



Resident Physician of the Month
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Dr. Konstantin Koro
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While I was born in Russia, Alberta has been my home for the last 20 years. In my academic career I have lived and studied in both Calgary and Edmonton. After completing my BSc in Biochemistry and MSc in Cancer Biology in Calgary, I moved to Edmonton for my medical training. Four years ago I joined the anatomical pathology training program in Calgary where I get to work with, and learn from, great colleagues and mentors, who continue to entertain my countless questions after all these years.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my two children, Kenton and Alina, and my wife Lindsay, who I can't thank enough for her tireless support. I also enjoy doing home renovation projects, biking, and relaxing with friends and family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful preceptors, residents and laboratory staff, from whom I have had the pleasure to learn from, and work with over the years.

One colleague had this to say about Dr. Koro:

Konstantin is a truly exemplary resident. A native of Russia, Konstantin immigrated to Calgary at a young age, obtained his medical degree at the University of Alberta, and returned to Calgary for training in Anatomical Pathology. In his current role as the Chief Resident, he has made outstanding contributions to resident learning, coordinating among multiple areas of a complex department to provide residents and students with the best possible educational experience. He is heavily involved in medical education, and represents pathology residents at the national level as an Executive Member of the Resident Section of the Canadian Association of Pathologists.

Ever cognizant of the need for work-life balance, Konstantin takes interest in the well-being of fellow residents. He is acutely aware when a colleague is troubled, and is glad to offer an encouraging word or alternative, often humorous perspective. He organizes resident social events, and encourages colleagues to take the stairs, pack healthy lunches, and resist the temptation to sacrifice sleep and time with their families for the never ending workload of residency. He leads by example, prioritizing his wife and two young children while excelling academically. He will be a talented, well-rounded pathologist, and we are fortunate to have him!

Another colleague had this to say:

While on my off service rotation, I first met Dr. Koro. As chief pathology resident, he took ownership and initiative in helping me personally structure my rotation, as well as take a sincere interest in making sure my learning objectives were met. In addition, he held structured surgical pathology teaching sessions for his fellow colleagues, and he was always an available, patient, and respected knowledge resource for his fellow residents that had frequent questions throughout the work day. He was also lead chair and organizer for the pathology academic half day "Friday slides", a time intensive role which he always fulfilled with detailed-oriented diligence.

For each of his responsibilities as chief resident, he always went above and beyond what would normally be expected from such a role. I quickly recognized from an off-service resident's perspective the positive impact his leadership had within both his department and its rotating learners. He's even able to do all this while still being a caring husband and father to his wife and two young children, which further exemplifies his well-rounded character. It's for these reasons that I think Dr. Koro deserves the title of Resident of the Month.

Congratulations Dr. Koro!