

Congratulations to our 2020 Carl Nimrod Award recipients!

The Carl Nimrod Educator Award recognizes outstanding achievement within the field of education in obstetrics and gynaecology. Award recipients have demonstrated excellence, commitment, innovation and leadership in imparting knowledge, skills and attitudes to the next generation of practitioners.



University of British Columbia **Dr. Blair Butler**

Dr. Butler is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, based at the BC Women's and Children's Hospital. He has been a tireless advocate of teaching and education, with his main passion being education of residents and fellows. His teaching, academic leadership as the MFM training rotation coordinator, participation in the MFM fellowship program, and advocacy work through the SOGC are truly remarkable. He is described as an invaluable clinician educator.



University of Calgary **Dr. Jadine Paw**

Dr. Paw is a Clinical Lecturer and the Course 6 Chair at the University of Calgary. She is one of the young and dynamic leaders of the University of Calgary's teaching faculty. Dr. Paw teaches at both the postgraduate and undergraduate levels. She serves as a prominent member of the innovative core group of teachers in the Clinical Clerk teaching program and as the organizer for the Chief Resident OSCEs. Recognized by her students, Dr. Paw has received several teaching awards for her pre and clerkship contributions.



University of Alberta **Dr. Valerie Capstick**

Dr. Capstick is an Associate Professor and the Residency Program Director at the University of Alberta. Her innovative ways of introducing educational change, and passion for new techniques and technologies are refreshing and inspiring. She has created mini-video teaching sessions for EPA completion, dynamically engaged faculty and learners, and persisted and succeeded through challenges of change. As a lifelong educator, Dr. Capstick has a passion for education and remains confident, controlled and calm in the face of significant challenge.



University of Saskatchewan
Dr. Almereau Prollius

Dr. Prollius is an Assistant Professor and a General Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority. His gentle, practical, and individualized approach to teaching enables residents to take ownership of their education and challenges them to aim higher. He continually goes out of his way to identify with residents and coach them to greatness. He has been described as the calm in the storm as a result of his ability to quietly and effectively guide both residents and faculty through challenging educational and clinical encounters.



University of Manitoba
Dr. Alon Altman

Dr. Altman is a Gynecologic Oncologist, an Associate Professor, and the Postgraduate Residency Director at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Altman devotes a significant amount of his time and energy to mentoring and teaching. He actively contributes to student, resident and fellow education by presenting rounds, teaching academic half days, contributing to departmental OSCEs, participating in CaRMS and joining the postgraduate education committee. Dr. Altman is a strong role model for students and inspires many students to consider a role in provision of women's health.



Western University
Dr. Laura Sovran

Dr. Sovran is an Assistant Professor and the Deputy Director of undergraduate medical education at Western University. As a result of the changes brought on by COVID-19, she contributed to revising the clerkship program and found ways for students to shine, despite the condensed program. Dr. Sovran also acts as an advocate for residents by listening to their concerns and addressing their issues. She demonstrates enthusiasm and passion for teaching, is a dedicated leader of the undergraduate clerkship program, and teaches excellent clinical skills.



McMaster University
Dr. Sarah Scattolon

Dr. Sarah Scattolon is an Academic Obstetrician and Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgeon in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McMaster University. She was awarded the "Best Resident Teacher" in 2016 and recently received the "Morgan Surgical Teaching Award" for her excellence in surgical teaching. She received the highest evaluations from residents, fellows, and community gynaecologists for her presentations, and her wet and dry lab teaching at the Centre for Minimal Access Surgery in Hamilton. Dr. Scattolon is truly a stellar clinician educator.



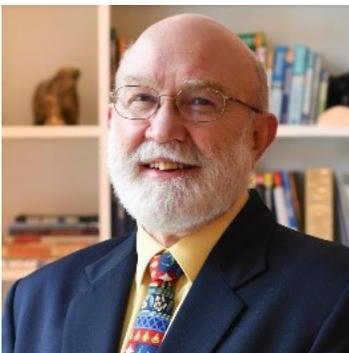
University of Toronto
Dr. Danielle Vicus

Dr. Vicus is a Gynecologic Oncologist and an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. She has been extensively involved in education at multiple levels, from pre-clerkship to fellowship. Dr. Vicus is a consistent and effective educator with a special interest in improving the learning environment for undergraduate students in gynecologic oncology. She is actively involved in several committees aimed at the improvement of the learning environment and her contributions to education have a significant impact on the department's academic mission.



