

Annual Report
Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Department of Medicine - Jewish General Hospital
January - December 2019

SUMMARY:

The division has Allergy Clinic 4 days a week and a consult service. The Division has established a Drug Allergy Screening Program with Preoperative Screening Service, Hematology-Oncology and dialysis. The Division supervises desensitization to chemotherapy and biologics. The division holds weekly combined rounds with Rheumatology Immunology rounds on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. There is an Allergy and Immunology Journal Club every Friday morning at the Montreal General Hospital.

1. Clinical activities, research and publications:

The Division has organized the following clinical activities: an Allergy Clinic, 4 days a week, an Adverse Reaction Clinic as well as a clinic to evaluate immune disorders such as immune deficiency and auto immune diseases. There were 5,222 out-patient visits per year at the allergy clinic.

Services offered include: Skin testing for allergies, blood testing for allergies, food challenges, drug challenges, drug desensitization, and allergy shots (immunotherapy)

Clinic Hours are: Monday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.;
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Allergy and Immunology provides consultation for allergic diseases including asthma, rhinitis, sinusitis, skin disorders and food and drug allergy. The Division provides coverage for the inpatient Hematology-Oncology unit as well as K7.

Dr. J. Schwartz received the JGH Department of Medicine Clinical Research Award to carry out research in “Addressing Penicillin Allergy without Penicillin Skin Testing.”

Dr. J. Schwartz published “Pang SA, Eintracht S, **Schwartz JM**, Lobo B, MacNamara E. Hypersensitivity reactions to high osmolality total parenteral nutrition: a case report. Allergy Asthma Clin Immunol. 2019 Aug 30;15:51.”

2. Teaching and learning (undergraduate and graduate):

Teaching includes attending on the CTU, office teaching with residents and students, small group teaching, lectures within the Department and outside the Department including McGill University, participation in the undergraduate teaching program in Immunology at McGill, the Thursday night lecture series at the Medical School and a number of teaching programs both at the provincial and national level. The Division receives 6-7 residents on a monthly basis and fellows in Allergy on a regular basis.

Total teaching hours: OPD: 100, Consults: 50

3. Involvement in the community:

This includes serving as Co-Director, National Guidelines for Upper Airway Diseases, sponsored by the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and the Canadian Otolaryngology Society and participation in many symposia, and other educational forms specifically, involving Rhinosinusitis in the development of Canadian guidelines in this area and involvement in multiple seminars with both specialists and family physicians in the area of allergy and clinical immunology. Dr. Silviu-Dan is chair of the Royal College Committee for Clinical Immunology and Allergy.

4. Partnerships:

Besides the activities mentioned under “Involvement in the community,” the Division participates in teaching and research activities with the Divisions of Rheumatology in the Department of Medicine and the Ear Nose and Throat Division in the Department of Surgery.

5. Milestones: New hires, promotions, and retirements: None.

6. Honours, awards, and prizes: None to report.

7. Fundraising: None to report.

SECTION 1- DIVISION STATUS UPDATE

1. Mission and objectives of the Division

There will be a more comprehensive teaching and research program in the Division.

2. A nominative list of academic staff, their academic rank

Small, Peter	Associate Professor and Chief
Schwartz, Jesse	Assistant Professor
Silviu-Dan, Fanny	Assistant Professor

SECTION II - GRANTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND SERVICE OUTSIDE OF MCGILL

Information included in summary.

SECTION III - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Consulting activities:

Name of Faculty Member	Private Sector Consulting (# of days)	Public Sector Consulting (# days)	Other (# of days – please explain)	Total
Silviu-Dan, F	Shire Pharma			1 day

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