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There are massive disparities between the health of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the health of the general population.

Compared to the general Canadian population, the rates for Indigenous peoples are:

- 1.5 times higher for heart disease
- 3 to 5 times higher for Type 2 diabetes
- 8 to 10 times higher for TB infections.

And while the rate of suicide for non-Indigenous males is 24 per 100,000, for Indigenous males it's more than five times greater: 126 per 100,000.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada that launched in 2008 made us face our history of residential schools and unbridled cruelty. In 2015, the Commission released 94 “Calls to Action” to redress our troubled past, close the gaps in health outcomes, and move toward respect and accommodation. One of the Calls to Action specifically addresses the education of health care practitioners.

Temerty Medicine initiatives

The Commission calls for more Indigenous peoples in the health care field. Long before the Commission, though, U of T Medicine’s Summer Mentorship Program, which dates back more than 25 years, was already giving high school students of Indigenous and African ancestry the opportunity to explore the health sciences over four weeks in July.

However, by the time Indigenous students reach high school, many have been dissuaded from careers in science and medicine. Then at high school, some may not have taken the courses they need to enter university; racism can play a role in how students are directed into different educational streams. This past summer, a new mentorship program to

increase Indigenous participation in the health care professions was piloted. For Indigenous students in Grades 9 and 10, Zka'an Ni-Bmiwdoowin Gchi-Kinoomaadwinan "Building the Fire, Walking with Medicine" emphasized Indigenous role models in the health care professions in Toronto.

The two-week summer program highlighted Indigenous leadership and representation, allowing the youth to see their own knowledges, governance systems, and healing practices reflected in the health care environment. The students met Indigenous health care practitioners as well as

“It is clear that we need to reach Indigenous youth sooner and offer more support,” says Dr. Chase McMurren, the Theme Lead for Indigenous Health in Temerty Medicine’s MD Program.

Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Indigenous Medicine People, and Healers.

Due to the pandemic, the program was offered virtually via Zoom. “While this doesn’t address the human rights issue of access to reliable internet, which is often a challenge on reserves, it highlights a way to reduce the barriers to access,” says McMurren. “Being online, the students were able to learn from Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island [North America].” ■

Welcome!

The “Building the Fire” program was a collaboration that included Temerty Medicine’s Office of Indigenous Health. **Dr. Lisa Richardson**, of Anishinaabe descent, and **Dr. Jason Pennington** (Class of 0T0), a member of the Huron-Wendat community of Wendake, co-founded the office in 2013. Working with the Office of Admissions, one of their first projects was launching the optional Indigenous Student Application Program (ISAP) to increase the number of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students in the MD program.

At Temerty Medicine, the admission requirements are identical for all students in terms of grade point averages (GPAs) and Medical College Admissions Test scores. The Elders advising the Office clearly stated that the GPAs and other requirements had to be the same as for other applicants, and there was to be no quota.

Students applying through ISAP are required to submit a personal essay describing their connection to the Indigenous community. As well, they’re entitled to representation from Indigenous health leadership in the application review and interview process.

Dr. Ryan Giroux (Class of 1T7) says ISAP is what drew him to U of T’s med program. “I remember meeting Indigenous faculty, staff, residents, and students on my interview day who were all incredibly supportive of whatever path I wished to take and happy to have me there,” says Giroux, a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta. “ISAP made U of T feel like home – and that’s why I decided to come to U of T even though there were options for me to complete medical school closer to my family.

“ISAP looks at each applicant holistically and decouples an applicant from their GPA, test scores, and their extracurricular activities, and begins to centre pieces that are meaningful to our Indigenous communities, like our connection with our community and how our lived experience will impact the work we do.”

Twenty-five years ago, there was only one identified Indigenous student in U of T’s MD program. Now, Temerty Medicine admits two to four Indigenous students a year, says McMurren.

The Office of Indigenous Health offers support to Indigenous students, as does the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada, which was founded in 1991. It has an active membership of 104 Indigenous medical students, 46 Indigenous residents, and 90 Indigenous physicians. ■



Ensuring cultural safety

Another Call to Action is to require all health care students to train in Indigenous health issues, including the history and legacy of residential schools, and to receive training in intercultural competency, cultural safety, and anti-racist practice.

The Office of Indigenous Health has championed the need to create additions to the curriculum and other opportunities for students to learn about Indigenous health and practise culturally safe care.

Its Indigenous Health Elective provides first- and second-year med students opportunities to engage with leaders in the Indigenous community, and learn

about the health and social challenges in the Indigenous community. The MAA partially finances the elective through the Class of 4T6 Memorial Fund.

The 10-session student-led elective introduces med students to a variety of topics on Indigenous history, health, and culture. Each session is facilitated by Indigenous community members, including Elders, traditional healers, and physicians.

Offered this year by Zoom, the speakers included **Dr. Kona Williams**, an Indigenous forensic pathologist in Sudbury, Ontario.

For fourth-year students, Temerty Medicine offers a two-week elective on urban Indigenous health. “It is increasingly popular,” says McMurren.

Our alumni are also furthering this work. “Advocacy, research, and education are incredibly important to me as they help change the systems around us, and I maintain many roles in these realms,” says Giroux. “Most recently, I started as an Indigenous Educator at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, where I am leading work in how to ensure that Indigenous health is reflected in the accreditation of post-graduate medical education.” ■

Toronto initiatives

There are 70,000 Indigenous persons living in Toronto, the largest urban Indigenous population in Ontario. Over 90 per cent of the city’s Indigenous peoples live below the low-income cut-off. Only one in three has a primary care provider; consequently, much of non-urgent health care is accessed at hospital emergency departments.

But some Indigenous peoples

refuse to access medical care. Past experiences with racism in health care organizations deter them from seeking care.

Giroux, a pediatrician, practises at several locations, including at two Ode’l Min (“strawberry” in Ojibwe) clinics. “I provide primary, consulting, and transitional care to families who often don’t have access to physician services,” he says. “Along with two family

physicians and an excellent interprofessional team, we provide low-barrier and trauma-informed care to our communities.”

One of the city’s first initiatives to provide health care specifically for Indigenous peoples is Anishnawbe Health Toronto (AHT). Established in 1989, it focuses on improving the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health of Indigenous peoples through both traditional

and Western approaches. Seventeen years ago, AHT opened Toronto's first sweat lodge in a public facility.

The AHT "Traditional Team" is made up of Traditional Healers from various First Nation communities and Osh-ka-be-wis (Traditional Helpers). The team provides guidance and direction

to psychiatrists and counsellors, and to AHT's many community programs. The Healers offer services for clients unable to leave their homes, and provide end-of-life ceremonies at hospitals and hospices.

