

TemertyMedicine

Good afternoon,

It's hard to believe that next month marks a full year since I began my tenure as Dean of the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine.

Each day, I've been energized by the passion, purpose and promise that define the Temerty Medicine community. That spirit was especially palpable during our recent spring convocation and graduation events. Our newest alumni are a remarkable group of health professionals and scientists who are poised to shape the future of health and health care in Canada and beyond.

As a valued donor, you've helped shape these new graduates' Temerty Medicine experiences — whether directly through support for scholarships and awards, or by investing in the broader environment in which they have thrived with support for our innovative education, research and patient care initiatives. We are so very grateful.

Below, I've shared a few recent stories that offer a glimpse into just some of the meaningful work happening across our Faculty. As you scan these headlines, I hope you'll take pride in knowing you and your fellow donors have played a foundational role in bringing many of these accomplishments to life.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for the year to come. This includes celebrating a special milestone in September: the fifth anniversary of **James** and **Louise Temerty's** historic and transformational gift to our Faculty. I'm sure the anniversary will be a powerful moment to both reflect on the accelerated strides we've made as the *Temerty* Faculty of Medicine, and to imagine all we can and will achieve together in the future.

Thank you again for your support and for partnering with us in our work advancing health and health care for all.

Sincerely,

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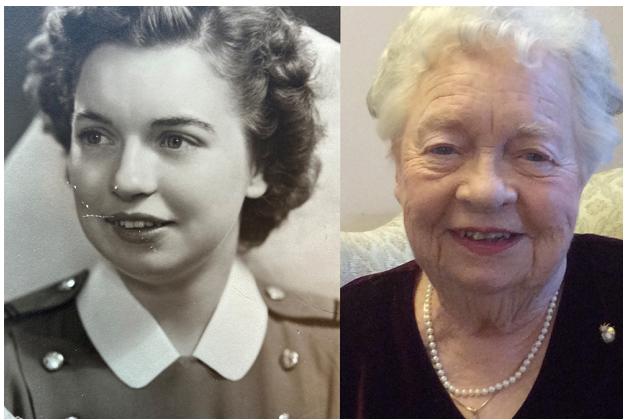
Skin deep: elevating excellence in dermatology at Temerty Medicine

The **Drs. Dev Raj and Saroj Gupta Chair in Dermatology** will provide [long-term, flexible support for the most pressing priorities across U of T Dermatology](#) — driving forward city-wide innovation, education and excellence in care.



U of T MD 50th Reunion: Love and laughter among lifelong friends

It was a celebration of enduring relationships at the 50-year reunion for the University of Toronto's MD Class of 1975 (7T5) — as well as the [nearly \\$100,000 raised by the class to support MD learners with financial need](#).



A centennial legacy: Family gives back to U of T in honour of alumna's 100th birthday

Suzanne deSouza's family honoured their matriarch's 100th birthday by [establishing the Suzanne Kelley-deSouza Physical Therapy Award to support the next generation of PTs](#) — ensuring her legacy of kindness and compassion will continue to touch lives.



Giving Day 2025: The generational impact of philanthropy

Temerty Medicine's U of T Giving Day 2025 student ambassador **Michael Zarathus-Cook** credits much of where he is today to faculty leaders who took the time to listen to his story, as well as to the [donor-supported scholarships, bursaries and awards that have played a critical role in lowering the barriers he faced](#).



Community and connection: Pamela Mark on 40 years in family medicine

Pamela Mark's ties to Temerty Medicine stretch back a generation to her father, a graduate of the MD Class of 4T7. We talked to Mark about her life and work, the many changes she has witnessed in family medicine over her career, and [why she prioritizes supporting new generations of medical learners at U of T](#).

NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



Becoming a doctor: reflections from the MD Class of 2T5

What makes someone want to become a physician? For [five students who recently graduated from Temerty Medicine's MD Program](#), the answers are as unique as they are personal.



