

Welcome Message from the Academy Director

I am delighted to communicate the excitement that accompanies the opening of the Mississauga Academy of Medicine (MAM). As the fourth Medical Academy of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, the MAM will enhance the richly diverse learning environment of the MD program and the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) campus. The primary clinical affiliate hospitals of the MAM are Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre.



Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex

On July 5 the MAM moved into its new space in the Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex. Sharing this facility will be the departments of Biomedical Communications, Anthropology, Forensic Science and the Office of the Vice- Principal, Research.

In August 2011, the entering 259 students in the Faculty of Medicine's MD program will, for the first time, include 54 students assigned to the MAM. Students will begin their orientation week on August 22 and their first classes on August 29. By 2014, the MAM will have a total of 216 students.

It is important to recognize that this important event is the beginning of our opportunity to fulfill our promise to:

The Students: The MAM positions them for a successful career in medicine through diverse and interactive clinical and classroom experiences from teachers who will inspire and guide their learning; and

The Community: In response to the needs of the community, the MAM will prepare future physician graduates to address the need for skilled, caring, collaborative, patient-centered health professionals.

Many committed individuals have enabled the MAM to reach this important milestone in development. The students who are admitted will also be entering a new phase in their development. Together, we are all embarking on a momentous adventure.

Upcoming Events

- **August 6:** MAM Student Tour
- **August 22-27:** Orientation Week
- **August 23:** Stethoscope Ceremony
- **September 14:** Open House
- **November 1:** Official Building Opening
- For more information, please contact: MAMevents@hotmail.ca



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Credit Valley and Trillium Receive Funding for Teaching Facilities

In May, Honourable Harinder S. Takhar, Minister of Government Services, announced that Credit Valley Hospital (CVH) and Trillium Health Centre (Trillium) would receive funding to improve health care infrastructure in Mississauga.

“We recognize the importance of having modern, state-of-the-art facilities for training our next generation of doctors,” said Minister Takhar. “This new Mississauga Academy of Medicine will help us train and retain new doctors here in our city.”

Dr. Norman Hill, Senior Executive Lead, Medical Education for CVH and Trillium said, “The medical students will benefit from a University of Toronto education coupled with the broad spectrum of experience available in large specialty community hospitals like Credit Valley and Trillium.”

QUICK FACTS:

- Renovations will occur within existing space at CVH & Trillium to accommodate the increased volume of medical trainees for the 2011/12 academic year.
- The 7th floor of Trillium’s Clinical Administration Building will be renovated to house the faculty administration space and lockers for the Academy.



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Starting this September, every year one lecture to MD students will be broadcast to theatres in the newly renovated Medical Sciences Building (St. George campus) or the recently built Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex (University of Toronto Mississauga campus). Lectures will be recorded for review.

Installation and testing of extensive videoconferencing equipment will take place over the summer, the first lecture will be during Orientation Week.

To enable the best possible teaching and learning experience, and to support both lecturers and students’ use of the new technology, the Faculty of Medicine’s Discovery Commons, Information Technology support unit has built a highly specialized, professional audio-visual team.



To learn more about the videoconferencing program, visit
<http://lecturesupport.med.utoronto.ca>



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A Giant Leap Forward for Medical Education

With the launch of the Mississauga Academy of Medicine (MAM), health professional education and the promise of improved access to health care in Mississauga takes a giant leap forward. The 54 new students in our MD program in Mississauga will be part of the largest Faculty of Medicine in Canada, and one of the best medical schools in the world. Since the early 1980's the University of Toronto has trained close to 40% of the family physicians in Ontario and 25% of all the specialist physicians in Canada. We believe the majority of physicians who will train in the Mississauga community will likely practice in close proximity and contribute significantly to their community.

The MAM is part of a unique structure of Academies across the University of Toronto's medical school — including the FitzGerald, Peters-Boyd and Wightman-Berris Academies — and represents a tremendous opportunity to integrate large community-affiliated hospitals with postgraduate residency training and continuing medical education. Sixty residency positions will be available beginning in 2011–2012 in Mississauga. To learn more about the University of Toronto's Medical Academies, see <http://uoft.me/uoftacademies>.

The MAM has attracted two exceptional gifts towards its capital infrastructure costs: \$10 million from Mississauga businessman Carlo Fidani, and \$12 million from philanthropist Terrence Donnelly. These philanthropic partnerships are highly valued and bring an immense return-on-investment for all stakeholders in health care education and in the communities they serve.

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto welcomes our new students and teaching faculty and embarks on launching this new Academy with enthusiasm and excitement. For more information on the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, please visit: <http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca>

Interested in Teaching?

Many of the physicians and surgeons affiliated with Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre have generously offered their time and expertise to teach our students in their small group learning components of the MD-program curriculum to be offered at the Mississauga Academy of Medicine.

Our recruitment for 2011-2012 is now more than 85% complete, however we would welcome your interest in any teaching capacity as we continue to move this exciting venture forward.

To discuss teaching opportunities, please contact Wendy Leslie at wleslie@cvh.on.ca.

