

The Discipline of Radiology welcomes Dr. Jeff Flemming. He has taken on the title of Research Director with a primary goal to update the research curriculum for our residents.

The first step was to gather a group of interested individuals whose goal will be to act as a resource for research within the department. This “DIRAD (Diagnostic Imaging and Academic Discovery)” group, is composed of the Research Director, Discipline Research Assistant, Program Director, Academic Head, the previous Research Director and Research Scientists in the department of Radiology. The role of this group is to engage with the research director in resident evaluation while assisting resident and staff researchers to access available resources that have come to light from the excellent work of previous residents. This assistance may include help with grant applications, statistics, Human Research Ethic Authority (HREA) submissions, library support, graphic design and poster design. With the support of this group, a formal research document has been drafted for review by the residency program committee (RPC). This document addresses several issues, including the roles of the research director, research assistant, proposed research objectives, guidelines, and milestones to more clearly define the expectations we have for residents with respect to research. We will also be incorporating a didactic component to the research program, by introducing online teaching modules in the “Desire2Learn” system.

Our discipline has been, and continues to be, very productive in academic and scholarly discovery. However, there has been growing research interests, as well as a growing number of local resources for research, and this new program will hopefully make the task of research easier and more enjoyable. I greatly look forward to Dr. Flemming’s future projects as Research Director. If you have any research related questions, I encourage to touch base with him or Michelle Simms, our new Research Assistant.