Queen's University
Dr. Shawna Johnston

Dr. Johnston is an Urogynaecologist, an Associate Professor and the Deputy Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Queen's University. Her leadership role in the department's COVID preparedness was instrumental. She established regular simulation sessions for all involved health care providers. Her tireless work helps keep the health care staff, the Department faculty members, the residents, and the patients, safe and well-informed.



University of Ottawa
Dr. Craig Campbell

Dr. Campbell is a Clinical Assistant Professor and a member of the Urogynaecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery Division at the University of Ottawa. He has the unique ability to challenge learners and offers a supportive learning environment. He has resident education at heart, presents at all resident Journal Clubs, weekly teaching rounds, and resident research days. Dr. Campbell is a legendary surgical educator with a lifetime of achievement in teaching excellence.



McGill University
Dr. Roberta Shear

Dr. Shear is an Assistant Professor and the Assistant Postgraduate Program Director at McGill University. She is also a Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist and the Director of Obstetrics and Ultrasound at the Jewish General Hospital. She is very involved in Residency education at McGill as the site coordinator for Obstetrics at McGill. In 2019, she was one of the recipients of the R-5 Royal College Preparation Award.



Université de Montréal
Dr. Thomas Warkus

Dr. Warkus is a Gynecologic Oncologist and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Université de Montréal. As one of the leaders in the department for the implementation of Competency by Design, he is known for innovative teaching. He is a quiet but committed teacher who takes the time to listen to his patients and teaches residents about resilience, delivering difficult news, and managing uncertainty. In addition to his ability to teach skills such as communication and collaboration, he excels at applying a reassuring and supportive approach to teaching surgical procedures.



Université de Sherbrooke
Dr. Marie-Ève Roy-Lacroix

A professor at the Université de Sherbrooke since January 2014, Dr. Roy-Lacroix joined the obstetrics-gynecology department after completing a two-year fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine. Since her arrival, she has stood out through her academic abilities and her involvement across various levels of faculty life, i.e. teaching, research, and outreach. She distinguishes herself through her extensive involvement in teaching predoctoral and postdoctoral programs, as well as continuing education. Dr. Roy-Lacroix is a dynamic, upstanding person. Her empathy and professionalism make her an excellent role model for students and residents.



Université Laval
Dr. Caroline Rhéaume

Dr. Rhéaume is the director of the postdoctoral obstetrics and gynecology program at the Université Laval and a career professor as an assistant clinician teacher. She quickly distinguished herself through her teaching qualities while substantially contributing to the implementation of a urogynecology educational program in Quebec City. A well-respected professor, Dr. Rhéaume has been continuously involved in teaching both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels of our program.



Dalhousie University
Dr. Heather Cockwell

Dr. Cockwell is a Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Specialist and Assistant Professor at IWK Health and the Atlantic Assisted Reproductive Therapies clinic in Halifax. She has been described by her students as excellent, approachable, encouraging, knowledgeable, and one who fosters an enjoyable learning environment. She has also been characterized as leading by example and maintains a very collegial manner with her learners and peers and a respectful and thoughtful bedside manner with her patients. Dr. Cockwell is an excellent role model as a fully committed educator.



Memorial University of Newfoundland
Dr. Joan Crane

Dr. Crane is a Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist and a Professor at Eastern Health and Memorial University of Newfoundland. As a member of the department's residency committee, she has a strong commitment to resident education, determined to provide residents with effective and fair training. She is a role model for residents and medical students, providing them with learning opportunities and helping those who require additional support. Dr. Crane is a wonderful physician and mentor, demonstrated by her countless local and national teaching awards.