

BISC INSTRUCTOR APPRECIATION

2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

This year, we wish to recognize and express our appreciation for the significant contributions of two BISC Instructors, **Dr. Norgrove Penny** and **Dr. Dan Poenaru**. Dr. Penny and Dr. Poenaru are co-instructors of **SURG 512 - Global Disability: A Surgical Care Mandate**.

In 2019, both instructors and the course materials which they developed were evaluated very positively by students. Some of the comments received from students were:

- I enjoyed Dr. Poenaru's challenging comments and points of view, he makes the students challenge their own preconceived notions.
- I really liked Dan's comments on discussion forum! Witty, stimulating reflection, creativity... I appreciate his honest opinions...sharing personal experiences.
- I enjoyed the use of Dr. Penny's anecdotes, it makes the student connect with the content in a more concrete manner, rather than just theoretical.
- [Dr. Penny had] great contribution to thread discussions, personal experience sharing and very helpful with suggestions and guidance. Thank you!

BISC wishes to recognize these instructors for their stellar contributions to the course over the past several years. They have spent many hours on the course materials, including developing videos, as well as generating dialogue and debate in the course discussions, not to mention marking assignments! Through their efforts they have fostered an online learning community and contributed significantly to learners' knowledge of global surgical care.



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Dr. Penny is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Orthopedics at UBC. He has a Pediatric Orthopedic and sports medicine practice in Victoria, British Columbia. Throughout his career, he has had an interest in international orthopedics, particularly in Africa, including practicing for a number of years in Uganda during which he established a country-wide children's orthopedic rehabilitation program. Currently, Dr. Penny is the Medical Advisor for Hope and Healing International and other global surgical organizations through which he consults in low resource countries around the world.



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Dr. Poenaru is Professor of Pediatric Surgery, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. During a decade of working in East Africa, he has contributed to the establishment of East Africa's first pediatric surgery fellowship training program. He was the Clinical Director of BethanyKids Africa, a faith-based organization providing care to children with surgical disabilities. He is a founding member of the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS) and Dean of Université Shalom Bunia Faculté de Médecine, DRC. Dr. Poenaru is a FRQS- and CIHR-funded investigator in global pediatric surgery and patient-centred surgical care. He is the Director of the Jean-Martin Laberge Fellowship in Global Pediatric Surgery, Research Committee Chair for the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS), and Director-at-Large and Research Committee Co-Chair of the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery (GICS).