



Division Reports 2020-21

Division of Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry

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The Consultation/Liaison (C/L) psychiatry division is the 3rd largest division in the Department of Psychiatry and is the second largest in terms of status-only faculty members. Our division members provide consultation regarding mental health issues in the medically ill as well as participate in research with primary care and medical/surgical patients, both nationally and internationally.

This year a major educational focus for the division has been preparation for the introduction of CBD in the C/L rotation starting in July 2021. A pilot program was successfully completed by a number of residents and provided valuable learnings for implementation. A divisional educational retreat was held in June 2021. Dr. Chaukos reviewed CBD principles and EPA requirements and Dr. Isenberg-Grzeda and Dr. Sheehan introduced a redesigned core curriculum.

Dr. Tan lead a national committee in successfully achieving recognition of C/L as an Area of Focused Competence (AFC) by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. We greatly appreciate the work done by Dr. Tan and the committee, and Dr. Abbey who over the years has paved the way for such an achievement.

Over the last year, the Consultation/Liaison (C/L) psychiatry division members were highly visible on the front line working as consultants in the COVID-19 medical and ICU units. Our divisional members from various disciplines were also highly involved in providing support to healthcare workers who were seeking assistance during this difficult time. We are proud and grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our division in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We welcomed Dr. Styra as the new Director of the Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry division this year. We have benefitted greatly from Dr. Abbey and Dr. Hawa's leadership and thank them for their many outstanding contributions to the mission of this Division.

