NEW FELLOWSHIP ENDOWMENT

UBC Ophthalmology Clinical Fellowships: The Duncan Anderson Neuro-ophthalmology Fellowship fund.

The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at UBC has a proud record of welcoming young graduates from ophthalmology programs around the world for one or two years of sub-specialty Fellowship training. In the last 5 years, 146 Fellows have completed their training here and gone on to start their career in the sub-specialty of their choice. This continuing commitment to world ophthalmology is impressive. As a result, UBC has contributed to the provision of first-class eye care in some of the world’s leading facilities as well as many significantly under-serviced areas of the world.

While some of the clinical Fellowships are funded (eg. retina, pediatric ophthalmology) others are not, and the decision to do an extra year of sub-specialty training can be financially challenging for trainees who have already accrued significant university debt. Following last June’s Resident and Fellow graduating ceremony, several department members asked to make a donation in support of the retiring ophthalmologists. We discussed the possibility of creating an endowment in honor of Dr. Duncan Anderson for the purpose of funding the neuro-ophthalmology Fellowship. Dr. Anderson retired last year after many years of exemplary work. He was a gifted and caring clinician and very experienced neuro-ophthalmologist, a devoted teacher who always ‘went the extra mile’ teaching generations of Residents and Fellows who trained with him. Duncan was Department Head at St. Paul’s Hospital, Providence for 10 years and more recently moved his practice to the Eye Care Centre. Now retired, he remains a good friend to many in the UBC Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Please consider making a donation to support this endowment. We hope that in due course the annual interest will be sufficient to support future Fellows in Neuro-ophthalmology who come to train in our increasingly expensive city. Tax receipts will be issued for your donation by VGH Foundation. Please contact Katherine Pui who is coordinating this initiative via Katherine.Pui@vghfoundation.ca.

Exceptionally, VGH is currently matching donations from VCH staff members (some criteria apply).

Thank you for your support!

Chris Lyons
RESEARCH

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Miriam Spering:

Dr. Mahyar Etminan:

Dr. Joanne Matsubara:

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to teach the undergraduate students of UBC. The top three teachers with the most hours of 2022 are:

Hugo Sutton
Tom Liu
Andrew Kirker

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to undergraduate teaching. It continues to be a challenging time to fill student schedules and if you would like to help, please contact Selina Lau at Selina.Lau@vch.ca.

We also have the added challenge of a double cohort of Clinical Skills teaching for years 1 and 2. There were no clinical skills sessions last year, due to the pandemic. There are still several openings in March. If you are unable to help, perhaps your fellow would like the opportunity. They will be compensated for their trouble. Please contact Nick Geers at clinical.skills@ubc.ca. These are 4 hour, afternoon sessions on March 1, 3, 15, 17, 22 and 24. We are very grateful to Dr. Rob Bear, who not only teaches our introductory clerkship session almost every week, but he has also taught many of these clinical skills sessions. Without him, we would truly be at a loss. Thank you Dr. Bear.

Student shadowing is currently on hold. It may be re-instated in the near future, but please do not make these arrangements right now. Just a reminder that all UBC faculty are expected to teach 12 half days in a year.

Sincerely,
Jane
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to 2022! While it may be wet and cold outdoors, thank you to all of you who continue to work with the residency training program to further enhance and elevate our program.

Announcements:
We are pleased to introduce Dr. Geoffrey Law as our incoming Wet Lab Director. He will be working with Howard Meadows to continue to grow and advance our wet lab simulation training.

CARMS:
The CARMS 2022 process is upon us! Interviews will continue to be virtual and are scheduled to take place March 10th, 2022. As we did last year, stay tuned for additional virtual social events on that day. The program & the selection committee has been working to enhance transparency and advance EDI initiatives within the resident selection process.

One45 updates:
After much preparation, our program has revised and updated our resident evaluation process. Keep an eye out for revised One45 evaluation forms. These forms were developed around our updated stage- and subspecialty-specific goals & objectives. In addition to these summative evaluation forms, please continue to use Daily Feedback Forms. The QR codes are posted in the ORs and clinic spaces. These are great opportunities to document daily feedback conversations with residents. If you have any questions about these, please let myself or Dr. Nathoo know.

Royal College Examinations:
The written portion of the Royal College examination will be taking place March 24th and 25th this year. Please join us in wishing Dr. Henry Chen, Dr. Carol Tadrous, Dr. Lauren Sawatzky & Dr. Grace Qiao luck! The oral portion of the examination is scheduled for May 27, 2022. They have prepared well, and we are confident in their success.

Sincerely,
Claire Gelareh Nawaaz

Upcoming Departmental Events:
February 25, 2022: Next UBC Faculty Meeting
April 8, 2022: UBC Ophthalmology Research Day

Upcoming Resident Program Events:
March 10, 2022: UBC CARMS Interviews
March 24 & 25, 2022: Royal College Written Examinations
May 27, 2022: Royal College Oral Examinations (virtual)