



## Meet Dr. Mor Cohen Eilig, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Developmental Pediatrics,  
Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH  
Medical Lead, Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Sunny Hill Health Centre,  
BC Children's Hospital  
Investigator, BB&D theme, BC Children's Hospital Research  
Institute

### **What you enjoy most about your job:**

Witnessing the joy on parents' faces as they see the remarkable progress their child has made brings me immense satisfaction. Working collaboratively within a team to provide holistic care for patients is a privilege. In the wise words of Patch Adams, 'You treat a disease, you win, you lose. You treat a person, I guarantee you, you'll win, no matter what the outcome'.

### **Role within the organization:**

I began my career within the department as a fellow in the Division of Developmental Pediatrics in 2019. Since then, I have held the dual roles of a Developmental Pediatrician and the Medical Lead for the Acute Rehabilitation Unit since 2022.

Additionally, I find fulfillment in my role as the Developmental Pediatrics Rotation Lead for pediatric residents, contributing to their education and growth.

### **Proudest accomplishment to date:**

I take immense pride in spearheading the establishment of the Cerebral Palsy (CP) early diagnosis clinic and a pioneering provincial early motor screening program, the first of its kind in Canada.

Collaborating with a multidisciplinary team, we are committed to lowering the age of diagnosis, enhancing communication around CP, and ultimately improving outcomes across various domains, guided by the F-words in disability: Functioning, Family, Fitness, Fun, Friends, and Future.

### **Inspiration to become a doctor and pursue research:**

My calling to become a doctor was deeply rooted in me since childhood, guiding me toward a dedicated path in pediatrics. The fascination of unraveling the complexities of the brain and its development, the interplay of genetics and environment, and supporting positive development led me to the field of Developmental Pediatrics. Witnessing the brain's adaptability and our capacity to support it, even after injury, fuels my passion for this specialty.

### **Research affiliations and areas of research focus:**

<https://bcchr.ca/mcohen-eilig>

My research centers on neurodevelopmental disorders, particularly Cerebral Palsy and Autism. I am dedicated to understanding the family experience throughout their journey, promoting child inclusion, developing coping strategies, and enhancing overall quality of life.

### **Balancing role as clinician and researcher:**

My dual roles as clinician and researcher are synergistic. Insights gained from clinical experiences inspire my research focus, and the support to translate these ideas into tangible research outcomes is invaluable. The rewarding cycle completes when research results directly benefit patients and their families, creating a meaningful impact on their lives.

# Meet Dr. Pei-Yoong Lam, MBBS FRCPC

Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH  
Medical Director, BCCH Provincial Specialized Eating Disorder Program for Children and Adolescents  
Investigator, BC Children's Hospital Research Institute

## Role within the organization:

I moved to Canada and Vancouver in 2010 and have been working at BCCH since then and became medical director in 2016.

## Proudest accomplishment to date:

My proudest accomplishment is developing and creating guidelines for the medical care of youth with eating disorders.

These guidelines have been disseminated throughout the province and it is the basis of guidelines that have been created by other regional and rural hospitals. This has meant that children and adolescents who would have otherwise been transferred to Vancouver, have been able to stay within their local hospital for medical stabilisation.

## Inspiration to become a doctor and pursue research:

<https://bcchr.ca/adolescent-health/our-team>

I am inspired to participate in research to improve the level of evidence-based care for managing young people with eating disorders. My areas of interest in research are, eating disorders in children and adolescents and medical complications from eating disorders in children and adolescents.

I find it very satisfying to implement evidence informed care in a clinical setting.

MORE:

<https://pediatrics.med.ubc.ca/divisions-centres/adolescent-medicine/>

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## Meet Dr. Zaneta Lim, MD, FRCPC

Clinical Instructor, Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH

*The opportunity to affect life-long change in a family's life by empowering them when they feel most vulnerable.*

### **Role within the organization:**

General pediatrician working in rural, remote, semi-urban centres both in hospital and community clinics.

### **Proudest accomplishment to date:**

Working as a rural/remote pediatrician for seven years in Terrace British Columbia.

### **Inspiration to become a doctor and pursue research:**

It was the thought of becoming a pediatrician that made me want to be a doctor. I couldn't think of a more universal and meaningful way to affect change in the lives of others than by working with children. It doesn't matter what language you speak, what culture you are from, what religion you follow, the fundamental desire to keep children healthy and safe is unquestionable.

In my early medical school days, I did research with Dr. Sanatani and the Cardiology Department at Children's hospital. I learned so much, including my biggest takeaway, which was the sheer admirable amount of time, energy, and dedication it took to be a successful clinician and researcher.

