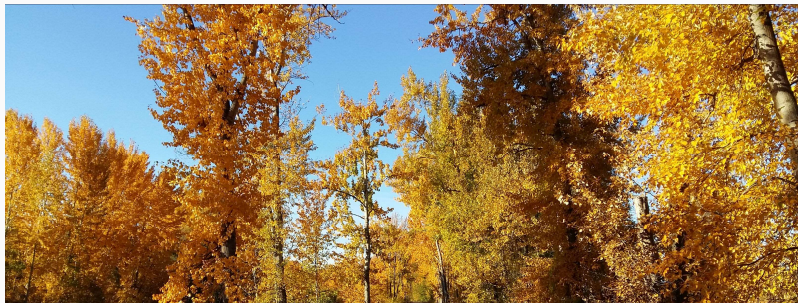




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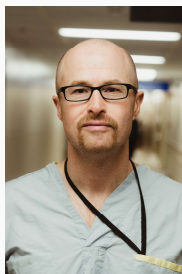
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### **Message from Dr. Jeremy Harris, President Medical Staff Association / KGHPS Board of Directors**

On behalf of the KGH Physicians Society, greetings and welcome to the beginning of what promises to be another exciting year of engagement, collaboration, and celebration of a long awaited Maple Leafs Stanley Cup!

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who attended our recent semi-annual MSA/KGHPS meeting. Highlights included a question/answer session with Dr. Kathleen Ross (President, Doctors of BC), as well as an overview of the year ahead at KGH by Dr. Masterson (Chief of Staff) and John Cabral (Health Services Administrator).

We also gave a brief summary of several of the 71 Facility Engagement projects that have been funded by the Society since its inception in 2016. We anticipate reviewing and supporting more creative and productive physician led proposals over the coming year.

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Cara Wall and Dr. Giulio Dominelli for their outstanding leadership over the past three years. We are fortunate to have Cara continue in the role as Past President and wish Giulio the best in his new role as Division Head of Medicine.

We are thrilled to add two new recently elected members to our Board of Directors: Dr. Nevin De Korompay (Vice President) and Dr. Maurice Blitz (Secretary-Treasurer). Without a doubt, we will benefit from their enthusiasm and wisdom (and our monthly meetings will likely be more entertaining!).

There are two important upcoming events that should be noted. Firstly, Interior Health is hosting a Regional Conference in Kelowna (October 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>). Representatives of many of the Physicians Societies will be showcasing work that has been accomplished in their centers over the recent years. This will be an excellent opportunity to foster discussion and camaraderie amongst physicians and administration across Interior Health. Secondly, we are sponsoring a KGH Physicians appreciation day on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come by the Centennial Building Lobby and receive a free beverage of your choice from the Perking Lot: we are grateful for all that you do!

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the tremendous skill and commitment of Helga Wendt (Administrative Assistant/Project Lead) and Zeno Cescon (Director of Facility Engagement). The Society simply could not exist without them (you are both greatly appreciated!).

Fall is an excellent time for reflection and we strongly believe that there are endless opportunities for all of our members to contribute to the KGHPS stated goals of improving communication, quality of patient care, and our physicians' work environment/health. Although I do not actually have an office, I would like to think I have an open-door policy – so please approach me...let's see what we can accomplish together (Exception: if you are a Habs fan, please approach one of the other members of the Board of Directors).

All the best to you and your families!



### **The Future of Medicine at KGH**

"This is where advanced medical imaging meets advanced minimally invasive surgery. It's the future of medicine." Dr. Nevin De Korompay is spearheading a pilot project at KGH using TIPSO innovative imaging technology and he further notes that "Without TIPSO, we still had screens, but I would have to have a nurse or operator work the touch control pad because my hands were sterile."

Only four other hospitals in Canada were chosen for for the pilot: Vancouver General, Royal Columbian in New Westminster, Surrey Memorial and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

The advantage of TIPSO is the quick, wireless and touchless access to multiple screens by

the surgeon or interventional radiologist. The controls are projected onto a sheet the doctor simply has to motion toward it to bring up different medical images on multiple computer screens. There is also a screen to see the patient internally so the wires can be guided to perform advanced minimally invasive surgery. The whole process is guided by the little camera on the wire that transmits the image to the screen.



