Our Team

The Ottawa DOM-NFP comprises a multi-disciplinary and diverse team of physicians, scientists, engineers and management professionals dedicated to achieving the goal of moving medicine forward. To achieve this goal, the team will work in close collaboration with health researchers and innovators to bring their ideas to fruition by building strategic partnerships with investors, funders, tech companies, startup accelerators and other public and private organizations that share our vision and want to be part of the next giant leap in medicine. The Ottawa DOM-NFP is proud to introduce its dedicated team of experts that will help the organization achieve its vision.
1. **Dr. Philip Wells** - Chief/Chair, Department of Medicine, University of Ottawa

   Dr. Phil Wells holds an MD and FRCPC (Internal Medicine) from the University of Ottawa, and FRCPC (Hematology) and MSc (Clinical Epidemiology) from McMaster University. Dr. Wells has been in a practicing position for 35 years and has held many leadership positions including training program director, director of clinical research, head of the division of hematology, and the Chair/Chief of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Wells’ core expertise is in the fields of Internal Medicine, Hematology and Thrombosis Medicine, as well as Clinical Epidemiology. Dr. Wells has been awarded the OHRI Researcher of the Year award, the OHRI Career Research Achievement award, and a University of Ottawa Lifetime Achievement award. Dr. Wells was one of the first Canada Research Chairs recipients at the University of Ottawa, and more recently received a Faculty of Medicine Distinguished Clinical Research Chair and a University of Ottawa Research Chair award. Dr. Wells is renowned for authoring the ‘Wells Rules for the diagnosis of pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis which are taught in Medical schools across the world and used in National Healthcare guidelines globally.

   Dr. Wells’ vision for the Ottawa DOM-NFP is to pursue opportunities by utilizing the collective wisdom, knowledge and innovations of members of the Department of Medicine, which will enable activities, investments and partnerships that will eventually result in the provision of better patient care.

2. **Dr. Ran Klein** - PhD, AI Program Implementation Manager

   Dr. Klein leads the Digital Health & AI Support Team that comprises Medical AI Officer(s), Data Scientists, Business Development Strategists, Software Developers, AI experts, and volunteers. Dr. Klein works on translating the requirements and needs of the healthcare experts to the technical experts and vice versa. He has a passion for
facilitating culture change due to the advent of AI in Healthcare by organizing training, journal club, and talent acquisition activities.

3. **Dr. Babak Rashidi - MD, Medical AI Officer**

Dr. Rashidi has vast experience in digital health, AI, and Machine Learning. Along with his knowledge in data & analytics, EMR evolution, and patient care, Dr. Rashidi brings his medical expertise to the Digital Health & AI Team. He works on identifying innovative ideas and developing and improving the accuracy of prediction tools and algorithms.

4. **Abhilash Menon - MBA, Business Strategist**

Abhilash is an electronic engineer and holds an MBA from the University of Ottawa. He comes with diverse professional experience in multichannel digital marketing, business development, business strategy, software development, and entrepreneurship. With his varied skill set, entrepreneurial attitude, and project management skills, Abhilash helps the team in achieving the organization's vision by identifying innovative healthcare projects, building strategic collaborations, and spearheading impactful programs.

5. **Darshdeep Dhillon - MBA, Business Strategist**

Darshdeep brings with her years of healthcare management experience in building businesses across sectors, including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and over-the-counter consumer goods. She is a Biomedical Engineer and an MBA from the University of Ottawa. She has held various positions of responsibility across marketing, strategy, business development and sales leadership across international markets.
6. Sorouch Shahryari Fard

Sorouch is a graduate student at the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Medicine studying Biochemistry with specialization in Bioinformatics. His research focuses on developing diagnostic machine learning models for prostate cancer, and further improving mass spectrometry-based proteomics using machine learning. Sorouch brings his knowledge in machine learning and software development to the team, and his perspective as a young researcher can further motivate new opportunities and initiatives that nurture the next generation of scientists and physicians in AI and medicine.

7. Dr. Kylie McNeill - PhD, Research Methodologist

Dr. McNeill has completed the IDEAS Foundations of Quality Improvement course. In her role, she collaborates with physicians who are conducting research and quality improvement initiatives and provides support in project development, data analyses and dissemination. She also supports research in physician wellness, and helps with the Ottawa DOM-NFP’s new programs/projects pertaining to integrated knowledge translation approach.

8. Dr. Hanna Kuk - PhD, Research Methodologist

Dr. Kuk holds an MSc from Western University and PhD from the Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg. Her professional responsibilities include real-time data analysis, assisting with project development and providing consultation on research methods and communication of findings. As part of the Ottawa DOM-NFP, she is leading the implementation of the integrative knowledge translation approach from the early phases of proposed project development.
9. Krista Hind - CHRP, CHRL, RPR, HR Manager

Krista is responsible for guiding and managing the overall provision of Human Resources services, policies, and procedures. She serves as a link between physicians, employees, and administration. She develops, maintains and administers human resources management services to support the efficient and effective operations of Ottawa DOM-NFP ensuring consistency and compliance with policies, strategies, and relevant legislation.