



CTAQ Member Update Newsletter – August 2026

Governance Restructuring Complete, Membership Dues Update, and Endowment Fund Awards

Dear CTAQ Members,

We would like to provide an update on several important initiatives and decisions affecting the Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's University (CTAQ).

For those members who were unable to attend the Special Members' Meeting on May 21, 2026, there was unanimous approval to proceed with the restructuring of CTAQ.

We are pleased to report that this work has now been completed.

As part of the approved restructuring, CTAQ officially transitioned to a not-for-profit corporation, and on June 30, 2026, all Association funds and assets were successfully transferred to the new corporation. This milestone strengthens CTAQ's governance framework and positions CTAQ for continued success in representing and supporting its members.

Membership Dues Update

As part of the restructuring motion, Members also unanimously approved that membership fees are required and will increase to cover CTAQ's operational costs. CTAQ dues were originally established in 1994 and have remained unchanged for more than 30 years despite increases in operating costs. This adjustment ensures CTAQ can continue to effectively represent members, provide member services, and support initiatives that benefit the clinical teaching community. Effective for 2026-2027, the required annual membership fee will be \$150 per member.

Payroll Deduction

For members whose dues are deducted through payroll, the **\$150 membership fee will be automatically deducted on August 31, 2026.**

Members Paying Directly

Members who are not on payroll and pay dues directly may submit payment by cheque.

Please make cheques payable to:

Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's University and send via inter-company mail to:
Angela McTaggart, CTAQ Administrator
76 Stuart Street, Victory 2
Kingston, ON K7L 2V7

By e-Transfer:

To process the transaction from your online banking system:

Recipient - CTAQ Administrator

Amount \$150.00

Email - ctaq@queensu.ca

Security answer/password - ctaqdues

(You can make up any question, but the answer must be ctaqdues)

Please include your First AND Last Name when submitting the e-transfer request so the correct physician is credited.

More Information on the benefits of membership can be found here:

<https://meds.queensu.ca/administration/ctaq/membership>



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CTAQ Endowment Fund Awards 2026-2027

CTAQ is pleased to congratulate the recipients of the 2026-2027 Endowment Awards.

Award Recipients:

Does Albuminuria Drive Phosphate Retention in Glomerulonephritis? Evaluating a Novel Mechanism of Cardiovascular Risk

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Lagu Androga,
Department of Medicine*

Phenotyping Heart Failure in the Absence of Echocardiography: A Population-Based Algorithm for Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Aws Almufleh,
Department of Medicine*

Emergency Department Use for Primary Care-Manageable Conditions Among People Experiencing Homelessness: A Population-Based Study in Ontario

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Chris Evans,
Department of Emergency Medicine*

Practice Variation, Confidence, and Perceived Barriers in Genetic Testing for Pediatric Congenital Heart Disease: A National Survey of Canadian Pediatric Cardiologists

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Mahmoud Alsalehi,
Department of Pediatrics*

GUT-PICS: Gut Microbiome and Post-Intensive Care Syndrome – A Feasibility Study

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Gord Boyd,
Department of Critical Care Medicine*

A Blood Film Foundation Model for Rapid Bacteremia Diagnosis: A Proof-of-Concept Study Using Leukocyte Morphology and AI-Driven Image Analysis to Improve Sepsis Care

*Principal Investigator: Dr. David Maslove,
Department of Critical Care Medicine*

Time to Surgery After Orthopaedic Trauma: Surgeon Perspectives and Reality

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Mina Tohidi,
Department of Surgery*

Senseless or Sensible? Making Sense of Changes to the Interim Federal Health Program

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Eva Purkey,
Department of Family Medicine*

Nurse-led HPV Self-Collection: Does it Improve Access to Family Physicians?

*Principal Investigator: Dr. Roni Kraut,
Department of Family Medicine*



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Guided Ultrasound for Insertion and Depth Estimation of UVC (GUIDE-UVC Trial)

Principal Investigator: Dr. Eyad Bitar,
Department of Pediatrics

Bridging the Evidence-Practice Gap in Pleural Disease Management: A Mixed-Methods Pilot Combining Practice

Audit and Multidisciplinary Consensus
Principal Investigator: Dr. Sebastian Rodriguez-Llamazares, Department of Medicine

Research Endowment Fund Committee Members

2026 CTAQ Research Endowment Fund Committee

Dr. Boris Zevin – Chair (Department of Surgery)

Dr. Roni Kraut (Department of Family Medicine)

Dr. Sean Bennett (Department of Surgery)

Dr. Glenio Mizubuti (Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine)

Dr. Kerstin de Wit (Department of Emergency Medicine)

Dr. Jennifer Flemming (Department of Medicine)

Questions regarding endowment funding and awards may be directed to:

ctaq@queensu.ca

CTAQ AGM – SAVE THE DATE!



**Please save the date on
October 8, 2026**

CTAQ Annual General Meeting of the Members
Kingston Marriott, 285 King Street East
Kingston, Ontario



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Your CTAQ Board Executive Officers



Dr. Tarit Saha
President



Dr. Christine D'Arsigny
Vice President



Dr. Sonal Varma
Secretary



Dr. Wiley Chung
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer



Dr. Stacy Ridi
Director

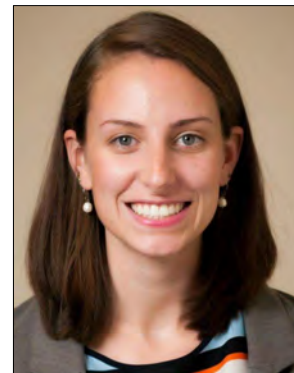
Directors Elected May 21, 2026



Dr. Michael Hale
Director



Dr. Lisa Nguyen
Director



Dr. Lindsey Griffith
Director

We thank all Board members for their commitment and service to CTAQ.

*"To advance and promote the welfare of teaching clinicians in hospitals
associated with Queen's University in the broadest sense."*



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Contact Information

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CTAQ Administrator

CTAQ Ombudsperson

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Dr. Michael McGrath
mcgrathm@queensu.ca

The CTAQ Ombudsperson is available to:

- Provide information and advice to CTAQ members regarding University, hospital, SEAMO, and human rights matters.
- Accompany or represent members during meetings with Queen's University, affiliated hospitals, the School of Medicine, and SEAMO committees.
- Assist the CTAQ Executive in informing members of their rights and responsibilities.
- Facilitate resolution of disputes through collegial negotiation and mediation where appropriate.
- Provide support and assistance to members on matters affecting their work and professional responsibilities.

Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with CTAQ. We look forward to continuing to serve and advocate for our members as we move forward under our new governance structure.

Your CTAQ Board

Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's University