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Retina Service Recruitments

Dr. Tom Gonder is our new full-time Assistant Professor of vitreo-retinal surgery (shown here with his wife, Dr. Stephanie Wood and daughter Evangeline). **Dr. Wood** has joined the department to provide comprehensive ophthalmology and help with medical retina screening. Dr. Gonder and Dr. Wood have been an excellent addition to our teaching faculty.

More New Faculty

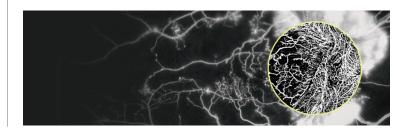
Dr. Davin Johnson joined the Department in July. Dr. Johnson has many interests including surgical simulation, telemedicine, and anterior segment disorders. He will soon be heading off to Université de Montréal for further fellowship training with the Cornea Surgery Service.

Dr. Christine Law is set to return from a very prestigious fellowship in Philadelphia to join the Paediatric service. Along with Dr. Strube, Dr. Law will significantly increase our strabismus surgery capacity.



New Diagnostic Imaging Technology coming to HDH Eye Clinic

In January 2016, the Department will trial a new ultra-field camera (Optos - see above) that takes 120 degree colour images and angiograms. This exciting new technology has the ability to detect disease that is not visible with standard retinal photographs and angiograms. The Department will also be trialling a new OCT machine capable of imaging retinal and choroidal vessel anatomy without the use of a contrast agent! Many experts believe OCT angiography (see below) will soon become the new standard for imaging retinal vascular disorders. These new diagnostic modalities are being acquired, in part, by generous gifts from our Alumni. If you would like to learn more about helping the Department in its quest to become one of the best training programs in Canada - please contact our office.



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Charge Nurse Retires

After 41 years of dedicated service (nearly all them with ophthalmology)
Diane Shire has retired as Charge Nurse.
Diane follows Lyn Smith (see above with Diane) who retired in 2013. Diane is still warmly remembered by over 80 residents and fellows she has helped!

Faculty in the News



Dr. Sanjay Sharma recently published a book called "The Quick Guide to OCT Mastery" The online version will soon be available through

Amazon and optocase.com.

Dr. Rob Campbell recently published his innovative and patented laser adjustable

suture that will be used in glaucoma surgery. He is also busy developing an exciting new IOP monitoring device.



Awards

Our residents were recognized for award winning research in 2015 by winning 12 awards and opportunities to present their research at national and international meetings. Our final year residents are now busy with fellowship interviews, with match decisions



Academic Changes in 2015

Looking back on 2015, it was a year filled with exciting accomplishments, the arrival of new faculty, and substantial growth in our clinical services. Our educational programs continue to thrive and take on new directions. Under the skilled leadership of Program Director, Dr. Stephanie Baxter, the residency training curriculum will be redesigned over the coming months to be the first ophthalmology program in Canada to use a competency based method of assessment. Coupled with our newly renovated Surgical Simulation Lab, we will be well positioned to meet the educational demands of tomorrow's eye surgeons.

We continue to expand and strengthen educational opportunities for resident research. This year our residents have eclipsed all previous years - publishing over 30 peer-reviewed manuscripts.

The department is very proud of its Kingston Ophthalmic Training Centre program - now in its 6th year. The KOTC continues to train some of the best ophthalmic technicians and technologists in the country.

On the international front, we have expanded our outreach education program by welcoming Dr. Moses Kasadhakawo from Uganda. He is being sponsored by the Queen's Jubilee Trust to come to Queen's and learn new ways of treating the growing threat of diabetic retinopathy in his country.



During this holiday season, I want to thank our fabulous support staff, administrative leaders, patients, and donors - all of whom have helped Queen's Ophthalmology at HDH in their efforts to deliver excellent care to our community and advance the future of eye care in Canada. I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016!

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