



## CVT Section Newsletter

Spring 2021

### CVT Section

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Marelise Kruger Footit, Calgary

### News from the Chair



Dear members of the CVT Section, I started my term as Chair of the CAS CVT Section in July 2020 and would like to update you on your new CVT executive committee. Firstly, we would like to thank Dr. Surita Sidhu for her hard work for the section thus far. She continues to contribute to the section executive as past-chair, and is coordinating the national cardiac anesthesiology fellowship program and transitioning to the new Royal College format of Competence by Design. We welcome Dr. Diem Tran into the position of Vice Chair. Last summer we held an email election for the position of secretary-treasurer and we are pleased to announce that Dr. Tarit Saha from Queen's University was the successful candidate. Congratulations to Dr. Saha, and we look forward to working with him over the next few years. The committee had two members at large who finished their terms: Dr.'s Caroline Goyer and Nicole Webb. Thank-you ladies for your contributions! Joining the team this year as the appointed



members at large are: Dr. Marelise Kruger from University of Calgary and Dr. Geoff Zbitnew from Memorial University. Please get to know your members of the executive in the chart below and feel free to reach out to any of us.



We have all faced innumerable challenges in the past year and our national society has worked hard to organize a virtual venue for us to beat the isolation blues and meet at the CAS Annual Meeting June 12-13 (Sat & Sun). Unlike last year's meeting, the CVT section has secured five events, detailed below. We are looking forward to hearing about the experiences of Dr. Natalia Ivascu, Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology and Medical Ethics from New York, and Dr. Michele Mondino, the Director of the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesia, from Milan, Italy as they share their experience with COVID-19 and the need for resilience during the pandemic. With frequently limited resources we have all been challenged to prioritize resources and make determinations about the appropriateness of therapy. In a separate panel session, Dr.'s Tomas VanHelder and Kate Duncan will be presenting

ethically challenging cases. Dr. Ivascu will help give a framework to this discussion using the guidelines of ethical decision-making. We have an excellent PBLD by Dr. Thomas Varughese on using TEG to guide transfusion and an update on how to manage novel cardiac devices in the perioperative period presented by Dr. Soori Sivakumaran. We also have leaders from thrombosis (Dr. James Douketis) and ASRA (Dr. Sandra Kopp) presenting on guiding principles in the era of DOACs. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing everyone in June!

**Introducing your Executive Members:**

<p>Summer Syed <b>Chair</b></p>	 <p><a href="mailto:syeds@mcmaster.ca">syeds@mcmaster.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Clinical Professor at Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University</li> <li>• Cardiac Anesthesiology fellowship at Toronto General Hospital</li> <li>• Anesthesiology at McMaster University</li> <li>• MD at University of Toronto</li> <li>• MSc Molecular basis of Thrombosis and Hemostasis at McMaster University</li> </ul> <p>Professional Interests: Perioperative thrombosis and hemostasis, transfusion and perioperative outcomes research.</p>
<p>Surita Sidhu <b>Past-Chair</b></p>	 <p><a href="mailto:surita@ualberta.ca">surita@ualberta.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Professor at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute and Director of Perioperative Echocardiography.</li> <li>• Cardiac Anesthesiology fellowship at Yale-New Haven Hospital.</li> <li>• Anesthesiology at McGill University</li> </ul> <p>MD University of Alberta</p>

<p>Diem Tran</p> <p><b>Vice-Chair</b></p>	 <p><a href="mailto:dtran@ottawaheart.ca">dtran@ottawaheart.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Director Division of Cardiac Anesthesiology and Critical Care, University of Ottawa Heart Institute</li> <li>• Assistant Professor School of Epidemiology and Public Health</li> <li>• MSc Clinical Epidemiology at University of Ottawa</li> <li>• Cardiac Anesthesiology Fellowship University of Ottawa Heart Institute</li> <li>• Anesthesiology at University of Western Ontario</li> <li>• MD Queen's University.</li> </ul> <p>Research Interests: Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation and Blood Transfusion</p> <p>Personal Interests: Cooking, Gardening &amp; Escape Rooms</p>
<p>Tarit Saha</p> <p><b>Secretary-Treasurer</b></p>	 <p><a href="mailto:Tarit.Saha@kingstonhsc.ca">Tarit.Saha@kingstonhsc.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Professor &amp; Research Director Anesthesiology &amp; Perioperative Medicine, Queens</li> <li>• Director of Cardiac Anesthesiology, Queens</li> <li>• Cardiac Anesthesiology Fellowship Queens University</li> <li>• Anesthesiology at Albany Medical School, NY.</li> </ul> <p>Research Interests: Blood conservation &amp; Chronic Pain in Cardiac Surgery</p> <p>Personal Interests: Travelling, F1 &amp; Porsches</p>

<p>Geoff Zbitnew</p> <p><b>Member At Large</b></p>	 <p><a href="mailto:gzbitnew@mun.ca">gzbitnew@mun.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Memorial University</li> <li>• Clinical Traineeship TEE, Dalhousie</li> <li>• Anesthesiology at Memorial University</li> <li>• MD University of Alberta</li> </ul> <p>Professional Interests: Hyperbaric and Diving Medicine, Simulation, Ultrasound, Medical Education</p> <p>Personal Interests: Scuba Diving &amp; Cycling</p>
<p>Marelise Kruger Footit</p> <p><b>Member At Large</b></p>	 <p><a href="mailto:mkruger@footit.ca">mkruger@footit.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Anesthesiologist at Calgary</li> <li>• Thoracic anesthesia and lung transplant Toronto General Hospital.</li> <li>• Cardiac anesthesia and echo, Edmonton</li> </ul> <p>Professional Interests: POCUS, vascular anesthesia, simulation, medical education and assessment of competency</p>

**2021 CAS ANNUAL MEETING June 12-13.**

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Attached is a link to the Program

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