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January News

Happy New Year!

As we step into the promising dawn of 2024, it is with great enthusiasm that we present the January edition of our monthly **INFORMED** newsletter. This year holds the potential for new beginnings and discoveries, and Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine is at the forefront of groundbreaking research that will undoubtedly shape the future of healthcare. Join us in this edition as we explore the latest endeavours and accomplishments of our dedicated researchers, who continue to push the boundaries of medical knowledge.

From cutting-edge studies to innovative collaborations, the labs across our campus are buzzing with activity, promising exciting developments in the months to come. As we embark on this new year, may the stories within these pages inspire hope and curiosity, setting the stage for a year filled with progress and possibilities.

Here's to a year of discovery and advancement!



Four Dalhousie community members among new Order of Canada appointees

Four people with strong connections to Dalhousie were among the 78 new appointments to the Order of Canada, announced in late December 2023.



Rates of long COVID significantly lower in children compared to adults, study shows

Canadian researchers have found that the rates of long COVID are significantly lower in children compared to adults.



Meet Dalhousie's Elder in Residence, Ann LaBillois

Elder Ann provides support and counsel to students and helps build cultural understanding more broadly at the university by offering Mi'kmaw perspectives at events and in other contexts at Dal.



News & Updates

More exciting updates from Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine are below. To learn more or donate, visit our [website](#).



Get your ride on with Give to Live's 2024 The BIG RIDE.

The BIG RIDE is a fundraising cycle challenge that takes place in a different location each year.

June 21 - 23, 2024, riders will cycle along the Celtic Shores Coastal Trail ending in beautiful Inverness. Over three days, participants will bike & hike and take in world-class scenery and enjoy down-home hospitality that only Cape Breton can offer!

Funds raised from The BIG RIDE go directly to advance cancer research through the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute at Dalhousie University.

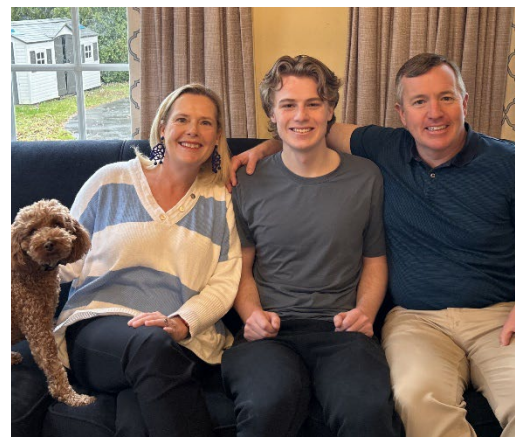
2023 Molly Appeal: Double your impact!

Drs. Mark Johnston and Ann Swain have the best reason in the world to be giving back to Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine: medical research saved their son Ewan's life.

Mark and Ann will be **matching every donation made to this Molly Appeal up to \$50,000**. Your gift today will double the impact to medical research at Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine.

Mark and Ann hope their family's gift will encourage others to donate, so that together their efforts can change and save more lives.

Stand with Ewan's family by supporting Medical Research at the Faculty of Medicine.





In case you missed it...



Become a well-informed health consumer: Mini Medical School returns for 18th season

Until March 13, Mini Medical School will offer virtual, complimentary, up-to-date, and evidence-based 8 sessions from clinical experts at Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine. Join over 1000 attendees across North America and beyond.



Author of new diabetes book hopes to demystify disease and improve care

Dr. MengHee Tan has one central message for people living with diabetes mellitus: The future is brighter. “So many advances in diabetes care have been made, especially during the past 50 years,” he says.



From outbreak to outstanding: CIHR awards Dal researcher for work in metabolic interventions to prevent neonatal sepsis

Each year, nearly three million newborns are diagnosed with sepsis, a severe response to infection in the bloodstream. Nineteen per cent of those babies never recover.



Diana’s golden ticket: Dal’s newest Rhodes Scholar is Oxford-bound on a life changing opportunity

A Rhodes Scholarship is one of the most prestigious academic awards in the world. Eleven recipients are chosen from across Canada each year, joining a global contingent of more than 100 scholars annually who receive full funding to cover travel, study, and expenses for postgraduate studies at Oxford University in the United Kingdom.



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Open Dialogue Live: Improving Access to Pediatric Health Care in Atlantic Canada

Join the conversation to hear from our panelists on their work and how it will improve access to health care for children and families here in Nova Scotia, across the Maritimes, and nationally.

Our health-care system works for many – but not all. There are currently over 30,000 children aged 16 years and younger who do not have a primary care provider in Nova Scotia. Additionally, families from underrepresented and underserved communities across the Maritimes often do not achieve the same health outcomes as others because they may not have the same resources or access to care.

Dalhousie is the nexus of health-related research, education, and outreach programs in Atlantic Canada. With faculties of medicine, health, and dentistry, the university has a concentration of health disciplines that is one of the largest in the country. This creates a vibrant and collaborative community of professionals who are dedicated to improving health outcomes and building strong health systems – through health education, more accessible care, and driving health research that finds solutions for individuals, populations, and health-care systems.

Inclusive Impact: A refreshed strategic direction for Dalhousie Research and Innovation

Dalhousie's vice president of research and innovation presented a refreshed strategic direction to Dalhousie Senate on Monday (Nov. 27) that will help guide the next five years of research and innovation at the university.

Dr. Alice Aiken says the direction, titled Inclusive Impact, builds on the collective momentum of the university's research community toward an increasingly bright future.

"We've achieved some significant milestones, making transformative discoveries, increasing our research productivity, boosting commercialization, and building partnerships locally, nationally around the world," she says. "It has been a massive community effort, so it made perfect sense to go back to the research community to take stock of what we achieved and determine how best to build toward the future."

A complement to the goals and actions defined in Dalhousie's Third Century Promise Strategic Plan (2021 to 2026), Inclusive Impact reflects the research community's principles and objectives, gleaned through a period of extensive engagement this past summer and fall.

