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Three Rules of Work: Out of clutter find simplicity; From discord find harmony; In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. ~ Albert Einstein



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WRH PHYSICIANS TO RECEIVE SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY AWARDS



Dr. Shael Liebman



Dr. Andrew Petrakos

Two surgeons from Windsor Regional Hospital will be recognized for their leadership and excellence by the Schulich Medicine and Dentistry, Windsor Program at a special awards evening on April 14.

Congratulations to Dr. Shael Liebman, Chief of Surgery, Met Campus for being recognized for the Windsor Sub Specialty Rotation-Faculty of the Year Award. Presented annually to a faculty member outside of the Department of Family Medicine in a Specialty Rotation who has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing Family Medicine residency education, as evidenced by innovation and impact beyond his program.

And, congratulations to Dr. Andrew Petrakos, a surgeon at the Met Campus who will be acknowledged for the Associate Dean's Award for Excellence in Medical Education. This award recognizes outstanding individuals who contribute to providing the best learner experience; promote leadership and personal growth and build and foster core values of integrity, respect and commitment to service within the Schulich Medicine and Dentistry-Windsor Program.

A new award has also been established in the name of Dr. Colin Nesbit, an Emergency Medicine physician at the Met Campus. The Dr. Colin Nisbet Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine will be awarded annually to a full-time undergraduate student who demonstrates a proficiency and passion for emergency medicine.

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You may have seen these friendly faces around the hospital the past week; you will no doubt see more of them in the future. Jeremy Butler and John McKillop are with consulting firm KM&T and will be leading WRH through our Standardization and Optimization Process (SOP). Jeremy will be working primarily with the leadership team. John will be working directly with staff at both campuses.



Jeremy Butler
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John McKillop
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If you see them, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. They are here to help, and are part of the WRH family. For more information on the process and KM&T, please visit the link SOP on the intranet.

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STUDENT NURSES' RESEARCH FOCUSES ON HELPING SENIORS

For many seniors, a sudden change in environment can not only be frightening, but also lead to delirium - a common syndrome among elderly patients that consists of abnormal thought, perception and awareness.

Student nurse, Elizabeth Zhang gave a presentation to Emergency Room staff last week that examined how to look for signs of delirium in patients; how to prevent it; and, what steps can be taken beyond the hospital walls to help reduce the incidence of a common, yet preventable syndrome that can lead to prolonged hospital stays. "It happens very suddenly," said Zhang, who graduates this year from the University of Windsor. "The individual doesn't feel like him or herself."

Zhang's research describes delirium as "acute brain failure" whereby, a patient becomes disoriented, confused and starts acting abnormally due to a change in surroundings. Those at risk tend to be over age 65, those who are already suffering dementia - which results in faster mental decline, those who suffer from immobility, malnutrition and dehydration, and may have suffered infections following surgery.

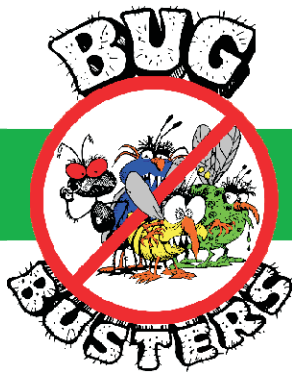
Her research indicates the morbidity rate for a patient who suffers delirium can be 35-50 per cent in one year. Such cases also tend to extend a patient's stay in hospital by more than two months. Zhang said an inter-professional approach is required to prevent delirium. This includes further staff education, ensuring seniors have adequate fluids and meals where possible while in the ER, and reviewing their medication lists.



(L to R) Norma Mamaril, RN; Elizabeth Zhang, student nurse; Jackie Fuerth, RN

Also, it helps to take the steps used by the Geriatric Emergency Program nurses to help reorient confused patients. "If they don't know where they are, or what day of the week it is, we can reorient them and help decrease their confusion." Zhang said it's important to remind family members to bring glasses or hearing aids to their loved one to help reduce confusion.

Zhang pointed to programs in other jurisdictions that could be useful in helping reduce incidents of delirium. Norma Mamaril, a GEM program RN at the Ouellette campus, said she is optimistic about the possibility of a "Balance of Care" model - which began in the UK and has since started in Toronto - coming to Windsor. Mamaril said a Balance of Care program locally would focus on keeping seniors in the community, with a goal of reducing ER visits and movement to long-term care homes.



Noroviruses are highly contagious - as few as 10 viral particles may be sufficient to infect an individual! Soap & water is always recommended when caring for patients with diarrhea - healthcare workers should use alcohol-based hand rub until you can get to a designated hand washing sink. Stay home when you are experiencing diarrhea and/ or vomiting!

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DID YOU KNOW?

The original Hôtel-Dieu building on Ouellette came down in the 1963 to make way for the current structure.

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