AHT is scattered across three sites in the downtown, but plans are underway to build a new

Indigenous Health Centre in the West Don Lands, which is bordered by the Don River, King Street, Parliament Street, and the rail corridor. The Province of Ontario sold AHT the 0.7 acres of land for a nominal fee. The Health Centre is the first project of what will be an Indigenous community hub. ■

Hospital initiatives

Several of the Commission's Calls to Action address health care. They call for the recruitment of Indigenous peoples across health-care organizations, from the boardroom to the bedside, and to dismantle the systemic barriers that can prevent Indigenous peoples from accessing care.

The operation of Well Living House, which is part of St. Michael's Hospital, is built from a foundation of almost two decades of collaborative work between health researchers, frontline health practitioners and Indigenous Elders. Committed to using and protecting Indigenous knowledge, languages, and ways of working, it's guided by a committee of Elders called the Counsel of Grandparents.

More recently, Women's College Hospital (WCH) made a tangible commitment to the health and well-being of all First Nations, Inuit, and

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Métis individuals, families, and communities. In 2018, it recruited Dr. Lisa Richardson, now Temerty Medicine's Associate Dean, Inclusion and Diversity, to help make it a more inclusive organization.

Richardson helped start WCH's Centre for Wise Practices in Indigenous Health, which includes a "Gathering Space" where Indigenous learners, staff, faculty, community members, and partners from across organizations can access Traditional medicines, and engage with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Traditional Practitioners, and Educators.

The Gathering Space is also where they can conduct Indigenous ceremonies such as smudging, which is a cleansing practice that involves burning sacred herbs. The space sends a strong signal that Indigenous traditions, values, and practices are important.

The Centre for Wise Practices is governed by the Decision-Making Council of Elders, and there is an Elder in Residence in the Indigenous Education Department.

Education is an important component of WCH's efforts and answers the Commission's call for all health care professionals to be trained in cultural competency. By going department by department, Richardson and others are ensuring that all of the hospital's health care providers practise culturally safe care. ■

Who was Peggy Hill?

When **Dr. Marion Hilliard** (Class of 2T7) took to the high-school stage to speak about her career as an obstetrician/gynecologist, **Marguerite (Peggy) Hill** sat enthralled.

Her parents, though, didn't like the idea and refused to finance her medical education. Although they didn't openly discuss their reasons for not wanting their daughter to be a doctor, Peggy's older sister told her that medicine was no vocation for a lady. So instead of enrolling in Medicine, Peggy Hill signed up for an arts program at U of T's University College.

In 1936, when Hill enrolled at U of T, it was a strongly patriarchal organization. For example, the female students, who wore hats and gloves on campus, were not allowed inside Hart House. In a 2012 article in the *Globe and Mail*, Hill is quoted as saying "I think we all resented that the men had such a splendid place. But actually, we didn't get in it so we didn't know the full extent of what we were missing."

Nevertheless, Hill had an active social life while working toward a master's in psychology.

The Second World War was escalating when she graduated in 1941. Hill enlisted in the Canadian Women's Army Corp as a psychologist and was assigned to helping select personnel. In 1946, Captain Hill was discharged from the army and, like all who had served in the war, was entitled to a free education.

A master's degree and world war later, Hill finally enrolled in Medicine.

Classmate **Dr. Irene Hain** (Class of 5T2) remembers that Hill, being ex-service, was older than many of her classmates. "She already had her friendships and activities," recalls Hain. Hill didn't participate in



Daffydil or join any intramural sport teams. Hill's social life revolved around the friendships she had formed at University College.

Both Hill and Hain stood out in their class of 190 students because there were only 10 women. "The dean didn't really approve of women in medicine," says Hain. "He thought that when they graduated,

they would get married and never practise. But all of the women in our class had long careers."



Hill also stood out because she excelled academically. As one of the six students in her class with the highest marks, she was invited to join the Alpha Omega Alpha

Fraternity, the only medicine-related group she participated in. "Peggy was very smart, no doubt about it," recalls Hain.

In 1952, Hill graduated at the top of her class, as the Gold Medalist, having achieved the highest marks throughout the program.

Classmate **Dr. John Evans** (Class of 5T2), who later became President of the University of Toronto, joked that he graduated as "the highest man" in his class, but he was referring to his towering height.

Calmly taking charge

Hill did five years of postgraduate training in internal medicine and nephrology, and was the first woman to hold the position of Chief Medical Resident at Toronto General Hospital.

Dr. Donald Cowan (Class of 5T6) recalled being a “junior trainee” when Hill was Chief Medical Resident.

“I have a clear memory of the first patient she saw with me,” he wrote. “I was on the obstetrical service and was worried about the status of an expectant mother’s heart. I called Peggy who came quickly and reassured both the expectant mother and me (I was far more concerned than the patient) that the patient’s cardiac status was perfectly satisfactory... What I remember most about that incident was the calmness that Peggy brought to the patient’s bedside.”

In 1958, Hill accepted a posting as the Associate Chief of Medicine at Women’s College Hospital. She stayed at the hospital for her entire career, swinging open doors for women physicians at a time when a female doctor was an oddity.

Hill was the hospital’s Physician-in-Chief from 1968 until 1984, the second woman in the history of a U of T teaching hospital to hold this position. Under her leadership, she worked cooperatively with other hospitals to set up a three-hospital diabetic unit and a respiratory service. Hill supported a 24-hour rape and sexual assault centre, and Toronto’s first birth control clinic.

Regardless of her administrative duties, Hill always kept an active practice, spending 40 per cent of her time with patients and always bringing work home, usually dictation, to do in the evenings. If she sent a

patient to Emergency, she would be there when the patient arrived – even if it was in the dead of night. She kept up this gruelling schedule until retiring in 1984.

On January 15, 2012, Peggy Hill died in her family home, where she had lived her whole life. She was 92. In her will, she had made a generous donation to the MAA.

Her bequest didn’t specify that the money should go to student bursaries, placements, or anything in particular. She trusted the MAA to determine how best to use the money. Cowan, then the MAA Vice-President, began exploring ideas to honour, in the most appropriate way possible, Hill’s legacy.

A befitting honour

Dr. Jason Pennington (Class of 0T0), then the curricular co-lead at the Faculty’s Office of Indigenous Medical Education, proposed an annual visiting lectureship in Aboriginal health. Pennington wrote, “The visiting lecturer would be invited to spend the day in Toronto with potential opportunities to meet with the Indigenous medical students, participants in the Aboriginal Health Elective, and the pre-clerkship medical students... All medical students would be invited as well as Aboriginal community members, physicians, health care providers, and educators from across the city.”

