Postgraduate Medical Education

The Faculty of Medicine offers postgraduate training programs in anatomical pathology, anesthesia, internal medicine, nephrology, neurology, obstetrics/gynecology, orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry, radiology, general surgery, and family medicine.

The Office of Postgraduate Medical Education at Memorial University provides training leading to certification either through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Dr. Max House was appointed the first director of continuing medical education in 1969 and Dr. William Marshall was appointed the first director of postgraduate medical education.



Mrs. May Peters worked for 19 years in the Faculty of Medicine, starting in 1967 as the first secretary in the university's personnel office and moving in 1970 to the new medical school. Until her retirement in 1989 she worked closely with three large committees, responsible for postgraduate study, residents and interns.



Assistant Deans for Postgraduate Medical Education



Dr. Earle Wright 1977-1980, 1983-1985



Dr. Aidan MacLaughlin 1980-1983



Dr. lan Bowmer 1985-1988



Dr. William Pollett 1988-1994



Dr. Cindy Whitman 1994-1998



Dr. Kim St. John and Dr. Cathy Vardy co-assistant deans 1998-2005



Dr. Asoka Samarasena 2005-present



These residents were able to take time out from their busy schedules to attend the first Postgraduate Medical Studies awards and recognition ceremony. Back (from left): Dr. Keegan Au, Orthopedic Surgery; Dr. Jerome Doucet, Psychiatry; Dr. Nikita Makretsov, Anatomical Pathology. Front (from left): Dean James Rourke; Dr. George Yousef, Anatomical Pathology; Dr. Anjana Chawla, Psychiatry; Dr. Chhaya Acharya, Anatomical Pathology; Dr. Pamela Hebbard, General Surgery; Dr. Chantelle Reid, Psychiatry; Dr. Asoka Samarasena, assistant dean, Postgraduate Medical Studies.

Awards and recognition ceremony

The inaugural Postgraduate Medical Studies Awards and Recognition ceremony took place June 12, 2006. It was an opportunity for Dean James Rourke and Dr. Asoka Samarasena, assistant dean for postgraduate medical studies, to recognize publicly residents who have won awards during the past year, and thank the residency directors and clinical chairs who have organized events such as resident research forums.

Dr. Rourke thanked faculty members involved in residency training for their dedication to service; he also made special note of the tremendous support provided by the office staff of the Postgraduate Medical Studies Office.