



Department of Paediatrics Professorial Grand Rounds

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15 OCT
WEDNESDAY
9AM - 10AM

**In-person at the Daniel's Hollywood Theatre
& Virtual**

Please join us! Refreshments provided.

Dr. Sumit Gupta MD, PhD, FRCPC
Staff Oncologist and Clinician Investigator,
Division of Haematology/Oncology
Professor, Department of Paediatrics,
Institute for Health Policy, Management &
Evaluation, and Institute of Medical Sciences

Can we treat acute lymphoblastic leukemia without chemotherapy?

Dr. Sumit Gupta obtained his MD from the University of Toronto in 2005 and then completed both his pediatric residency and his fellowship in haematology/oncology at the Hospital for Sick Children. Upon completing a PhD in Clinical Epidemiology at the UofT in 2014, after which he joined the Section of Leukemia/Lymphoma in the Division of Haematology/Oncology at SickKids as a staff oncologist and clinician investigator.

His research focuses on improving outcomes for vulnerable subpopulations of children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, both locally and globally. Besides conducting health services research using administrative data and research into childhood cancer in low- and middle-income country settings, he also focuses on conducting clinical trials for children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common childhood cancer.

Dr. Gupta is the current Vice Chair of Frontline Clinical Trials of the ALL Committee of the Children's Oncology Group, the largest childhood cancer trial consortium in the world, through which he co-led the last randomized trial for children with Standard Risk ALL, AALL1731.

Objectives:

- To understand how immunotherapy has changed how we treat newly diagnosed childhood B-ALL
- To discuss the opportunities and challenges inherent to attempts to take away traditional chemotherapy from treatment
- To understand the implications for disadvantaged populations locally and globally

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