical Therapy, email: pt.statusappt@utoronto.ca

Speech-Language Pathology, email: slp.statusappt@utoronto.ca

OUT FROM UNDER DISABILITY, HISTORY AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

Karen Yoshida and Audrey King's installation on "Breathing" part of the Out from Under Disability, History and Things to Remember exhibit is going to Vancouver BC. The exhibit will be showcased at the 2010 ParaOlympic Games in Vancouver BC, March 5 – 21, as part of the cultural festival. Dr. Yoshida will be attending the event.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARA MCEWEN!

Sara McEwen was the first place winner of Brain Injury's 2009 Henry Stonnington Award for Best Review Paper. This award is sponsored by Taylor & Francis, and Henry Stonnington was the founding editor of Brain Injury. The paper was entitled "Cognitive strategy use to enhance motor skill acquisition post stroke: A critical review". Brain Injury/ 2009; 23 (4): 263-277.

The manuscript was the result of a GDRS comprehensive exam project, and co-authors were: Maria Huijbregts (Baycrest and U of T Dept. of PT), Jennifer Ryan (Rotman Research Institute), and Helene Polatajko (U of T Department of OS&OT and GDRS).

CONGRATULATIONS TO EUSON YEUNG!

Euson Yeung was awarded a CIHR Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grant entitled "Disability Awareness and Research Workshop in Rural Cambodia": Laura Passalent, Crystal MacKay, Rob Balogh, Mana Rezai, Euson Yeung.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHANIE NIXON!

Stephanie Nixon received a Dean's Fund New Staff Grant, \$10,000, "A Pilot Study in Zambia to Explore Perspectives on Health Equity for People With Disabilities who are HIV-Positive".

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUSAN JAGLAL!

Susan received confirmation for a CIHR grant entitled "Patterns of Health Care Utilization Before and After Participation in a Chronic Disease Self-Management Program". Investigators: Susan Jaglal, Nancy Salbach, Gillian Hawker, Merrick Zwarenstein, Wendy Lou



2009 DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Faculty and Staff
(Inter-departmental)**

Jo-Anne Howe
Stephanie Nixon

Lecturers/Lab Demonstrators

Alana Tintse
Andrea Ruby
Carol Weinberg
Chris Skederidis
Erin Miller
Jennifer Agnew
Joanna Parkes
June Wang
Kinny Quan Velanoski
Krisztina Weinacht
Linda Sumiya
Maria Huijbregts
Miriam Granek
Nancy Botting
Nancy Luong
Shawn Brady
Vince Lo

Small Group Facilitators

Al Reeves
Alan Le
Anne Scofich
Carol Chebaro
Carolyn McCullough
Cheryl Foster
Chun Kim
Cindy Robinson
Cynthia Danells
Debbie Hébert
Degen Southmayd
Elly Rocha
Evelyn Chong
Fariba Taheri
Gila Karp
Hazel Self
Hedda Zahavi
Jean Brown
Jennifer Powell
Jennifer Uyeno
Joanna Parkes
John Price
Josh Williams
Julia Filinski
Karen Brunton
Karen Ng
Katey Smith
Kinny Quan Velanoski
Krista Rose
Laura Maybury
Leana Marchand
Leslie Taylor

**Small Group Facilitators
(cont'd)**

Linda Pugliese
Lindsay Davey
Liz Inness
Marc Janecek
Mazin Aribi
Meghan Marcil
Melanie Alappat
Meredith Smith
Nadia Iannetta
Pat Fox
Peggy Corkum
Peta Turner
Rebecca Gruber
Renée Haldenby
Rina Reyes
Ryan Leung
Shannon Krug
Stephanie Sollazzo
Stephen Hall
Sylvia Quant
Tanya Aggett
Tina Sahota
Tracy Paulenko
Tricia Beath
Vanessa Ellis
Vivien Poon

Clinical Instructors

Aubrey So
Barbara Beer
Catharine Duncan
Celia Rojas
Eli Weitzner
Graham Doig
Henry Tung
Ingrid Schon
Jaimie Coleman
Joanna Schechter
Josh Williams
Kaylyn Ward
Keith Fernandes
Kinny Quan Velanoski
Krisztina Weinacht
Leana Marchand
Lillian Daymond
Lindsay Beavers
Lindsay Davey
Liz Farquharson
Lou Biasin
Mary Jane McIntyre
Nancy Aeschelmann
Rajan Suppiah
Richard Duarte
Ruth Vallis
Sandy Lyeo
Sarah Tan

Clinical Instructors (cont'd)

Shauna Hurnanen
Stella Agelakos
Theresa Pace
Tim O'Fallon
Tina Rabbior
Vicky Quan

Teaching Assistants

Sara Guilcher
Danielle Rolfe
Jackie Bender
Laura Passelent
Marla Beauchamp
Peter Ho
Sherri Stevenson
Tania Jaunidis Ferreira