While Hill had travelled around the world, she had a special interest in and fondness for all aspects of northern Canada. **Patricia Smythe**, Hill’s niece who oversaw the bequest, wrote that “Peggy would be delighted with the MAA’s decision to support efforts to further the health of Indigenous peoples.” ■

The Dr. Marguerite (Peggy) Hill Lecture Series on Indigenous Health

2021 PEGGY HILL LECTURE ON INDIGENOUS HEALTH

Wabanong: Where we begin again

Panel Discussion Featuring
NADIA MCLAREN
SARA ROQUE
ANDREW BALFOUR

NOV | 3 | 5:30 - 7 PM

Stories of Truth & Visions of Reconciliation

The annual Dr. Peggy Hill Lecture, one of the university's oldest standing initiatives in Indigenous health, has welcomed a variety of insightful speakers.

In 2014, **Evan Adams**, of Sliammon First Nation and the Deputy Provincial Health Officer for British Columbia, spoke on emerging topics in urban and Indigenous health.

In 2015, **Phil Fontaine**, a former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, and **Michael Dan** (Class of 8T4), then a Chief Medical Officer in Canada's Departments of the Interior and Indian Affairs, addressed the question: What are the next steps toward reconciliation?

In 2016, **Suzanne Stewart**, a member of the Yellowknife Dene First Nation and a registered psychologist, was the speaker. Her presentation was titled "Indigenous Knowledges: Healing and Aboriginal Homelessness."

In 2017, **Ry Moran**, the first Director of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, titled his lecture "Towards a Trauma Informed Understanding of Reconciliation."

In 2018, **Julie Bull**, PhD, an Inuk researcher and member of NunatuKavut, Labrador, spoke on Indigenous data sovereignty.

In 2019, **Dr. Marcia Anderson**, a Cree-Saulteaux practising internal medicine and public health in Winnipeg, spoke on her work as an Indigenous medical education activist.

In 2020, **Suzanne Methot**, an Asiniwachi Nehiyaw and the author of the book *Legacy: Trauma, Story, and Healing* spoke on Indigenous healing practices.

The 2021 Dr. Peggy Hill Lecture

This year's lecture attracted almost 200 attendees on Zoom. It featured three speakers in a discussion titled "Wabanong: Where we begin again."

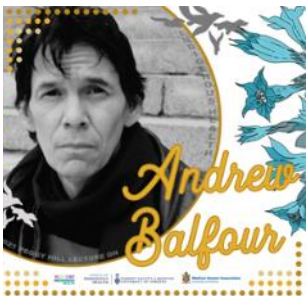
Knowing it could trigger horrific memories for Indigenous peoples, the Zoom invitation included the phone number for the Indian Residential School Survivors Society’s 24-hour Crisis Line.

Speaker **Nadia McLaren** is an Anishnaabe Kwe with mixed ancestry who is the Manager of Indigenous Health Education at Women’s College Hospital (WCH). She pointed out that policies for taking children from Indigenous communities date back to the 1800s.



“We all know about the ’60s Scoop and the ’70s Scoop,” she said, noting that there were 139 residential schools across Canada. “But there’s also the Millennial Scoop; there are more children in foster care now than there were at the height of the residential schools.”

“These children are subjected to incredible violence, but it’s invisible,” warned **Andrew Balfour**, a residential school survivor.



Balfour, a composer of Cree descent, challenged the attendees to look at how Canadian institutions are based on colonialism. “The destructive Euro-centric thinking permeates everything from our

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educational system, to our prison system, to our justice system, to our health care system,” he said.

Sara Roque, of Anishinaabekwe and mixed heritage, and a co-curator of the Indigenous art collection at WCH’s Centre for Wise Practices in Indigenous Health, said that colonialism demonized



Indigenous ways of healing. “Western medicine has a complete disregard for Indigenous ways of knowing, which are sophisticated forms of knowledge that are thousands of years old,”

she said. “People need to sit with the idea that Western knowledge is not more important than Indigenous knowledge.” ■

What's a Class to do?



Although the pandemic has slammed the brakes on many class activities, the Class of 9T4 continues to raise funds for medical students. And the Class of 6T0, well, nothing can keep them apart.

Helping med students

By rallying their classmates, **Dr. Stuart McCluskey** and **Dr. Susan Campbell** championed the Class of 9T4 Fund that now totals a whopping \$35,000.

“When Susan and I took over the fund, the money was to be used to pay for reunion dinners,” says McCluskey. “Well, our busy lives got the better of us, and our first reunion had to wait 15 years. By that time, medical school tuition was through the roof and, for the most part, we were all making a good income. So we paid for our reunion ourselves and re-allocated our class funds to support current students. We all felt that students today needed a break and that we could help.”

This year, the class awarded a \$5,000 Class of 9T4 Student Bursary. “We were a great group, and the group can leave this collective mark.

“We would like to do a lot more,” continues McCluskey. “It would be amazing to pay the entire tuition of one student for medical school and help to ensure medical school access for all. For this we will need a fund nearly five times larger than what we have today. But why not?”

Celebrating virtually

The Class of 6T0 hasn't let the COVID-19 pandemic stop them from getting together. Last year, Class President **Dr. Don Butt** spearheaded a virtual class reunion. In late 2020, the class got together on Zoom to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Don says the secret to a good Zoom get-together is organization. “The risk is that one person takes over and everyone else just listens,” he warns.

To avoid this pitfall, before the meeting, Don asked his classmates if they would like to share some of their career and personal highlights at the Zoom reunion. Then, he allotted five minutes to each alumnus who wanted to speak. “People even prepared what they would like to say in their five minutes,” Don says.

A hidden benefit of a virtual reunion is that it's free, no matter where you live. “You save a ton of money in hotels and travel,” he says.

“But a drawback is that you don't get to enjoy a great meal and fine wines together.”

Now, the Class of 6T0 Reunion Committee is planning an in-person reunion weekend in Toronto. They have their fingers crossed that they'll be able to hold it in the spring or summer of 2022. To organize it, the committee members are doing all of their planning on Zoom. ■



Class Notes

News from your classmates

CLASS OF 5T4

Dr. David SMITH, President of the Class of 5T4, shares some good news about a classmate:

Dr. Reg PERKIN, was inducted into Mississauga, Ontario's, Walk of Fame in November. At the City Hall ceremony, Reg joined its Legends Row, which now has a plaque describing his career. After two years of postgraduate training, Reg established a family practice in Mississauga that developed into a group practice with nine family doctors. He also served as the MAA's President in 1965 and 1966. In 1969, Reg became the first Chair of U of T's Department of Family and Community Medicine; he taught students and residents until the mid-1980s. From 1981 to 1982, Reg was President of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and from 1985

to 1996, its Executive Director. Now 91, he has been retired for 25 years.