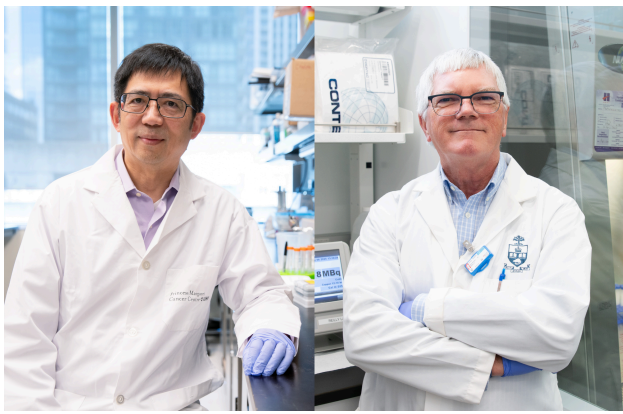
Two Temerty Medicine graduates on research and health science education

Recent PhD graduates **Insiya Bhalloo** and **Mehakpreet Thind** discuss [what inspired their research paths in speech language pathology and nutritional sciences, respectively](#) — and key experiences that shaped their learning along the way.



Temerty Medicine expands ECHO program to accelerate health innovation

Originally focused on cardiovascular health, the [newly expanded Entrepreneurship for Commercialization of Health Opportunities \(ECHO\) program](#) will include all areas of health research and care.



Made-in-Toronto cancer nanomedicine receives green light for clinical trial

U of T researchers will run a [world-first clinical trial that will test a new type of nanoparticles called porphysomes for the first time in humans](#) — work that ultimately aims to improve how we detect and diagnose cancers and make treatments less invasive.



Cloud Research Lab at the Donnelly Centre accelerates health research

Launched in collaboration with Amazon Web Services, [the Cloud Research Lab will equip researchers at the Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research with cutting-edge cloud computing resources](#) that will accelerate emerging and ongoing research projects to drive innovation in biomedical science.



Canadian innovation enhances drug access to brain areas affected by ALS

Under the direction of U of T associate professor of surgery **Nir Lipsman**, a Toronto research team used the Next Generation Dome Helmet to [non-invasively open the blood-brain barrier to deliver a small dose of immunotherapy directly to the brain of a patient with ALS](#).



Double serving of evidence underscores power of portfolio diet for heart health

Two studies connect the plant-based portfolio diet, developed in 2003 by U of T nutritional sciences professor **David Jenkins**, with [lower cardiovascular disease mortality and lowered cardiovascular risk factors in people in their twenties](#), respectively.



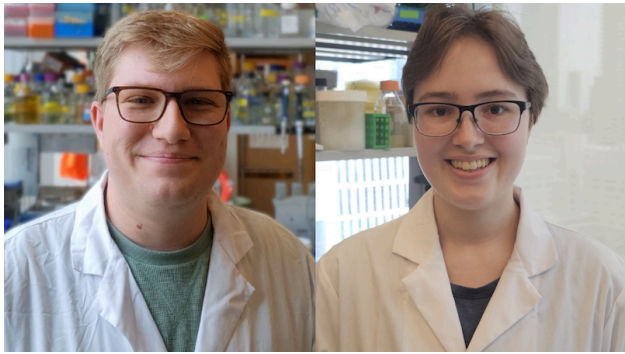
Daniel Drucker receives 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences

Daniel Drucker, a Temerty Medicine professor and senior investigator at Sinai Health's Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute (LTRI), is [one of five researchers to be recognized with a 2025 Breakthrough Prize](#) — considered the “Oscars of Science”.



Tanz Centre startup receives incubator space and support with innovator award

Neuropeutics Inc., a brain health company based on discovery science done at the Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases, is the [inaugural winner of the AbbVie Biotech Innovators Award](#).



U of T researchers discover nine genes used by bacteria to defend against viruses

U of T researchers used a combination of bioinformatics and laboratory testing to identify the previously unknown defence genes. [The findings could have profound implications for the development of strategies to treat bacterial infections, particularly those that are drug resistant.](#)



U of T to host new national hub for accelerating life sciences breakthroughs

[A new grant will expand Lab2Market through the creation of a national health hub based at Temerty Medicine and six regional hubs.](#) Lab2Market is Canada's national network for innovation, commercialization and entrepreneurship skills training.

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The Temerty Faculty of Medicine's Advancement Office connects a community of students, alumni, volunteers and donors to meaningful and transformative initiatives advancing health and health care.



As the research and educational hub within Toronto's robust health sciences network, the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine is uniquely positioned for impact.



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