

Update from Winnipeg

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As 2011 winds down, it has truly been a year to remember in Winnipeg. The hopes of sports fans were finally realized this spring with the return of our Winnipeg Jets. The euphoria surrounding the return of the NHL to our city was something to behold. We took advantage of the hot summer to take long bike rides in Fort Whyte and Assiniboine Park. Plays at the Fringe Festival and Shakespeare in the Park provided great entertainment during the warm (and mosquito-free) summer evenings. Autumn, so far, has also not disappointed.

At the University of Manitoba, Dr. David Robinson accepted the position as rheumatology section head, which is only one of the many hats he wears. Dr. Navjot Dhindsa is the latest addition to the rheumatology community in Winnipeg. She joined the University of Manitoba staff in 2009 after completing her fellowship in Winnipeg and divides her time between out-patient practice, internal medicine, clinical teaching unit (CTU), and rheumatology call. On the education front, we have two second-year trainees in the fellowship program. Electives in rheumatology are a popular choice for trainees keeping us busy with resident teaching. Community practice in

rheumatology continues to provide unique challenges and rewards. Rheumatology ward coverage, inpatient consult service and resident teaching offer both a change of pace and variety in pathology.

Rheumatologists in Manitoba provide care to patients of this province, Northwestern Ontario, Nunavut and occasionally southeastern Saskatchewan. The bulk of our manpower remains concentrated in Winnipeg. A few rheumatologists make regular trips to smaller towns and reserves, while Dr. Ricardo Cartagena practices in Brandon.

We have a vibrant community of rheumatologists in Manitoba shaped by contributions from individuals with varied personalities and interests in rheumatology. For me, this makes Winnipeg a great place to practice and call home. With the return of our beloved hockey team, even our much maligned winter will seem more palatable this year. GO JETS GO!

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