

Annual Report
Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Department of Medicine - Jewish General Hospital
January - December 2020

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. There is an Allergy and Immunology Journal Club every Friday morning at the Montreal General Hospital.

1. Clinical activities, research and publications:

Unfortunately, most activities in 2020 were suspended at least temporarily due to the pandemic. Some clinical activities were ongoing in a limited capacity.

The Division has organized the following clinical activities: an Allergy Clinic, 4 days a week, an Adverse Drug Reaction Clinic as well as a clinic to evaluate immune disorders such as immune deficiency and auto immune diseases. In the year 2020 there were less than 2000 visits related to pandemic closures.

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, K7 as well as the COVID floor.

Dr. J Schwartz provided 7 weeks of coverage for the inpatient COVID floor.

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 received approval to initiate The “De-Labeling Antibiotic Allergy without Skin Testing (DAAST) Study”

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 1-2 residents on a monthly basis and fellows in Allergy on a regular basis.

Total teaching hours: OPD: 100, Consults: 100

3. **Milestones: New hires, promotions, and retirements:** None.
4. **Honours, awards, and prizes:** None to report.
5. **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: None to report.

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