

José Pereira, MBChB, DA, CCFP, MSc (MEd)

Jose Pereira is the new Professor and Director of the Division of Palliative Care in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University. He is the Scientific Officer of Pallium Canada and co-founded the organization in 2000. Pallium Canada's mission is to build primary level palliative care capacity and to help advance the compassionate communities movement. It has done this mainly through its interprofessional LEAP courses. Over the years he has worked in different roles, including in education leadership roles in developing Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Continuing Professional education programs. He has been a strong champion for building primary-level palliative care capacity and interprofessional education. Most recently he has served as a Director at the College of Family Physicians of Canada as Director of Research.

Alan J. Neville BMed Biol (Path), MBChB, MEd FRCP (Lond), FRCPC

Dr. Neville has held a number of Undergraduate and Postgraduate educational roles at McMaster University. He assumed the position of Assistant Dean of the Undergraduate MD Program in 1997. His research interests lie in medical education which has led him to chair a number of national educational working groups. He designed and led the development of the new COMPASS curriculum for the Undergraduate MD Program which was introduced in August 2005. Dr. Neville was the 2010 recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Ari Shali Teaching Award from McMaster University; and the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada President's Award for Exemplary National Leadership in Academic Medicine. In July 2010, Dr. Neville was appointed to the role of Associate Dean of Education in the Faculty of Health Sciences. In 2011, Dr. Neville became Chair of DME-COFM. Dr. Neville's role at McMaster changed to Associate Dean, Health Professional Education as of July 2015 and as of July 1, 2018, his new title was changed to Vice Dean, Health Professional Education for the Faculty of Health Sciences

Patricia H. Strachan RN PhD

Patricia Strachan is an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at McMaster University. Following her doctoral studies, she completed a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and was a post-doctoral trainee with the FUTURE Program for Cardiovascular Nurse Scientists. She has served on national and provincial initiatives to improve care for patients living with advanced heart failure and their families. She is Co-Chair of the Canadian Association Schools of Nursing Palliative Care Interest Group, a Serious Illness Conversation trainer and the School of Nursing representative on the FHS Undergraduate Palliative Care Curriculum Committee. Her research focuses on communication issues related to the integration of a palliative approach to chronic, progressive life-limiting illness. This includes developing, optimizing and supporting nurses' capacity for advanced care planning and goals of care discussions on inter-professional teams.

Zahira Khalid, MD, MBBS, FRCPC

Zahira Khalid is a general internist based in St Joseph's Healthcare since 2009. Her interests include general internal medicine, critical care, global health and simulation. She has recently collaborated with the Palliative care Team at St Joseph's Hospital to work on an interspecialty and interprofessional curriculum for palliative care titled- Tools to Take Anywhere - Comprehensive care for the Seriously Ill patient.

Joseph Pellizzari, Ph.D., C.Psych.

Dr. Joseph Pellizzari is a clinical and rehabilitation psychologist. He is currently the Professional Practice Lead for Psychology at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2000 from the University of Western Ontario. He started his career at the London Health Sciences Centre in the late 90's. In 2008, he moved to Hamilton and has continued his work in consultation-liaison psychiatry and palliative care at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. He has developed clinical liaisons with a variety of medical services including respirology, palliative care, critical care, and renal transplant. Of particular interest has been the delivery of psychological services (e.g., consultation, brief intervention) in the acute medical/surgical setting. He has also been active in education; supervising learners in psychology and psychiatry, and participating in various educational initiatives with other medical specialties. Research interests include aspects of ICU recovery. He is an Associate Professor (part-time) with the McMaster Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences.

Denise Marshall, BSc, MD, CCFP, FCFP

Dr Denise Marshall is a McMaster Family Medicine based Palliative Care Physician entering her 30th year of practice. After completing both undergraduate, graduate and palliative care training at McMaster, Dr Marshall joined the faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster in 1990, and has held a number of academic leadership roles including Undergraduate Director for Family Medicine, and Assistant Dean, Faculty Development for the Faculty of Health Sciences. In 2003 Dr Marshall helped create the Division of Palliative Care at McMaster and was its founding Director. She examined Palliative Care as Public Health during her sabbatical in 2013 and since then, has focused much of her academic work on Public Health Palliative Care.

Clare Francisco Wallner BSc, MCR, MD, ABEM

As CPER's newest Assistant Medical Director, Dr. Wallner has practiced emergency medicine throughout various states in the USA and has travelled a long way with her family to work with the CPER Team! Dr. Wallner comes with a background of medical leadership and continues to work to improve the quality of care in the prehospital and emergency medicine environments. She also is an advocate for patient care in the LGBTQ+ community with several professional organization memberships and clinical research experience. Dr Wallner's interests include: Medical Education, Quality Improvement, Palliative Care, Diversity and Inclusion, Disaster Preparedness with a long history of emergency medical training combined with the expertise of prehospital care, she will be another amazing physician added to the Base Hospital!

Karen Lutz-Graul, B.Sc.C.P., ACP

Karen Lutz-Graul has been a Paramedic in Niagara for 29 years and for the last 6 years has held the position of Commander of Quality Assurance and System Performance for Niagara Emergency Medical Services, she is currently the Project Lead for Niagara EMS's System Transformation aimed at Transforming Niagara EMS to an Evidence Based Clinical Service Model. In addition to her role as the Commander of QA & System Performance, Karen is also the lead for the Niagara EMS Community Paramedic Program and the Omega Phase 2 Feasibility Study. Karen is a graduate of Ambulance and Emergency Care Program at Niagara College, the Advanced Care Paramedic Program at the Michener Institute and also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Paramedicine from Charles Sturt University, New South Wales, Australia. Karen currently resides in Burlington Ontario.

Sarah Torabi, MD FRCPC ABIM

Dr Sarah Torabi trained in Internal Medicine followed by Palliative Care at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She is currently a palliative care physician and education site lead at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto and a Lecturer with the Departments of Medicine and Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her academic interests are communication and physician wellness.

Teresa Chan, HBSc, BEd, MHPE, MD, FRCPC, DRCPC

Dr. Teresa Chan is an associate professor at McMaster University. Currently, she is the Assistant Dean, Program for Faculty Development in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster. She is also the Director of the RCPSC Clinician Educator Area of Focused Competency Diploma program, and the Competency Committee Co-Director for the RCPSC emergency medicine residency program. Additionally, she serves as the Social Media Lead for the McMaster Department of Medicine.

Oren Levine, MD, MSc

Oren Levine graduated from medical school at Queen's University in Kingston, ON, then completed post-graduate training in internal medicine and medical oncology at McMaster University. He pursued fellowship training with a focus on gastrointestinal malignancy, and completed a Master's degree in Health Research Methods at McMaster. He is an assistant professor in the faculty of health sciences, department of Oncology. He practices in medical oncology with a clinical focus on treatment of gastrointestinal and breast cancers. His research interests include medical education around end-of-life communication and the intersection of palliative and oncology care for patients with advanced cancers.

Abby Maybee, MD, CCFP

Abby Maybee is a current PGY3 enhanced skills in palliative care resident at McMaster. She completed both her undergraduate medical degree and family medicine residency at McMaster.

Michelle Howard, MSc, PhD

Michelle Howard is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, and the Research Lead in the Division of Palliative Care. She has an MSc in Epidemiology from the University of Toronto and a PhD in Health Research Methodology from McMaster University. Her research is on helping with communication and decision-making between patients, families and the health care system to plan for serious illness or end of life, and on understanding how primary care and communities can be organized to ensure quality end-of-life care.