DATE: January 18, 2018

TO: All Surgical Residents, MSc and PhD Students

RE: Call for Abstracts – Tom Williams Surgical Research Day

The Division of Surgical Research is now accepting abstracts for the annual Tom Williams Surgical Research Day held on Friday, May 11, 2018.

As the final event for the 2017-18 academic year, the day highlights the research activities of all graduate students and residents within the department. Awards are presented for both oral and poster presentations in each of the Basic Science and Clinical Science Research categories.

This year’s event is hosted by the Division of Surgical Oncology. Dr Frances Wright, Professor, Department of Surgery, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University of Toronto, will be the Visiting Professor and Judge. The day will begin with Grand Rounds at 7:30 am.

Deadline for the submission of abstracts is February 22, 2018.

Abstracts are to be submitted electronically using the attached template. Complete details are outlined on the Department of Surgery website, Abstract Submission. Only one abstract may be submitted per resident or graduate student, as the principal author. The applicant must be a resident or graduate student registered in the Department of Surgery. This competition is not open to fellows or graduate students in other departments. Please note that those holding an academic (clinical or non-clinical) appointment may present at Tom Williams Research Day; however, they are not eligible to compete for prizes.

Abstracts must follow these guidelines:

- Indicate that the abstract was reviewed by your supervisor
- Must be able to copy/paste from Microsoft Word
- The abstract is limited to 350 words using 12-point Times New Roman font
- Additional authors to be listed in order of authorship

The Department of Surgery expects all residents and graduate students to attend the paper/poster sessions on May 11, 2018. Arrangements to delegate responsibilities should be made for that day. The annual Surgical Awards Dinner will be held at the University of Alberta Faculty Club on the evening of May 11, 2018. Tickets are complimentary for those presenting their work at Research Day.

In the past, many outstanding presentations have been made at the Department of Surgery Tom Williams Surgical Research Day. We anticipate that this year will be no exception. Thus, we would like to encourage your participation and look forward to an interesting, exciting and rewarding day.

Yours sincerely,

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