

John M. Esdaile Award for Rheumatology Resident Research Established in the UBC Adult Rheumatology Program

In 2024, the University of British Columbia (UBC) Adult Rheumatology Residency Program Committee established and awarded for the first time to a graduating rheumatology resident, the John M. Esdaile Award for Rheumatology Resident Research. This is awarded to a graduating trainee demonstrating an aptitude and commitment to rheumatology research during their training in the adult rheumatology training program.

Dr. Esdaile moved from McGill to UBC in 1996 as the Head of Rheumatology and the Director of Research at The Arthritis Society. He went on to significantly expand research opportunities in Rheumatology in BC and across Canada by establishing Arthritis Research Canada, which is now the largest clinical research insti-



The 2024 John M. Esdaile Award for Rheumatology Resident Research presented to Dr. Derin Karacabeyli (centre) by keynote speaker, Dr. John M. Esdaile (right), with UBC Adult Rheumatology Program Director, Dr. Raheem B. Kherani (left)

tute in North America. He has been a role model and mentor for many in rheumatology research, and has received many accolades for his contributions to rheumatology research in Canada and internationally, including the CRA Distinguished Investigator Award and the CRA Distinguished Rheumatologist Award.

The inaugural recipient was Dr. Derin Karacabeyli. Dr. Karacabeyli has numerous achievements making him most suitable for this award, including podium presentations in national and international forums, and publications in the area of obesity medicine. We were privileged to have Dr. Esdaile present the award to Dr. Karacabeyli at the UBC Adult Rheumatology Graduation on June 21st, 2024.