CLASS OF 5T9



Dr. Harry HALL retired five years ago. Recently, he did some public speaking, a task that used to terrify him. He has written a book, *Doctor Harry*, about his life as a rural family physician who also did locums in the Arctic, northern Ontario, northern British Columbia, New Zealand, and Australia. In his book, Harry includes tales from his travels to over 70 countries.

CLASS OF 6T1

Dr. Lawrence EDWARDS retired from internal medicine and gastroenterology.

CLASS OF 6T4



Dr. William CRYSDALE is involved with charity golf tournaments to benefit Parkinson Canada. The 2017, 2018, and 2019 tournaments were at Mad River Golf Club in Creemore, Ontario. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 tournament was virtual. But the 2021 golf tournament, which his son Rob organized, was at Duntroon Highlands, also in Creemore. Over the past five years, the tournaments have raised about \$170,000.



Dr. Stan LITCH made a CD as his “COVID-19 lockdown-isolation project.” Recently finished, the CD is called “Play It Again, Stan.” “It’s a ukulele ramble down Tin Pan Alley,” says Stan. “I’m glad I don’t have to fund my retirement from the CD sales.”

CLASS OF 6T5



Dr. Linda RAPSON was awarded the 2021 Dr. Rogers Prize, which highlights the contributions of complementary and alternative medicine to health care. She shares the \$250,000 prize with Professor Emeritus Gregor Reid at Western University. Inspired to study acupuncture after it relieved her mother-in-law’s severe, chronic neck pain, Linda was one of the first physicians in Canada to study acupuncture. Linda opened the Rapson Pain and Acupuncture Clinic in Toronto in 1979, where Linda, the Medical Director, and her staff treat chronic pain by integrating acupuncture and nutrition with conventional medical approaches. She is thrilled that acupuncture has gone from being “almost quackery to being considered mainstream by a lot of physicians.”

Photo credit: Rachel Manning

CLASS OF 6T6

Dr. Vladimir HACHINSKI is researching cost-effective dementia-prevention models with an international team of 25 investigators. “We know that environment, socioeconomic factors, access to medical care, individual risk, and protective factors play a role in stroke and dementia risk,” he says. “This project is unique in that no one has ever attempted to look at all relevant factors associated with dementia prevention at once.” Vladimir is a professor of clinical neurological sciences at Western University.

CLASS OF 6T7

Dr. Donald NIECE is “long retired” after 40 years of general and hospital practice in Brampton, Ontario. Don and Bev are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two grown children and four grandsons.

CLASS OF 6T9

Dr. Samuel J. LANGER writes that he is “still chugging along.” Sam is the Medical Director of Beacon Health Options and in private practice in Manhattan, New York City. Sam and his wife are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They have four grown sons and seven grandchildren.

Dr. D. Ross MACLEOD, after four years in family medicine, four years of a pediatric residency, and two years of teaching, moved to Alabama and Georgia where he practised pediatrics for 41 years. Now retired, he says that travel, photography, and wine making will consume his future years.

Dr. Nicholas RUDDOCK announces that his third novel, *Last*

Hummingbird West of Chile, is “out in the world now.” [Listen](#) to a passage from the book.

CLASS OF 7T0



Dr. George BORIS has practised in Los Angeles for 46 years. He is now semi-retired but has three board-certified plastic surgeons working for him. George reports that he is “spending a great deal of time travelling and living in Miami.”

CLASS OF 7T1



Dr. Sharon BALTMAN has released her first novel, *Anne of Oasis*. She describes it as “a fictional tale of an eccentric, depressed, 70-year-old Toronto woman who is hanging on by her fingernails. In desperation, she seeks talk therapy, embarks on a quirky journey, and finds bliss.” In Toronto, the paperback is available at Caversham Booksellers and select Book City locations. She writes that you can also order it “from your favourite local bookstore, along with the e-book online. You can also request it at your local library.” Here is Sharon’s [website](#).

CLASS OF 7T3

Dr. Mel BORINS has published his fifth book: *Bali – A Great Place to Visit*. It's about Mel's journeys to the Indonesian island and why a visit is highly recommended. You can order a Kindle or print version [here](#).

Dr. Larry HANCOCK is retired but keeping busy with fly-fishing, hiking, and skiing in the Kelowna, British Columbia, area. As well, he's doing woodworking projects around the house. "Travel has fallen off with COVID," he writes, "but new trips are being planned."

Dr. Helena JACZEK was re-elected as the member of Parliament for Markham-Stouffville on September 20, 2021. A few weeks later, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promoted her to cabinet as the Minister Responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. Previously, Helena was the Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services, and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. For many years, Helena was the Commissioner of Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health for York Region, Ontario.

Dr. Alan MONKHOUSE retired from his family practice in Cambridge, Ontario, nearly four years ago. Now

living in Waterloo, Ontario, Alan looks forward to the easing of travel restrictions so he can visit his "widely scattered family in British Columbia, Australia, and the Caribbean."

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CLASS OF 7T4

Dr. Clement SUN writes that he is still enjoying practising medicine.

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CLASS OF 7T5

Dr. Marshall KORENBLUM, after 23 years as Psychiatrist-in-Chief/Medical Director of the Garry Hurvitz Centre for Community Mental Health (formerly the Hincks-Dellcrest Centre), is stepping down on March 31, 2022. He will be transitioning to other roles at the centre on a half-time basis, and will continue as a consultant to the Division of Youth Psychiatry at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Jewish Family and Child Service, and various schools and school boards. Marshall is looking forward to devoting more time to his six grandchildren and hobbies.

Dr. Paul STEINBERG has a new book: *Applying Psychoanalytic Thought to Contemporary Mental Health Practice*. It's the sister volume to his *Psychoanalysis in Medicine: Applying Psychoanalytic Thought to Contemporary Medical Care*. You can

listen to an interview with Paul on this [podcast](#). His new book is available [here](#).

CLASS OF 7T6

Dr. Peter TINITS is retiring from the practice of anesthesia on December 31, 2021. He plans to continue serving as a coroner to gain fodder for more books to follow his novel *A Cause and Manner*. Contact ptinits@gmail.com

CLASS OF 8T4

Dr. Jonathan IRISH has been appointed the Vice-President, Clinical of Cancer Care Ontario – Ontario Health. This appointment comes after 13 years as the Provincial Head of Surgical Oncology at Cancer Care Ontario. Jon continues to practise head and neck surgery at Princess Margaret Hospital and Toronto General Hospital. Contact: jonathan.irish@uhn.ca

CLASS OF 8T6

Dr. Eric YOSHIDA will complete his two-year term as President of the Vancouver Medical Dental and Allied Staff Association & Vancouver Physician Staff Association in December. He writes, "The two parallel organizations include the faculty of the Vancouver General Hospital, University of BC Hospital,

Keep in Touch

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Mailed photos will be returned if requested.

GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre, and Vancouver Community with a total membership of just over 2,100.”

CLASS OF 8T8

Dr. Edsel ING recently had his master of education thesis published. Edsel earned this master’s degree at Johns Hopkins University. The journal article is titled “A Survey-Weighted Analytic Hierarchy Process to Quantify Authorship”. It’s available [here](#).

CLASS OF 8T9

Dr. Vivian CHOW retired in September 2020.

CLASS OF 9T0

Dr. Małgorzata NOWACZYK has written a book about her medical training and practice, *Chasing Zebras: A Memoir of Genetics, Mental Health & Writing*. “The most important part of my memoir is the need for openness and vulnerability in medicine training and practice,” writes Marg, a pediatric clinical geneticist and professor at McMaster University. To pre-order her book, click [here](#).

CLASS OF 9T2



Dr. Warren Y. K. NG assumed the position of President of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry on November 1, 2021.

CLASS OF 9T3



Dr. Timothy KAM reports that there are now five members of the Class of 9T3 practising in Vancouver. “We used to do gatherings every few months,” says Tim, “but were interrupted by the pandemic.” This photo shows the five classmates at their first gathering since COVID-19 arrived in Canada.

Photo from left: Edward Yu, an ophthalmologist; Joe Giustino, a respirologist; Harry Hong, a respirologist; Ryojo Akagami, a neurosurgeon; and Timothy Kam, a family physician

CLASS OF 0T1

Dr. David KAPLAN has been appointed Vice-President, Quality at Ontario Health, which oversees much of the administration of the Ontario health care system. Previously, David was the Chief of Clinical Quality at Health Quality Ontario. He is also an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine.

CLASS OF 1T1



Dr. Caroline SCOTT and **Kristin Wadsworth** joyously welcomed their two babies, George and Audrey.

Photo from left: Caroline Scott holding George (six weeks) and Kristin Wadsworth holding Audrey (3.5 months)

CLASS OF 1T5

Drs. Jillian BARDSLEY and **Shawn CHHABRA** met in 2011 at their medical school interview. They are expecting their third child in March. “Big brother and sister, Rohan and Anika, are very excited,” writes Jillian. “Rohan is turning five and excited to get his coronavirus ‘needles’ because he will be able to stay healthy and protect the new baby. We started the public health indoctrination young!”

CLASS OF 1T8



Drs. Deborah KOH and **Anath Lionel**, both from the Class of 1T8, are engaged. Deborah writes, “Anath and I are beyond excited to share news of our engagement! Here’s to hoping for a COVID-free wedding!” ■

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CLASS OF 6T0

In Memory of Dr. Peter Dent

by Dr. Don Butt, Class of 6T0

DR. PETER DENT, AT AGE 85, ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, IN HAMILTON

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our beloved classmate Peter Dent. After a long battle with cancer, he died peacefully and surrounded by his family. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife, Diane, and their three daughters and families.

Peter was born on May 16, 1936, in Prague, in what is now the Czech Republic. He was raised in Toronto where he attended public school with Jim MacDougall. Later, Peter and Jim were in Medicine's Class of 6T0 together, and they remained lifelong friends.

Following graduation in medicine, Peter went on to achieve his dream of becoming a pediatrician. On the way, he met the love of his life, Diane, a pediatric nurse.

After fulfilling a Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship in immunology, 1964 to 1968, he was appointed a clinical scientist at McMaster Medical School. Peter focused on the undeveloped field of cancer immunology and pediatric rheumatology, and created Canada's first multidisciplinary program in immunology and virology.

As Chair of McMaster's Department of Pediatrics from 1980 to 1990, he founded what is now known as McMaster's Children Hospital. Peter also initiated a web-based information sharing platform that specialists around the world used and praised. In addition, Peter was the Medical Editor of the Pediatric Rheumatology subsection of the American



College of Pediatrics. He was also active in negotiating funding for academic physicians with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Peter's contributions have been recognized by his induction into the McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences' Community of Distinction, and his induction into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction. In 2017, he was named a Member of the Order of Canada. (He was one of three Order of Canada members on the Class of 6T0's Reunion Organizing Committee.)

Peter was the Editor of the 6T0 Class medical magazine and later, he volunteered to develop a class "booklet" for the class reunions. In this highly anticipated document, classmates shared news of their careers and activities.

When Peter became ill and unable to continue working on the booklet, I took it over. In his memory, I am renaming it "The Peter Dent Memorial Class of 6T0 Booklet."

Peter had a rich life that contributed to making countless lives better. He will be long remembered. [Family's memorial](#) ■



In Memoriam

Lives Well Lived

CLASS OF 4T2



Dr. Harold Henry FIREMAN, at age 100, on May 24, 2020, in Ottawa. For more than four years, Harold was a medical advisor to the Canadian Air Force, stationed mostly in Newfoundland. During the Second World War, Ottawa offered the Dutch royal family a safe haven. One of Harold's proudest moments was at Ottawa Civic Hospital when he was chosen to be the "intern in attendance" at the birth of Princess Margriet of Holland. Later at Ottawa Civic, he co-founded an arthritis clinic and enjoyed a long career in

internal medicine. Harold retired when he was 88. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF JANUARY 4T3

Dr. Louis MYERS, on August 27, 2021. After training abroad, Lou established an ophthalmology practice in Toronto and later became Chief of Ophthalmology at Doctors Hospital, taking great satisfaction in serving the hospital's diverse downtown population. Committed to community through involvement in synagogue life and Jewish education, he was the Board Chair of United Synagogue Day School. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 4T5

Dr. Harold KALANT, at age 97, on July 6, 2021, in Toronto. He served in the Canadian Army Medical Corps from 1943 to 1947. Then, he earned a PhD in pathological chemistry at U of