### **Research affiliations and research interests:**

Overtime, I have not continued research but have found a place in Quality Improvement work. I am most attracted to the model's ability to change practice in real time based on results from a small cohort over a small amount of time. Moreover, it is sustainable work within my current capacity as a practicing community pediatrician.

MORE:

<https://www.redcanoepediatrics.com/who-we-are>

<https://www2.unbc.ca/northern-medical-program/news/new-icc-co-director-northwest-dr-zaneta-lim>



## Meet Dr. David Smith, MD

General Pediatrician, Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH

In 1981, Dr. Smith was appointed the Medical Director of Emergency at BC Children's Hospital and then later appointed the first Division Head once the pediatric specialty was formally recognized.

Dr. Smith is the recipient of the *2020 Life Membership* award from the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS). The CPS Life Membership recognizes CPS members who have made exceptional contributions to the Society over a long period of time. Life members have demonstrated tremendous dedication to advancing the health of children by supporting the work of the CPS.

He currently enjoys coordinating biannual teambuilding events for retired physicians of the Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH and, this past year, Dr. Smith celebrated his 50-year service milestone.

MORE:

<https://cps.ca/en/awards-prix/life-membership#toc4>

<https://pediatrics.med.ubc.ca/2018/03/20/a-retrospective-look-at-43-years-of-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-fasd-how-did-we-get-here-from-where-we-started/>

<https://pediatrics.med.ubc.ca/2023/11/30/the-2023-fall-senior-luncheon/>



## Meet Dr. Anita Malik, MD, FRPCC

Clinical Instructor, Department of Pediatrics, UBC & BCCH  
Local Department Head of Pediatrics, Peace Arch Hospital  
Co-Discipline-Specific Site Leader (DSSL), Langley Memorial Hospital, Department of Pediatrics, UBC

*As a community pediatrician, I love the variety in my work. I practice acute neonatal and pediatric care, as well as look after children with chronic medical needs and mental health challenges. I also love forming long term relationships with patients and families.*

### **Role within the organization:**

I have been working in Fraser Health as a community pediatrician since I moved to South Surrey from Edmonton in 2014. I share an office in Surrey with three amazing pediatricians where I practice general pediatrics. I provide call coverage at Langley Memorial and Peace Arch Hospitals.

I also volunteer as a pediatrician at the Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op in New Westminister which provides team-based care to immigrants and newcomers to the lower mainland. I have been the DSSL for undergraduate medical education at Langley Memorial Hospital since 2019.

I have been involved in leadership at the department of pediatrics at Peace Arch Hospital since 2021 where I currently serve as local department head.

### **Proudest accomplishment to date:**

Along with my colleague Dr. Laura Lewington and the incredible team at Fraser Health, I helped establish a pediatric rapid access clinic at Peace Arch Hospital in 2022 which has provided a much-needed service to our community. This clinic, along with a recently negotiated service contract, has allowed us to recruit more locum pediatricians. This has helped to stabilize the pediatric service at our hospital which was in danger of being shut down two years ago.

I'm also proud of the balance I've created between my clinical/ administrative responsibilities and my family life. I think this is one of the most difficult things we must do as physicians.

### **Inspiration to become a doctor:**

I draw a lot of inspiration from my parents; my father was a general surgeon, and my mother was a surgical nurse. I have wanted to be a physician for as long as I can remember despite growing up seeing the ups and downs of life in medicine.

I have always loved hanging out with kids and getting to know people from all walks of life. I derive a lot of fulfilment from day-to-day patient interactions such as successfully advocating for funding for a child with special needs, solving a diagnostic dilemma, or supporting a family as they navigate their child's chronic illness.

I can't really picture myself doing anything else.

MORE:

<https://www.cgped.ca/doctors>



## Meet Dr. Paul Rogers, MBA, FRCPC, MB, BSc, FRCP, ChB, DCH

Clinical Professor Emeritus, UBC  
Former Medical Director, Division of Hematology, Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant  
Former Head, Division of Hematology, Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant  
Investigator Emeritus, BC Children's Hospital

Dr. Rogers began his career at BC Children's Hospital in 1976 where he played an important role in establishing the Hematology, Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant Division as a leading academic department.

In 2013, he received the *Dr. Judith Hall Award* by the BC Pediatric Society and in 2022 he was awarded the *Lifetime Achievement*

*Award* from the International Society of Pediatric Oncology.

This past year, Dr. Rogers celebrated his 45-year service milestone.

MORE:

<https://www.bcpeds.ca>

<https://www.bcchr.ca/progers>