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Dr Sumit "Me2" MAJUMDAR, MD, MPH, FRCPC

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Dr Sumit (Me2) Majumdar on Friday January 19th, after a battle with cancer, at the University of Alberta Hospital. Beloved husband of Anisa and proud and loving father of Jasmin and Jaden. Devoted son of Dr. Samir and Mrs. Anjali Majumdar.



Me2 was an active and highly valued member of the Osteoporosis Canada Scientific Advisory Board, serving on the Executive and Guidelines committees. His contributions to OC and to the scientific community, through his engagement and excellence in clinical research and knowledge translation, are substantial and will have a long-lasting impact. He was a colleague, a mentor and a friend.

Me2 was recently elected a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Science, a timely tribute to his prestigious contributions to health sciences.

A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Evergreen Funeral Chapel, Edmonton.

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Guidelines Update

The Guidelines Update process is moving ahead under the Steering committee: Bill Leslie (Chair), Sandra Kim, Sid Feldman, Nancy Santesso (Methodology Advisor), Larry Funnell (Patient Representative), Suzanne Morin (Scientific Liaison), Kerry Grady (Administrative Liaison), Heather McDonald-Blumer (Ex Officio SAC Guidelines Committee Chair).

The Conflict of Interest Adjudication Committee, under Heather McDonald-Blumer (Chair), has developed procedures to manage COIs throughout this process.

Working group chairs are in place and have been identifying their members:

Risk Assessment: Sid Feldman and Greg Kline
Pharmacotherapy: Sandra Kim and Nancy Santesso
Exercise: Lora Giangregorio
Nutrition: Wendy Ward

The closing date for completion of the GP Survey has now passed and we thank everyone who completed it. Some of the major themes that have emerged: more guidance on the moderate risk category; duration of drug treatment; drug holidays; sequencing of treatment; when to repeat BMD; FRAX vs CAROC; NNT. This feedback will be useful to the working groups.

Osteoporosis Canada is happy to be working with

the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (CTFPHC) to develop a guideline on screening for fragility fractures. Bill Leslie and Greg Kline are both engaged in this process as clinical experts.

Please watch for continued updates in the next edition of the SAC Link.

New OC FLS Manager

We welcome to Luanne Schenkels as our new FLS Manager to assist us with OC's FLS work.

Luanne has worked with Nova Scotia's provincial health authority in acute care (Diagnostic Imaging) and in community health and health promotion. She obtained her Bachelor of Science from Dalhousie University and a Masters of Health Studies from Athabasca University. She looks forward to supporting FLSs across the country.

Luanne can be reached at
Lschenkels@osteoporosis.ca.

Key Indicators for Canadian FLSs: Setting the foundation for reflective practice and improvement for FLSs

To be effective, an FLS must first and foremost have the right process in place (See [Essential Elements](#)

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[of an FLS](#)). One of these crucial processes is the ability of the FLS to monitor its own effectiveness. OC's new [key FLS indicators](#) provide:

A way to measure the performance of the FLS at the level of the system

A useful tool to facilitate on-going continuous quality improvement through Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) methodology to address any identified care gaps.

The key indicators will also become important as we prepare for Osteoporosis Canada's first National FLS Audit planned for 2018.

Young Investigator Half-Day Meeting

Please circulate the following information about the **Young Investigator Half-Day Meeting** to be held in conjunction with the Canadian Musculoskeletal Conference in Toronto on **May 3, 2018**. The YI Meeting includes 3 workshops to further develop skill sets in grant writing and oral presentations, and to provide a comprehensive understanding of research metrics such as ORCID. There is also an opportunity for Trainees to submit an abstract and compete for a best abstract award. Opportunities to interact with Mentors will also occur throughout the meeting.

Please see the following link:
<https://osteoporosis.ca/health-care-professionals/canadian-musculoskeletal-conference/>

The schedule is available at the following link:
<https://osteoporosis.ca/wp-content/uploads/YI-Half-Day-May-3-2018-Updated-Nov-29-2017.pdf>

We are looking forward to an exciting half-day of learning and meeting of colleagues!

OC Research Competition

Our Priority

Osteoporosis Canada's Research Priority is to support clinical, translational and health outcomes research that focuses on the high fracture risk population, especially on preventing fractures and their negative consequences.

The Osteoporosis Research Program provides training awards to support Canadian investigators conducting research that promises to yield new insights into the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis and improving the lives of individuals with this disease.

Awards are offered to individuals through annual research competitions, which involves an extensive peer review process. For more information on the Osteoporosis Canada-CaMos Fellowship Award or the Tim Murray Travel Awards, please visit:
<http://www.osteoporosis.ca/health-care-professionals/osteoporosis-research/>

Deadline is April 30, 2018

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Young Investigators - May 3, 2018

Call for abstracts deadline - March 1, 2018

CMC Osteoporosis Canada Award for Best Young Investigator Abstract

Bone Fit™ Course - May 5-6, 2018

ISCD - IOF Osteoporosis Essentials Course - May 5-6, 2018

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A Virtual Education Series for Health Professionals

Beyond the Break – Virtual Education Series for Health Professionals

About

Osteoporosis Canada and Women's College Hospital have partnered to bring you an inter-professional and continuing education series to health professionals across Ontario including Francophone Ontarians. The series aims at improving knowledge on: emerging best practices, screening, diagnosis, treatment and management of osteoporosis.

The webinars are 1-hour in duration and are presented on the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) or the GoToMeeting platform.

Who should attend?

Beyond the Break webinars are geared towards health professionals such as physicians, nurses, physical therapists, rehabilitation professionals, occupational therapists, dietitians, pharmacists, kinesiologists, radiologists and bone densitometry technologists.

We are currently looking for speakers & presenters. If you have a osteoporosis-linked topic, you'd like to share with fellow health professionals, please contact:

Education Coordinator Kevin Ng via email: kng@osteoporosis.ca or call: **416-696-2663 ext.2290**

Visit the [Beyond the Break](#) webpage for information on upcoming presentations and access to the archives.