T and did postdoctoral studies at the University of Cambridge in England. Harold was a pioneer in the field of alcohol and drug addiction; his research helped shape our understanding of addiction and contributed to effective treatment plans. He served as an addiction consultant to numerous organizations including the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Canadian Senate, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the World Health Organization. After becoming an emeritus professor (pharmacology) in 1989, Harold continued to teach until last year. "Full retirement" never occurred to him although he did take time to enjoy his cottage on Georgian Bay. [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. Donald Campbell ROSS, at age 101, on October 4, 2021. Following service in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, Don specialized in pediatrics and later in child psychiatry, which, at the time, was a new specialty. Early on, Don and his wife, Rhoda, a nurse, lost their infant son Graeme to an undiagnosed neurological disorder. After Graeme's death at seven months, Don and Rhoda diagnosed him with Wernicke's encephalopathy, which is caused by a vitamin B1 deficiency. This led to an investigation into the soy formula Graeme was on and ultimately, to a formula correction that spared innumerable families from a similar tragedy. Don practised at the Hospital for Sick Children, then moved to Philadelphia where he worked at the Children's Hospital for 21 years. He then practised at Wayne State University Hospital in Detroit and also conducted a private practice in Windsor, Ontario. After retiring from private practice at the age of 94, he moved to Boston where many of Don and Rhoda's five surviving children, 20 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren live. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 4T7

Dr. Murray W. ENKIN, at age 97, on June 6, 2021, in Victoria. In 1955, Murray, an obstetrician, moved to Hamilton where he eventually became Chief of Obstetrics at St.

Joseph's Hospital. When McMaster University opened its medical school, Murray joined the faculty and shifted to the academic study of childbirth. He was an early adopter of what were then controversial practices: childbirth education, delivery in the labour room, fathers present at births, and rooming in. He became involved in movements to transform maternity care worldwide. However, in Hamilton and in Oxford, England, Murray was known as a pioneer of evidence-based medicine, although he later questioned the dominance of statistical evidence over personal narratives. As he got older, he became interested in death and dying and coined the word "tokothanatology," the study of the similarities between birth and death. After retiring, Murray moved to Victoria. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. John FRY, at age 97, on August 15, 2021. Jack graduated from U of T's first obstetrics and gynecology class, and then practised in Windsor, Ontario, for most of his career. At Windsor Regional Hospital – Metropolitan Campus, he was Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology for 10 years, and Chief of Staff for two years. Jack received the Glen Sawyer Award for writing *Essex County Medical Society 1914–1989, 75 Years of Dedication*. He loved the music of the Big Band Era and was in great demand as a jitterbug partner. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Harry REISS, at age 94, on June 24, 2019. After completing residencies in general medicine and psychiatry, Harry trained in

psychoanalysis at Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in St. John's, Newfoundland, then practised psychiatry in Manhattan, New York City, for almost 60 years. His office was a few blocks from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which he often frequented. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 4T8

Dr. Margaret Isobella NORMAND, née HUNTER, at age 98, on August 10, 2021, in Toronto. Pursuing a pediatrics specialty, Maggie interned in London, England; New York City; and Vancouver. She practised at the Toronto Children's Aid Society, retiring as the Medical Director in 1986. Maggie and her husband, Alastair, were ardent sailors. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 4T9

Dr. Katherine CROSS, at age 95, on October 1, 2021, in Bracebridge, Ontario. Family's memorial [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. Jagdis Kaur SIDDOO, at age 94, on April 24, 2019. Jackie was the first person of Indo-Canadian descent to graduate from a Canadian medical school. She was followed soon after by her sister, Dr. Sarjit Kaur Siddoo (Class of 5T0). Jackie specialized in hematology. In 1958, Jackie along

with her parents and sister established the charitable Kapoor Singh Canadian Hospital in Aur, India. Jackie spent most of her career providing free medical services at the hospital. Passionate about philosophy, Jackie wrote the book *Listening is the Guru: Conversations with J. Krishnamurti*. Jackie and her sister started a school in Victoria to educate her niece and other children; it was based on Krishnamurti's philosophy. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T1

Dr. Philip Harold Melville, at age 93, on June 3, 2021, in Toronto. In 1957, Phil started practising psychiatry; during his career, he worked in Toronto, England, and northern Ontario. Phil also wrote several novels, and dabbled in playwriting and other art forms. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. William S. MONK, at age 93, on August 12, 2021, in Bracebridge, Ontario. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T2

Dr. Donald BROWN, at age 94, on December 2, 2019. During the Second World War, Donald served as a navigator for the Royal Canadian Air Force. Later, he enjoyed a long career as a radiologist in several Greater Toronto Area hospitals. [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. Audrey Noreen BISHOP, née CROCKER, at age 92, on May 7, 2021. A family physician, she joined Northwestern General Hospital when it opened and continued practising, in one form or another, for more than 68 years. Audrey delivered generations of babies for some families. She retired in March 2021. [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. William G. IVES, at age 94, on September 17, 2021. Bill was a family physician in Stayner, Ontario. He practised alongside his father, Dr. Ray Ives (Class of 2T2), for 20 years. After Ray's death, Bill practised for an additional 40 years. For more than 30 years, he made international medical trips, most notably to isolated communities in Ecuador. His years of service were recognized by a number of awards, including the 1985 Nobel Prize for Peace for his work as a member of an international physicians group. Bill was also a founding member of the Clearview Community Theatre group. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T3

Dr. John Walter DAWSON, at age 92, on March 13, 2021, in Calgary. In 1959, after completing an internal

medicine residency at Toronto General Hospital and U of T's Banting Institute, John moved to Calgary. He was the first Head of Medicine at Foothills Hospital, which opened in 1966. When the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine started in 1967, John was the first Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs. Later, he was the Director of Continuing Medical Education and a professor. In 1989, he left Foothills to become involved with the new Calgary Geriatric Program. In 2003, after more than 50 years in medicine, he retired. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Maurice Raymond Lord DUBOULAY, at age 95, on October 22, 2021, in Toronto. Maurice had a busy general practice and tended to the long-term care residents at Tendercare Living Centre in Scarborough, Ontario. As well, he assisted in surgery at Scarborough Centenary Hospital. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. James William MEAKIN, at age 90, on December 21, 2020. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Hugh Aird RICHMOND, at age 92, on August 13, 2021, in Chandler, Arizona. Hugh interned at Toronto General Hospital and did his residency at several Toronto hospitals. Certified in general surgery and urology, he joined the staff of Oshawa General Hospital and Whitby Psychiatric Hospital in Ontario. In 1974, he moved to Casa Grande, Arizona, where he practised at Hoemako Hospital and Casa Grande

Regional Medical Center. He retired in 1987. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T4

Dr. A. Norman LOFCHY, at age 92, on July 14, 2021, in Toronto. Norm completed two years of internship including a year of internal medicine at Toronto General Hospital. He joined Toronto's Albany Medical Clinic in 1956 where he was a family physician until retiring in 2010 at the age of 81. Norm was a much-respected mentor and role model to his three physician children: Dr. Jodi Lofchy (Class of 8T4), Dr. Neal Lofchy (Class of 8T6), and Dr. Beth Lofchy (Class of 9T1). [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T5



