

Université de Montréal

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As in the rest of the country, Quebec rheumatology has risen again from the ashes in the past five years. The rheumatology program at the Université de Montréal (UdeM) has recently trained 12 new rheumatologists, 10 of whom completed a fellowship or are undergoing further training in Montreal, Edmonton, Paris, Leeds, and Geneva, respectively. They are bringing back expertise in different areas: rheumatoid arthritis (RA), ankylosing spondylitis (AS), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), scleroderma, vasculitis, ultrasound and basic research in osteoarthritis (OA).

Young dynamic rheumatologists now populate a number of different regions in Quebec: The Greater Montreal area, including the South and North shores of the St. Lawrence, Trois-Rivières, Quebec City and Lévis. Nine rheumatologists have joined academic centers or university-affiliated hospitals.

A more open, collaborative atmosphere among the four provincial training programs has also emerged, thanks to the dynamic leadership of the program directors. Moreover, Drs. Eric Rich and Christian Pineau in Montreal have initiated a course aimed at all rheumatology trainees in the province. The first edition of "Introduction to Rheumatology" took place during the



Pavillon Roger-Gaudry at the UdeM.

first week of July, with the attendance of 15 rheumatology residents.

This year Dr. Rich accepted the 2011 Prix Esculape for "Best Teacher," as voted by the internal medicine residents at the UdeM.

As of 2011, Quebec's four rheumatology training programs are now part of the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS); all the available positions have been filled; and as a victim of our own success, the UdeM program had to turn down two excellent candidates.

Now our sights are focused on the future with the undergoing construction of the new University Hospital, the CHUM, in downtown Montreal.

With all these great advances made we can confidently look toward a brighter future for rheumatology in Quebec.

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Locum Rheumatology Position: Winnipeg

The Arthritis Centre at the University of Manitoba is seeking a rheumatologist for an immediate locum position in an academic clinical practice. The position is for a six-month term with possible extension to 12 months. Individuals who have successfully completed their rheumatology training and possess an FRCPC in internal medicine but have not yet written the Royal College Rheumatology exam are welcome to apply. Start dates are flexible.

Duties will include outpatient clinics, attending on the eight-bed rheumatology in-patient service, attending on the rheumatology consult service, and clinical teaching of medical students and residents. Opportunities are available for attending on the Medical Teaching Units as well.

The Section of Rheumatology at the University of Manitoba has an active post-graduate training program and is active in local, national and international investigator-initiated research endeavors. Compensation for this position is fee-for-service with very low overhead costs.

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