Dr. De Korompay states "It's the nexus of surgery and imaging. It's like Google Maps for everything you need during a procedure. You can get the information on the fly."

This really is the future of medicine! [Click here](#) to view the complete story published in the Daily Courier earlier this year.



### **The Coffee is On Us! Physician Appreciation Day - We Want to Acknowledge All You Do!**

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, the KGH Physicians Society is pleased to provide all KGH Physicians with a complimentary beverage of your choice from the Perking Lot.

Meet Zeno Cescon, Director of Facility Engagement, in the Centennial Building Lobby to receive your 'Thank You' card which can be redeemed at the Perking Lot. Looking forward to seeing you there!



### **Physician Leadership Course - November 15 and 16 Kelowna Sheraton Airport Hotel**

**Physician Leadership Institute**

#### **Personal Leadership: Identifying Your Core Values & Vision Kelowna Sheraton Airport / November 16 and 15**

[Click here](#) for more information or to register [click here](#). For course content, please email [benjamin.rhebergen@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:benjamin.rhebergen@interiorhealth.ca). For issues with the registration page or payment contact, please email [cher.manley@cma.ca](mailto:cher.manley@cma.ca).





## Santa Claus is Coming to Town.....

The Kelowna Medical Society, Central Okanagan Divisions of Family Practice and the KGH Physicians Society are pleased to bring you the annual Brunch with Santa. For more information, go to [KelownaMedicalSociety.com](http://KelownaMedicalSociety.com) and check out the information

below.

Kelowna Medical Society along with  
Central Okanagan Divisions of Family Practice  
and KGH Physicians Society  
Bring you the annual

# KMS Santa Brunch

*Santa arrives at 12pm* **Sunday, Nov 24, 2019**  
**10:30am - 1pm**  
**Harvest Golf Club**

**Share the Holiday Spirit with your  
colleagues and their families**

**Adults \$40, Children 5 and under  
Free, over 5 - \$10**  
**Residents and Students - \$20**  
**Please pay online at  
[kelownamedicalsociety.com](http://kelownamedicalsociety.com)**

*Cookie Decorating  
Crafts, Glitter Tattoos  
Face Painting Station!!*

**Payments due by November 19, 2019. No tickets available at the door.**  
**With advance parent participation, Santa will distribute a gift to your child.**

**AGM 12:30**

# ★ Recognition

**At the September 23, 2019 MSA Semi-Annual Meeting, the Board expressed appreciation to:**



*Dr. Graeme McCauley,  
Outgoing Department Head,  
Dept. of Medicine*



*Dr. Giulio Dominelli,  
Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer,  
MSA/KGHPS*



*Dr. Bruce Povah  
Outgoing Interim Department Head,  
Dept. of Family Practice*

KELOWNA GENERAL HOSPITAL  
Physicians Society

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An SCC Initiative

## Do You Have a Facility Engagement Funding Proposal?

FUNDING PROPOSAL



Do you have a Facility Engagement Activity you'd like to initiate? We'd love to hear from you. [Click here](#) for the online application form or [here](#) for more information about funding requirements which have just been updated.

If you have any questions, we're here to assist. Email us at [KGHPPhysiciansSociety@gmail.com](mailto:KGHPPhysiciansSociety@gmail.com).

Looking forward to hearing from you.



It's influenza season - take the time to get your vaccination. Click on the logo to find a clinic near you!

**Flu Clinic Locator**  
FIND A CLINIC NEAR YOU.



## Be Safe! N95 Respirator Fit Testing

Book your appointment with Jill Heinrichs by calling 250.862.4411 or via email at [Jill.Heinrichs@InteriorHealth.ca](mailto:Jill.Heinrichs@InteriorHealth.ca). Hours of Operation are Tuesday, 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs. or Thursday, 1200 hrs to 1900hrs. The location is room 2331 in the Centennial Building.



## We Are Asking for Your Feedback!

We want to be sure we are providing up-to-date and pertinent information for our members. Please provide your input into our website content ([www.KelownaPhysiciansSociety.ca](http://www.KelownaPhysiciansSociety.ca)) or our quarterly newsletters. Do you have an article you'd like to highlight or a story you'd like to share? Please email us at [KGHPPhysiciansSociety@gmail.com](mailto:KGHPPhysiciansSociety@gmail.com). Thank you for your ongoing support!



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