Dr. Harvey COOPERSMITH, on March 27, 2021. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Terrence Wilson FOX, at age 93, on October 23, 2021, in Uxbridge, Ontario. For most of his career, Terry worked as an internal medicine specialist at Scarborough General Hospital. He retired in 1994. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Marilyn Jeanne SONLEY, at age 89, on July 9, 2021, in Toronto. For two years after graduating, Marilyn was a rotating intern at Toronto General Hospital. Then, from 1959 to 1960, she was a resident and teaching fellow in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. On returning to Toronto, she became a pioneering pediatric oncologist. She

led the creation of the childhood cancer divisions at Princess Margaret Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, helping them become world-renowned centres of excellence. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T6

Dr. Bernard BRONSTEIN, at age 89, on November 11, 2020, in Las Vegas. After completing an internship in Washington D.C., Bernard moved to the West Coast to train as a surgeon. Later, he earned a law degree without taking time off from his medical practice. Multilingual, Bernard could speak French, Latin, Ancient Greek, and Yiddish. He enjoyed big band and country-and-western music, magic, and hockey. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Beverley Elaine PEARSON MURPHY, at age 91, on April 27, 2020. Although her parents only went as far as Grade 5, they strongly encouraged Bev to pursue her education. She did so with gusto! After earning her medical degree, she completed a master's degree in experimental medicine at McGill University followed by her residency. She earned a PhD in investigative medicine, which resulted in a patent and launched an endocrinology research career that spanned over 40 years. Bev received numerous awards, notably the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism, and the Distinguished Investigator Award from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression. A professor at McGill University in the departments of medicine (1975),

obstetrics-gynecology (1979), and psychiatry (1985), Bev became a professor emerita in 2001. She continued to conduct research and see patients into her 80s. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T7



Dr. Harvey STANCER, at age 95, on September 16, 2021, in Santa Barbara, California. Before entering medical school, Harvey earned a PhD in biochemistry. He chose psychiatry as his specialty, saying he "couldn't stand the sight of blood." In 1962, Harvey practised at the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital and had a major role in planning the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry's Research Wing, where he conducted research. As a tribute to his research career, U of T's Department of Psychiatry established the annual Harvey Stancer Research Day. At the end of his medical career, Harvey moved to Santa Barbara to be nearer to his family. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T8

Dr. John David FEARON, at age 87, on August 7, 2021, in Alliston, Ontario. John was a family physician in Newmarket, Ontario, for 50 years. In addition to his private practice, he was Chief of Staff at York County Hospital (now Southlake Regional Health Centre) and coroner for the York Region. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Lorenzo MARCOLIN, on July 4, 2020. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Isadore YABLON, at age 87, on February 21, 2021, in Portland, Oregon. Red, an orthopedic surgeon, moved to Boston where he was a prominent surgeon and trained a generation of orthopedic surgeons at Boston University. When the Yom Kippur War broke out in Israel in October 1973, Red volunteered at the front as a surgeon. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 5T9

Dr. Donald Dean CURTIS, at age 89, on October 18, 2021, in Peterborough, Ontario. Don was a family practitioner at the Peterborough Clinic for over 40 years, including 15 years as Chief of Staff at Peterborough Civic Hospital. "Doc Don" also practised industrial medicine at Canadian General Electric. A community leader, he was a YMCA board member for more than 30 years and chaired the city's Recreation Committee. Don helped found the Canadian Canoe Museum and served as Chair of its board. [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. Marlyn LIVERMORE (COLLINS), at age 87, on July 13, 2021, in London, Ontario. Marlyn worked at the St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital in St. Thomas, Ontario. [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. Walter WOYCHUK, at age 90, on March 19, 2021. After graduating, Walter was hired by the mining company INCO Limited and moved to Sudbury, Ontario. Later, Walter became the Chief Executive Medical Director of INCO Metals' Ontario Division and wrote INCO's first health and safety manual. In 1973, he founded Sudbury's first doctors' competitive hockey team; it was called the Sudbury Hardocs. At age 65, Walter retired from his position with the Ministry of Labour, but did locums until he was 87. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 6T0



Dr. Robert Bogden BABCHUK, at age 87, on December 15, 2020, in Regina. In 1963, Bob began his medical practice at the Broadway Medical Clinic in Regina, where he remained until 1999, when he retired to Sunset Cove, Saskatchewan. Bob was passionate about hockey and involved in numerous capacities, from coaching to managing. In recent years, he liked nothing more than going to the rink to watch his grandsons play. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 6T1

Dr. Bruce W. MERRICK, at age 84, on August 8, 2021, in Toronto. For 60 years, Bruce was a family physician in Weston and Etobicoke, which are now part of Toronto. He often said that he had the best job in the world. Most at home in the wilderness, Bruce enjoyed mountain climbing, canoeing, and hiking. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 6T2

Dr. John Gary ASHBY, at age 83, on August 25, 2021, in Toronto. John was a neurosurgeon. He was a member of the Rosedale United Church choir and the Toronto Choral Association. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Basil William JOHNSTON, at age 83, on July 12, 2021, in Peterborough, Ontario. A long-time orthopedic surgeon in Peterborough, Basil was the Chief of Medical Staff at Peterborough Civic Hospital and St. Joseph's General Hospital. He was also President of the Ontario Medical Association. [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. William Charles VAUGHAN, at age 84, on September 10, 2021. After graduating, Bill did a residency in radiology at U of T. He practised in Hamilton, initially with his father, Dr. Charles Vaughan (Class of 3T5), then with Wentworth X-ray and Hamilton Health Sciences. In the winter, Bill enjoyed conquering the slopes with

his wife, children, and grandchildren.

[Family's memorial](#)

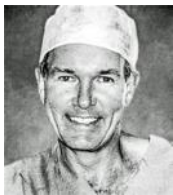
CLASS OF 6T3

Dr. Jaan Olav ROOS, at age 83, on August 3, 2021, in Toronto. Specializing in respirology, Jaan did a fellowship at Karolinska Hospital in Uppsala, Sweden. He worked for the Ontario Ministry of Labour in occupational medicine. Then in 1994, he became a family physician and coroner in Haliburton, Ontario. Jaan had a lifelong passion for competition and racing. It began with running, which led to cross-country skiing, which led to competitive race-walking. He set a world Masters record for the 50 kilometre racewalk, which stood for several years.

[Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 6T4

Dr. Thomas Perry CORKUM, at age 81, on March 25, 2021. Tom was an obstetrician and gynecologist in Halifax; he practised for nearly 50 years. [Family's memorial](#)



Dr. John Ross NEWALL, at age 82, on May 15, 2021. For almost 50 years, John was an orthopedic surgeon at William Osler Health System (previously Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton, Ontario). He was Chief of Surgery and an active member of the Pennal Club (a society formed in memory of his father-in-law to share best practices in orthopedics). He founded and led a world-class back

clinic specializing in spinal injuries. When he wasn't skiing at Alpine Ski Club, golfing at Mad River Golf Course, or cutting the lawn on his tractor in Creemore, Ontario, John was building complex, intricate model ships and airplanes. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Harold WALKER, at age 83, on July 3, 2020, in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. Specializing in radiology, Hank first practised at a private radiology clinic in Toronto and taught physics to radiology students. In 1979, he started working at St. Joseph's Hospital in Glace Bay and later joined Glace Bay Hospital, where he practised until retiring in March 2020. Hank was President of the Nova Scotia Medical Association. Music was an important part of his life, having begun playing violin at the age of four. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Edward Michael YAMKA, at age 80, on May 14, 2020. Ed practised in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, and Vancouver before training in anesthesiology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Then he became an anesthesiologist at Toronto General Hospital, finishing his medical career at Etobicoke General Hospital as Chief of Anesthesiology. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 6T5

Dr. Ann Lindsey HAAG, at age 82, on July 30, 2021, in Rochester, New York. Ann practised internal medicine in Rochester for over 25 years. She was a founding member of the Medical Women's Association of Rochester. Ann's passions included the

Rochester Scottish Dancing Society, for which she both danced and taught. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 6T6

Dr. Alvin G. KELLY, at age 80, on August 6, 2021. Alvin co-founded Brameast Family Health Organization in Brampton, Ontario. He practised medicine for 51 years, concentrating on palliative care. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 6T7

Dr. Peter Murray RICHARDSON, on March 29, 2021, in Edinburgh, Scotland. Born in Bramshott Military Camp in Hampshire, England, his family moved to Toronto at the end of the Second World War. Peter completed a residency in neurosurgery in Toronto. He swam for U of T for eight years; during that time, he was Captain and held several national records. Following residency and postgraduate training in Australia and Malaysia, he worked as a clinical neurosurgeon and basic neuroscience researcher (spinal cord and peripheral nerves) at Montreal General Hospital. In 1999, Peter moved back to England where he practised neurosurgery in London and managed a large international neuroscience basic research lab. In 2015, he retired and moved to Edinburgh where he enjoyed the Solway coast and Southernness Golf Course.

CLASS OF 6T9

Dr. Robert SNIHURA, at age 77, on August 7, 2021. Bob specialized in internal medicine, starting his career at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, where he was on staff for over 20

years. Then he transitioned to a career as Chief Medical Director at Crown Life, Canada Life, and the Royal Bank of Canada. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 7T0

Dr. Kenneth Wilfred SNIDERMAN, at age 76, on April 29, 2021. Ken specialized in diagnostic radiology. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 7T1

Dr. Arnold Patrick LANG, at age 74, on October 6, 2020, in Toronto. Arnie became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Pathology in 1977. He worked at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto; Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga; and Humber River Regional Hospital, Toronto. Arnie retired in 2010. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Duncan Robert Alan McINNES, at age 75, on July 28, 2021, in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. After completing a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at McGill University, Rob practised in Montreal as the Director of a fertility clinic. After working at St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach, California, he practised at Boston Regional Medical Center until 1998. Rob then worked as a fertility specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital until retiring in 2016 at the age of 70. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 7T2

Dr. Francis Wayne QUAN, on August 9, 2021, in Ottawa. Wayne moved to Ottawa for his psychiatry residency and decided to stay in Canada's capital. He was a founding member

of the *Psychiatric Journal of the University of Ottawa* and its Managing Editor from 1976 to 1983. After a stroke in 2019, Wayne made the difficult decision to close his practice. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 7T5

Dr. John Allan James CHRISTENSEN, at age 77, on January 23, 2021, in Vancouver. A native of Wondai, Australia, John dropped out of school to work on the oil rigs in central Australia. After graduating from U of T Medicine, now the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, he specialized in psychiatry. In 1985, he founded the Vancouver Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Society. Then in 1994, John suffered a riding accident that rendered him quadriplegic. Determined to live a full, meaningful life, he returned to practice and worked up until just before his death. [Family's memorial](#)

Dr. Maurice DRUCK, on October 14, 2021, in Mississauga, Ontario. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 7T7

Dr. John Richard BUTTON, at age 68, on June 15, 2020, in London, Ontario. John interned at Victoria Hospital in London, and then joined his father's family practice in Ridgeway, Ontario. John was Chief of Family Practice at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham, Ontario, and President of the Kent County Medical Society. John retired on December 31, 2011. A tireless community volunteer, he became Kiwanis Governor of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean, and later, President of Kiwanis International. With Kiwanis,

John travelled around the globe building support for the prevention of iodine deficiency disorder and the elimination of maternal neonatal tetanus. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 8T2

Dr. Lawrence Y. LO, at age 66, on April 1, 2020. Lawrence was a family practitioner in Newport Beach, California, and affiliated with Hoag Hospital. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 9T8

Dr. Farah Jane NASSER-SHARIF, at age 47, on May 11, 2021. Farah trained as an internal medicine specialist at U of T, and then practised in Port Perry, Ontario. Her main interest was heart disease and cardiovascular risk reduction. She enjoyed sailing, travel, and music. [Family's memorial](#)

CLASS OF 0T3



Dr. Annabella Isabella ZAWADA, at age 43, on October 21, 2021. Bella did her residency in north-western Ontario before joining a clinic in Terrace Bay, Ontario. She was an emergency physician, the Lead Physician, and the Chief of Staff at McCausland Hospital in Terrace Bay. She was also an associate professor at Lakehead University School of Medicine in Thunder Bay, Ontario. After moving back to Thunder Bay, Bella initiated the Umbrella Medical Clinic in Thunder Bay, which specializes in sexual health. [Family's memorial](#) ■

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Upcoming Class Reunions

The **Class of 6T2** is planning an in-person luncheon to mark its 60th anniversary. The celebration will be on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 12:30 at the Rosedale Golf Club. Emails to save the date have been sent out. Please indicate if you are planning to attend by January 14, 2022. You can RSVP [online](#). For more information, email Dr. Fred Rosen at fishl.rosen@gmail.com

The **Class of 6T7** is hoping to have an in-person reunion in June 2022 at the Donalda Club.

The **Class of 7T2** is looking for classmates interested in getting the ball rolling for a 50th reunion. If you're interested, [email](#) the MAA.

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