

summit chair



Dr. Marissa Joseph Toronto

Dr. Marissa Joseph completed medical school at Dalhousie University in Halifax and her postgraduate training at the University of Toronto. She is double board-certified in Pediatrics and Dermatology and full-time academic faculty at the University of Toronto. She has received and has been nominated for teaching awards in both undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. She also completed an MSc in Community Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

Dr. Joseph is the Medical Director of the Ricky Kanee Schachter Dermatology Centre at Women's College Hospital in Toronto. She also works at SickKids hospital where she manages children with complex dermatologic disease as well as within a pediatric laser treatment program.

Dr. Joseph enjoys her diverse practice in general adult, pediatric, and surgical dermatology. Her clinical and research interests include inflammatory skin disorders such as psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and hidradenitis suppurativa; genodermatoses; and equity, diversity and inclusivity.



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Dr. Zainab Abdurrahman Mississauga, Ont.

Dr. Zainab Abdurrahman (she/her) is the President of the Ontario Medical Association (as of May 1, 2025) and a practicing allergist and clinical immunologist in the Greater Toronto Area. She serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor of the School of Medicine at the Toronto Metropolitan University, and is an adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor in Pediatrics at McMaster University.

Dr. Abdurrahman earned her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Toronto and completed her pediatrics residency and subspecialty training in Allergy and Clinical Immunology at McMaster University. She also holds a Master's degree in Statistics with a specialization in Biostatistics.

Deeply committed to advancing health equity, she has been a key contributor to the Black Scientists Taskforce on COVID-19 Vaccination Equity and the Black Health & Vaccine Initiative, in partnership with the Black Physicians' Association of Ontario (BPAO).

Beyond equity work, Dr. Abdurrahman is passionate about the intersection of technology and medicine. She is dedicated to leveraging innovation to enhance patient care and is a strong advocate for advancing the medical profession through inclusive leadership and systemic change.

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Dr. Feras Ghazawi Ottawa

Dr. Feras Ghazawi is a double board-certified dermatologist in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Ghazawi holds a Master's degree in Cancer Biology and a doctorate (PhD) degree in Immunology, which laid the foundation for his career in medicine. Graduating from McGill University with a medical degree, Dr. Ghazawi's expertise spans dermatology and immunology.

Dr. Ghazawi's passion for scientific exploration is evident through his impressive portfolio of over 87 published peer-reviewed papers and several influential book chapters. His groundbreaking research has significantly advanced the understanding of dermatological, immunological, and oncological conditions, earning him recognition and the prestigious Canadian Dermatology Research Award in 2019.



Dr. Joseph Lam Vancouver

Dr. Joseph Lam is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics and an Associate Member of the Department of Dermatology and Sciences at the University of British Columbia. He practices at the BC Children's Hospital and in his private clinic on East 10th Avenue in Vancouver.

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Dr. Jaggi Rao
Edmonton

Dr. Jaggi Rao is an award-winning dermatologist, author, innovator, and researcher, licensed in both Canada and the United States. He is also a certified cosmetic and laser surgeon, having completed an accredited fellowship in southern California. Dr. Rao has a very busy and popular practice in the heart of Edmonton, where he serves as a Clinical Professor of Medicine and is the Dermatology Residency Program Director at the University of Alberta. He is also a resource for industry, delivering dozens of lectures every year at local, national, and international meetings, while serving on speakers' bureaus, research committees, and advisory boards.



Dr. Maria Cecilia Rivitti Machado
São Paulo, Brazil

Dr. Maria Cecilia Rivitti Machado is a medical dermatologist at the Hospital das Clínicas of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of São Paulo (USP) in Brazil, where she oversees the Pediatric Dermatology Outpatient Clinic and the Acne, Hidradenitis Suppurativa and Hair Follicle Diseases Group. Dr. Rivitti Machado is a Professor of Dermatology at the Metropolitan University of Santos (UNIMES) for undergraduate medical students, focusing on dermatoses of interest to family health and public health.



Dr. Luis Fernando Sanchez-Espino
Edmonton

Dr. Luis Fernando Sanchez-Espino is a Staff Pediatric Dermatologist at the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta. His clinical practice focuses on the diagnosis and management of varied and complex pediatric dermatologic conditions, with a special interest in inflammatory and immune-mediated disorders, medical and procedural care of vascular anomalies, and rare genodermatoses.

