

# 2023 VIRTUAL MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRAM

On behalf of the SOGC Promotion of the Specialty Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2023 Virtual Medical Student Program. You will be joined by medical students from across Canada for a half day of workshops designed to provide you with key information relating to OBGYN residency.

Though we don't have a message board associated with the program, please don't hesitate to use the chat function within the Zoom link to ask questions during the talks, or engage with Slido during the panel discussions. In this program you will find the schedule and speaker biographies.

Thank you for your interest and I hope you have a wonderful time!

Sincerely,

Jason Burrows MD FRCSC  
Maternal Fetal Medicine, Vancouver, BC  
Chair, SOGC Promotion of the Specialty Committee

## Promotion of the Specialty Committee

Donna Fedorkow	Javier Mejia-Gomez
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Christina Dolhaniuk	Eden Manly
Desiree Reichhardt	Ariane Litalien
Jacob Buote	Jessica Li
Sarah Manning	Joren Manz
Carmen Soltys	Amber King

# SCHEDULE

## Welcome

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Dr. Jason Burrows, Chair, Promotion of the Specialty Committee  
Dr. Javier Mejia-Gomez

## The Art to our Science: One Obstetrician's Path to MFM

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Dr. Sebastian Hobson (University of Toronto)

## Panel Discussion: A Day in the Life of an OBGYN

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Dr. Jason Burrows, Dr. Christina Dolhaniuk, Dr. Kristin  
Wadsworth, Dr. Jacob Buote, Dr. Ariane Litalien, &  
Dr. Joren Manz



Ask your questions live with Slido!

## Break

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

## Confessions of an ex-Program Director

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Dr. Jagdeep Ubhi (UBC)

## Panel Discussion: How did you Survive your CaRMS Interview?

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Dr. Donna Fedorkow, Dr. Javier Mejia-Gomez, Dr.  
Jessica Li, Dr. Gabriel Chan & Dr. Amber King



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# VIRTUAL MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRAM: SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

## Dr. Sebastian Hobson



Dr. Sebastian Hobson is a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist who has particular clinical and research interests in labour and delivery care, advanced obstetric surgery, and placenta accreta spectrum disorders. He attended medical school and completed residency training at Monash University in Melbourne whilst concurrently completing a Master's in Public Health and PhD researching preeclampsia. After further subspecialty training in Australia, Sebastian moved to Canada to join the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division at the University of Toronto. He is currently the Head of Labour and Delivery at Mount Sinai Hospital and Co-Chair of the Clinical Practice Obstetrics Committee for the SOGC.

## Dr. Jagdeep Ubhi



Dr. Jagdeep Ubhi is a general Obstetrician Gynecologist at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, British Columbia. He is passionate about medical education and loves working with medical students and residents. In the past he was the Clerkship director for Obstetrics and Gynecology at UBC before becoming the Program Director for the Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program from 2013 to 2020.

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## Dr. Jason Burrows

Chair, Promotion of the Specialty Committee



Dr. Jason Burrows is a Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist and currently serves as Regional Division Head of Obstetrics for the Fraser Health Authority in Greater Vancouver, Canada. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Burrows received his medical degree and obstetrics/gynecology residency through the University of British Columbia and his Fellowship through Dalhousie University. His clinical and research interests include fetal ECHO, antenatal corticosteroids and health administration.

## Dr. Christina Dolhaniuk



Dr. Christina Dolhaniuk is an Associate Clinical Professor, and generalist Obstetrician/Gynecologist practicing in Edmonton, Alberta. She is a long-standing member of the Promotion of the Specialty Committee for the SOGC, and has an interest in both medical education and health administration. She is currently the Facility Chief for Women's Health at the Grey Nuns Hospital, and is one of the Fetal Health Surveillance Instructors in Edmonton.

## Dr. Kristin Wadsworth



Dr. Kristin Wadsworth is a general OBGYN with a subspecialty in Urogynecology who practices in Cambridge, Ontario. She completed her medical school and fellowship at the University of Toronto and her residency at Queen's University in Kingston. When she isn't at work she loves spending time with her three kids and husband exploring the outdoors and baking delicious sweet treats.

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## Dr. Jacob Buote



Dr. Jacob Buote is a fourth-year resident in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon site). He grew up in Saskatoon but prior to residency spent ten years on the east coast where he practiced as a pharmacist and completed medical school at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's. He is passionate about women's health and enjoys both obstetrical and gynecologic aspects of the specialty. As such he intends to establish a general OBGYN practice after residency. Outside of the hospital he enjoys traveling, snowboarding and weight-training.

## Dr. Ariane Litalien



Dr. Ariane Litalien is a third-year resident in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Alberta. Prior to moving to Edmonton, she completed a Bachelor of Arts at Harvard University and obtained her medical degree from McGill University. She is passionate about women's rights and helped passed a provincial bill against sexual violence in Quebec in 2017. Ariane grew up in Sorel, a small town outside of Montreal, and is fluent in French.

## Dr. Donna Fedorkow



Dr. Donna Fedorkow graduated with an MD degree from the University of Calgary where she also obtained her FRCSC in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. After completing sub-specialty training in Urogynaecology and earning a MSc. Degree in Epidemiology, she joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at McMaster University. She holds the rank of Professor Emeritus. She served as the Department's Continuing Medical Education Director, Undergraduate Program Director and Urogynecology Program Director. She is a Past President of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. Her clinical and research interests include menopause, urogynaecology, conservative management of pelvic floor dysfunction and undergraduate medical education.

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## Dr. Amber King



Dr. Amber King is a PGY2 at Queen's University. She is originally from Stephenville, Newfoundland, a small town on the west coast of the island. She came to Ontario for her undergraduate degree, which she completed at McMaster in 2017. She found herself at Queen's University for Medical School, and loved it so much she stayed for residency! In her spare time, she enjoys hiking and swimming with her German Shepard in the summer, skiing at nearby resorts in the winter, and spending quality time with friends, family, and her two house cats!

## Dr. Javier Mejia-Gomez



Dr. Javier Cesar Mejia-Gomez went to medical school in Mexico and was fortunate to join an elective research program in Dr Judah Folkman's angiogenesis lab at Harvard Medical School. He completed the Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at Hadassah Hospital in Israel; a Master's degree at the Institut Curie, in France and the Gynecology-Oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute of Mexico. He has been at the University of Toronto since 2016 and accomplished a 3-year Gynecology-Oncology fellowship, the Mature Women's Health and Menopause fellowship under the mentorship of Dr Wendy Wolfman and a 1-year research fellowship in Gynecological Health in Breast Cancer. He is also an Alumni of the Princess Margaret Global Oncology Leadership Development Program and determined to provide menopause care to cancer survivors.

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## Dr. Joren Manz



Dr. Joren Manz is currently in his PGY2 year in Saskatoon. He completed a Bachelor of Science in Immunology, and Medical school at the University of Alberta prior to moving to Saskatoon. In his free time he enjoys being outside, mainly cycling and kiteboarding.

## Dr. Jessica Li



Dr. Jessica Li is a PGY1 in OBGYN at the University of Toronto. She is originally from Vancouver, BC and graduated from medical school at UBC. Prior to medicine, she completed a Master of Public Health and worked in the public health field in Canada and internationally.

## Dr. Gabriel Chan



Dr. Gabriel Chan is a PGY1 resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at UBC. He grew up in Vancouver, but completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Alberta before medical school at UBC. He is currently interested in all aspects of OBGYN. Outside of medicine, he enjoys biking, powerlifting, and snowboarding.