



Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

# e-NEWSLETTER

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your help preparing our hospitals to serve patients during these challenging times. We are heading into some rough weather. So if you have any uplifting or humorous anecdotes, images or cartoons, please send them to our [communication portal](#). We will send them **under the email banner Anesthesia Anecdotes**. Here is an attempt to illustrate our response - thank you to my brother-in-law George Hart for sending his photos.



Provided below is good news and several important messages. We will continue to update the department website with items that are relevant to anesthesia and COVID-19. The [University of Toronto also has a helpful website](#).

## UHN-TGH recognized in *Newsweek*

Congratulations to the team at UHN!

[Toronto General Hospital, one of U of T's fully affiliated hospitals, has been recognized as the fourth best hospital in the world by Newsweek magazine.](#)

## COVID-19 Leaders

Two co-leads will advise the department on issues related to anesthesia and critical care: **Drs. Josh Gleicher** (Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine) and **Neill Adhikari** (Division of Critical Care Medicine). Other leaders include **Dr. Andrew Baker** who will chair the UHT Command Centre Incident Management Team and represent Toronto Region critical care response at the Toronto Region COVID-19 Hospital Operations Table. **Dr. Sheila Riazi** will lead medical director of COVID-19 assessment centre at Women's College Hospital.

## 41<sup>st</sup> Shields Research Day

The Abstracts are due on **Monday, March 16, 2020**. The research conference event planned for **May 8, 2020** will be cancelled. However, we are looking into alternative methods for Shields Day “light” to sharing our research and abstracts.

## PGY5 Residents

PGY5 residents will be excused from clinical duties until after the Royal College written exam, which will be held on **March 24 and 25, 2020**. They will return to work on **March 26, 2020**. They are advised to self-isolate as the Royal College does not have a contingency plan for those who miss their exams due to quarantine or illness.

## Resident Teaching

Until further notice, resident teaching will be managed via video conferencing.

## City-Wide Rounds Grand Rounds

City-Wide Rounds scheduled on **March 27, 2020** has been cancelled due to institution and hospitals limited the gathering of large groups. We will look for opportunities to host this round in the near future

## Email security

There has been an increase in phishing activities recently, please be aware that Department’s leaders should not be sending University-related emails via Gmail accounts. Please be vigilant with emails they may look suspicious; don’t be misled by cyber fraud. For more information on email security, please see the link [UofT Security Matters](#).

Let’s support each other and be patient with our leaders and the healthcare system as things are changing day-by-day. We are surrounded by an incredible team.

Best wishes,

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