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Dr. Sunit Das as the 2024 Janet Rossant Lecturer***



Dr. Sunit Das, MD, PhD, FACS, FABNS, FRCS(C)
Associate Professor and the Keenan Chair
in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto
Neurosurgeon and Scientist at St. Michael's Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Kids
Provincial Lead for CNS Oncology at Cancer Care Ontario

Title of Talk: "Improving outcomes for patients with glioblastoma; or, finding a path as a clinician-scientist."

Date: Fall 2024 in conjunction with the Annual MGR Symposium TBA

Sunit Das is a neurosurgeon and scientist at St. Michael's Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Kids and Associate Professor and the Keenan Chair in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto. He currently serves as the Provincial Lead for CNS Oncology at Cancer Care Ontario. Dr. Das studied English Literature at the University of Michigan and Philosophy at Harvard University before moving to Chicago for medical school at Northwestern University. He completed his doctoral studies in Neurobiology at the National Institutes of Health, where he studied the molecular processes that underlie adult neurogenesis in the lab of Dr. ZuHang Sheng. He returned to Chicago for his neurosurgical residency, during which time he also began work on cancer stem cells in primary brain tumours in the lab of Dr. John Kessler. He was recruited to the University of Toronto in 2010. Dr. Das's clinical practice is focused on the care of patients with benign and malignant brain tumours. His laboratory in the Arthur and Sonia Labatt Brain Tumour Centre at the Hospital for Sick Kids focuses on the molecular and genetic mechanisms that regulate tumour evolution and treatment resistance in glioblastoma. His research group at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute is focused on using real-world data and meta-analysis for knowledge translation. With his partners, Drs. Mary Jane Lim Fat and Julie Bennett, Dr. Das founded and leads the Canadian Adolescent and Young Adult Neuro-Oncology Consortium (CANON), a pan-Canada effort to improve outcomes for young people with brain tumours. In 2017, he joined the Centre for Ethics at the University of Toronto. His work at the Centre for Ethics focuses on the interface of AI with medicine, issues that underlie professional identity in medical practice, and the ethics of surgical care and innovation. Dr. Das currently serves as the Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness at the Institute for Medical Sciences, and as the Chair of the Residency Competency Committee for the Toronto neurosurgical training program. He was recently named a Senior Fellow at Massey College. Dr Das also has a very impressive dedication to teaching and mentorship.

* The Janet Rossant Lectureship was established in 2018 at Massey College in recognition of Dr. Rossant's distinguished career as a scientist, scholar, builder and mentor of young scientists.

Massey Grand Rounds (MGR) convenes monthly during the school term and hosts guest mentors to discuss topics related to medicine, the health sciences, and issues of interest to graduate students.

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