



Congratulations Dr. Fady Girgis

PARA's February 2015

Resident Physician of the Month



PGY 6, Neurosurgery, University of Calgary

Dr. Girgis grew up in Calgary. He moved to Toronto for undergraduate studies where he obtained a degree in Pharmacy from the U of T. He then returned to Calgary for medical school, during which he practiced part-time as a community pharmacist, and remained for neurosurgical residency. He extended his training and spent two years in Boston, MA doing primate neurophysiology research, while completing a Masters Degree at Harvard University. He is currently in his final year of residency and will be moving to Cleveland, OH in the spring to complete a clinical fellowship in epilepsy and functional neurosurgery. Despite the heavy commitments of neurosurgical chief residency, Fady continues to enjoy dancing Argentine tango whenever time permits. He is grateful for having the privilege to work and train in the Calgary neurosurgical department with tremendously talented and supportive colleagues and teachers.

A colleague had this to say about Dr. Girgis:

"I am nominating Fady because he is an exemplary resident and physician. As a chief resident in a busy neurosurgery program, he always takes the time to teach and enrich the learning experience of junior residents and medical students. He has a way with junior learners where he empowers them to go over and beyond. Fady is an advocate for his patients and is always compassionate towards his patients and their families. On many occasions, I have seen him negotiate an urgent procedure that his patient needs, but can't because of the recent bed crises at the Foothills Medical Centre. He is also a strong collaborator, being able to maintain positive relationships with allied health professionals in order to ensure his patients receive safe and superior care. He also sits on the Neurosurgery Residency Training Committee where he works with faculty to improve his residency training program. As he embarks on his Neurosurgery fellowship training program in Cleveland in the spring he will be missed here in Calgary. However, the footprint he left behind will be remembered and will be a standard we, as junior learners, will attempt to attain and surpass. "

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