

## **Focus on Faculty #43**

### **Antonio Vigano**

[Dr. Antonio Vigano](#) is an Associate Professor in the Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology at McGill, director of the Cancer Rehabilitation Program (CAREPRO) at the McGill University Health Centre, founding member of the McGill Research Centre for Cannabis, and founding director of the McGill Nutrition and Performance Laboratory.

While attending a lecture as a second-year student at the University of Milano, Italy, Dr. Vigano recalled hearing the Latin phrase "Non Nocere" (Do Not Harm/Healing Pain). This sentence would remain with him and would shape him as a person and physician. Throughout his early clinical years, he would have many encounters with cancer patients admitted to internal medicine and surgical wards with unrelieved pain and other symptoms. This convinced Dr. Vigano to join the first Italian palliative care program at the National Cancer Institute, Milano Italy founded by Drs. Vittorio Ventafridda, Franco DeConno and Carla Ripamonti,

Francesca, a very talented organ player at the main Italian Church in Edmonton, who became his wife and mother to Claudio and MariaLuisa. Thanks to another prestigious scholarship from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Dr. Viganò pursued a Master of Science in Epidemiology at the University of Alberta while being able to maintain a young family of three for five years and of