Teams/Sites

*Medical Surgical ICU PT Team,
St. Michael's Hospital:*
Theresa Pace, Katey Smith

*The PT Amputee Team,
West Park Healthcare Centre:*
Janet Body, Stefania Lehkyj,
Zonsire Riondato,
Pamela Madan-Sharma

*Unit 5 Clinical Skills Lab Tutor
Team:*
Stephen Hall, Cynthia Danells,
Jennifer Neirinckx, Tracy
Paulenko, Angie Andreoli

Sudbury Physio Centre Team:
Rachel Prichard, Leana Poxleitner,
Andre Paquette, Shirley Dupius,
Betty Parcher

*Plastic Surgery/Burn Team,
Hospital for Sick Children:*
Jamil Lati, Chris Curtis, Karen
Klar, Dorothy Kim, Wendy Barden

PUBLICATIONS

Jurkiewicz MT, Mikulis DJ, Fehlings MG, **Verrier MC**. Sensorimotor cortical activation in patients with cervical spinal cord injury with persisting paralysis. *Neurorehabil Neural Repair* 2010; 24(2):136-40.

COURSES/PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS

REHAB ROUNDS – DATES FOR 2009/2010: (12pm – 1pm)

Date	Speaker	Location	Topic
February 4 th	Joan Scannell	Rm 150	Disc mechanics – clinical theories of predisposing risk factors and treatment investigated
February 17 th	Ewa Roos	Room132	"Neuromuscular Exercise in Prevention and Treatment of Knee Injury and Knee Osteoarthritis"
March 4 th	Elizabeth Rochon	Rm 150	Speech therapy after stroke: behavioural and brain changes
April 1 st	Susan Jaglal	Rm 140	Regional Osteoporosis Coordinator knowledge exchange trial (ROCKET)
May 6 th	Kelly O'Brien	Rm 140	Assessing the sensibility of a new HIV-disability questionnaire for adults living with HIV
June 3 rd	Pia Kontos	Rm 140	Brain injury rehab

5th FIFTH ANNUAL SURGICAL ONCOLOGY EDUCATION DAY – FEBRUARY 11TH, 2010

The Oncology program at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center is proud to present this education day designed to share knowledge and research about topics that are relevant to the surgical oncology population. Topics for this year's event include: treatment of Liver Metastases, Laryngeal Cancer, Brain Tumours, Breast Cancer interdisciplinary approach, Complex Fistulas, and a global perspective on Cancer. Our speakers are surgical and medical oncologists, nurses, speech language pathologists, occupational and physiotherapists, all of who work at Sunnybrook and the Odette Cancer Centre.

This event has become very popular over the years and books up quickly. It appeals to all health care professionals. Register before January 25, 2010 and pay the Early Bird price of \$40 (Sunnybrook staff) or \$75 (non Sunnybrook staff). Registration after this date will be \$100. The final date for registration is February 1st. A light breakfast and lunch will be included.

If you have any questions, or to register please contact Nadine Walters at 416 480 6100 ext 7540, Room A230 at the Sunnybrook campus.

2010 LECTURE DAY: MUSCULOSKELETAL ASSESSMENT: WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

Presented by the Philippine Working Group, International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation, University of Toronto

Keynote Lecturer: David Magee, PT, PhD
Author of the book "Orthopaedic Physical Assessment"

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: OISE Auditorium (University of Toronto)
252 Bloor Street West, Toronto

Early Registration: \$60.00 for professionals; \$40.00 for students

Registration after March 31st: \$70.00 for professionals; \$50.00 for students

For More Information: lectureday@yahoo.ca

ALUMNI SPRING REUNION

The UofT Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Alumni Spring Reunion will be held on the morning of Saturday, May 29th. There will be a general meeting, including breakfast, as well as tours of the Rehabilitation Sciences Building.

The Honoured Years will be the graduating years which end in "5" or "0"; however, we also hope that graduates of all years will attend.

In addition, the UofT Alumni Association will sponsor a BBQ at Hart House at noon.

For information about these events email the ptotalumni.facmed@utoronto.ca or <http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/>

More information will follow in the March PT Link.

1ST CANADIAN STROKE CONGRESS LECTURE DAY: MUSCULOSKELETAL ASSESSMENT: WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

Researchers in stroke rehabilitation have put together an exciting one-day rehab workshop to be held June 6th, 2010, as part of the 1st annual Canadian Stroke Congress. There will be keynote and guest speakers from across Canada (Janice Eng, Mark Bayley, Jill Cameron, Sharon Wood-Dauphinee, William McIlroy and Gail Eskes) and best practice workshops.

Keynote Address: "From Muscles to the Mind: Multi-System Benefits of Exercise in Stroke" Janet Eng, PhD, PT/OT, Vancouver

Date: June 6th, 2010

Location: Quebec City

For more information: www.strokecongress.ca

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