

## In memoriam and condolences to our Medicine community

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Dalhousie faculty and staff

**From:** Deep Saini, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice-President Academic (Acting)

**Date:** Saturday, February 13, 2021

**Re:** **In memoriam and condolences to our Medicine community**

The Dal community, particularly our colleagues in the Faculty of Medicine, is mourning the loss of Ryan Clow, director of MedIT Enterprise Systems, who passed away suddenly last weekend.

Ryan's work touched so many elements within Medicine: teaching, research, operations and more. Part of the MedIT team since 2014, Ryan was an admired, thoughtful and beloved friend and colleague whose loss will be felt by many across our campus communities for a long time to come.

Please make time in your thoughts for Ryan's family and friends, our faculty, staff and students in the Faculty of Medicine, as well as all who knew him. Dalhousie shares our condolences. Campus flags have been lowered to half-mast in Ryan's memory.

Please reach out if you need help during what is surely a challenging time. Supports are available through our Employee and Family Assistance Program, which can be accessed at [workhealthlife.com](http://workhealthlife.com), or through the [enhanced mental health benefit](#) from Blue Cross, or contact Accessible Employment at [accessible.employment@dal.ca](mailto:accessible.employment@dal.ca) for additional support or resources.

Below, we are sending along the fitting tribute to Ryan from Dean of Medicine David Anderson, which has also been shared with entire Medicine community.

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*It is with great sadness that the Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine shares news that our colleague, Mr. Ryan Clow, passed away suddenly on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*

*Ryan was a well-known, well-liked, and highly respected member of the Dalhousie community. Born and raised on Prince Edward Island, Ryan received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of PEI in 2000 and went on to complete his MBA from Saint Mary's University in 2009. Ryan began his career at Dalhousie University as a Project Manager and Business Analyst with Information Technology Services (ITS) in 2012 before*

*becoming the Manager of Distributed Education Technologies (MedIT) at the medical school in 2014. Not long after, Ryan joined the leadership team as the Director of MedIT Enterprise Systems and Projects, a position he held for the past four years.*

*In addition to being an outstanding colleague, Ryan was a loving husband to Julie and a great father to his two young children. I have fond memories of seeing Ryan playing tennis with his young sons and observing their mutual joy of enjoying each successful shot. Ryan touched so many lives at Dalhousie and through his many friends and acquaintances. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.*

*Ryan was admired by many colleagues-turned-friends at Dalhousie and we will remember him for his calm, dedicated leadership, and friendly, always-helpful approach. Details concerning the medical school's celebration of Ryan's life will be arranged by the Faculty of Medicine and shared at a later date. Those who wish to can share memories and messages to the family through an [online book of condolences](#). Additionally, a [GoFundMe page](#) has been organized by Ryan's friends in support of the Clow family.*

*On behalf of the Dalhousie community, we offer our sincere condolences to Ryan's family and friends.*

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Sincerely,

Deep Saini  
President and Vice-Chancellor

Frank Harvey  
Provost and Vice-President Academic (Acting)

*Dalhousie University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all Treaty people.*