

Focus on Faculty #42

Ari Meguerditchian

[Dr. Ari Meguerditchian](#) is an Associate Professor in the Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology and the Department of Surgery at McGill University. He is a graduate of Université de Montréal in General Surgery at Laval University was followed by a three-year fellowship in Surgical Oncology and health services research at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (Buffalo).

Dr. Meguerditchian has been a Surgical Oncologist at the MUHC since 2008, specializing in the treatment of breast, skin and soft tissue malignancies. In addition to his clinical duties, he is actively involved in teaching, research and administrative leadership at McGill University. He was Site Director of surgical undergraduate education at the Royal Victoria Hospital between 2010 and 2013, during the implementation and roll-out of one45 online student evaluations. Between 2012 and 2014 he served as Program Director of McGill Surg

Dr. [redacted] s on the quality of cancer care. He has received grants from the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec and the Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute, and developed expertise in the use of large administrative databases to apply quality metrics and identify irregularities in trajectories of care. In collaboration with colleagues at the Clinical and Health Informatics Research Group, he has published on challenges in delivering quality with a particular focus on high risk contexts such as in older patients, long term treatment toxicity management and self-administered anti-cancer therapy. Most recently, he received support from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to develop and evaluate a health informatic application that provides real-time patient-specific alerts to health professionals treating breast cancer patients with anti-estrogen therapy.

As the leader of the Cancer Quality & Innovation Program at the Rossy Cancer Network (RCN), over the past five years Dr. Meguerditchian leadership in the field of oncology. He developed the RCN Research Fund to support research that holds potential to improve the organisation, delivery and quality of cancer care. Since 2014, research funded by this mechanism has resulted in abstracts, presentations, publications, CIHR and most recently FRQS funding. The RCN Skills Enhancement Fund developed in collaboration with oncology nursing leadership has allowed close to 200 nurses across McGill hospitals to get cancer-specific training and certification. In 2018, this program received recognition from the Canadian Nurses Association. The RCN Quality Improvement Initiatives Fund developed in collaboration with oncology clinical leadership has supported important quality initiatives such as improving access to fertility preservation and a pilot medicinal cannabis program for cancer patients. Dr. Meguerditchian is also services sociaux. He participates in the committee responsible for reviewing new cancer treatments being assessed for provincial funding and is actively involved in the development and validation of provincial guidelines for optimal cancer care.

Outside of his professional activities, Dr. Meguerditchian enjoys spending time with his family, listening to music, reading and spending time outdoors with his two young ch3>l 16ip yyDp ytee reAssociatio3ip