

Virtual Pediatric Update

Saturday, June 24th, 2023

8:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Meet our Speakers



Dr. Alexandra Ahmet is the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, and an Associate Professor at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Ahmet has worked to improve the care of children and youth with adrenal disease by raising awareness and improving our understanding of adrenal suppression, adrenal education, and adrenal testing in children through her development and dissemination of national guidelines, clinical research, leadership of a national education program about adrenal suppression and through invited local, national, and international presentations.



Dr. Janice Barkey completed her Pediatric Gastroenterology fellowship training at the University of Calgary. She was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Manitoba (Winnipeg Health Sciences Center in Pediatric Gastroenterology) prior to moving to Ottawa. In 2006, she was recruited to Ottawa to join the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at CHEO and with an appointment as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Barkey specializes in the assessment and treatment of digestive disorders with a focus on upper intestinal disorders. She has been a Pediatric Gastroenterology examiner at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and is involved in undergraduate and graduate medical education.



Sammantha Dunseath is a Nurse Practitioner in the Headache Clinic at CHEO. She has worked as a Registered nurse for 8 years working predominantly with the pediatric population. She completed master's degree in nursing with a primary health care nurse practitioner certificate from Queen's University.



Dr. Natalie Finner is a physician within the Division of Adolescent Medicine at CHEO. She graduated from the University of Limerick in Ireland in 2014. She then completed her paediatric residency training at CHEO. In 2018, Dr. Finner began her two year fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at the University of British Columbia. Her clinical interests include eating disorders and gender diversity.



Marian Habib earned her Pharmacy degree from the University of Toronto. Following her graduation, she began my career in community pharmacy, where she provided direct patient care and honed her skills as a certified diabetes educator. However, with the onset of the pandemic, she made a transition to hospital pharmacy practice and have been working at CHEO for over a year now. During her time at the hospital, she has gained valuable experience in various areas, including oncology, medical surgical units, and the ICU. Currently, she holds the positions of a general pediatrics, metabolics and cystic fibrosis pharmacist at CHEO. Additionally, she is actively involved in the establishment of the new interventional radiology lab at the hospital. In this role, she assumes the responsibility of providing education to nurses about the medications used during procedures, collaborating with doctors to conduct research on appropriate dosing, and developing the in-hospital monograph for these medications.



Dr. Katherine Matheson is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and co-lead of the CHEO Infant and Early Childhood team. She completed her medical school and residency training at Dalhousie University in Halifax. She has a special interest in Infant and Preschool Psychiatry and played an important role in the formation of the Ottawa Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Steering Committee.



Dr. Erick Sell was originally a Pediatrician from Costa Rica. He worked in pediatric neurology and pediatric epilepsy at The Hospital for Sick Kids (HSC) in Toronto, from 2002-2006. He currently is with CHEO as a staff Neurologist. His is current research interests is with Angelman Syndrome.



Dr. Jennifer Smith completed medical school at McGill University in 2010. She then completed 3 years of general pediatrics residency at McMaster University before moving to Ottawa for a 2 year fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. She became a certified Pediatric Emergency Physician in September 2015. She subsequently completed a graduate diploma in Health Professions Education at the University of Ottawa in 2017. Dr. Smith is a full time clinician educator in the CHEO Emergency Department within the Department of Pediatrics. She is currently a member of the PEM education Committee and the CHEO ED outreach committee. She is also the lead for both the ED component of undergraduate education committee and for resident simulation within the ED simulation subcommittee. Her academic interests include medical education at all levels, especially simulation and game-based teaching.



Cathy Walker earned her undergrad in Nutritional Sciences at McGill University and worked for 9 years in Long-term care before making the jump to pediatrics. She has been at CHEO for 17 years, 1st in oncology and the out-patient nutrition clinic before moving to nephrology and, for the past 5 years, pediatric medicine.