Hello all.

The past 12 months have been Research’s most productive year in terms of both publications and engagement in grant procurement. As a lot of this work goes on quietly, behind the scenes, I thought I’d take this opportunity to summarize the work done by our colleagues in the list of publications and grants below. Your colleagues have had a very productive 2011 and I’d like to highlight a couple of themes.

Our recent strategic focus on education and simulation research is already yielding results. Our education research group were awarded five grants from the University of Ottawa’s Education Initiatives in Residency Education program.

With the addition of Dr Sylvain Boet to our faculty and the integration of our education researchers with our clinical trials support staff we look forward to further growth in this field.

Clinical trials research continues to grow and we are now harvesting the investments made five years ago in our cardiovascular and cognitive research agendas. We look forward to publications and new trials in chronic and persistent postoperative pain in 2012.

Most gratifying is our Department’s enthusiastic application to the TOHAMO Innovation Awards program. Six grants ranging in content from assessment of enhanced postoperative recovery programs to evaluation of team behaviour in simulated cardiac arrest were submitted this November. This broad engagement in peer-reviewed grantsmanship will set the stage for those seeking funding from external agencies and further enhance our research programs.

None of this would be possible without an academically-minded department such as ours. On behalf of our TOH Anesthesia researchers I’d like to thank all of you for your interest and support.

I’ll be communicating our group’s accomplishments more regularly with you in 2012. Until then, I’d like to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

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