

Dr. Alison Harris

RADIOLOGIST, VANCOUVER ACUTE

Dr. Harris is an abdominal radiologist and has been on staff at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) and UBC Hospital for over 15 years. She received her medical degree and completed her radiology residency in the United Kingdom, then undertook a sub-specialty radiology fellowship at VGH. Dr. Harris is a past president of the British Columbia Radiology Society, and is soon to be an executive member of the Canadian Association of Radiologists.

She is a member of a number of other groups whose focus is on inclusivity within VCH, including the Vancouver Medical Dental Allied Staff Association (as Vice President), the Vancouver Physician Staff Association, and the VCH Physician Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

Dr. Harris is the VGH Head of Abdominal Imaging, and has been actively working with the VGH Foundation to obtain donations for the 3T MRI acquisition to bring the latest imaging technology to the hospital. She exemplifies excellence in medicine, mentoring junior staff and residents, and supporting medical students to bring more diversity into the specialty.



What advice do you wish you'd had at the start of your career?

"Don't assume that you need to go it alone! Reach out to others in order to create a successful and inclusive team. Find great mentors and sponsors to inspire and guide you on your journey. Always look out for opportunities to participate in groups and committees, particularly those outside your comfort zone that will challenge you; the time investment is more than worth it and allows you to build new connections and friendships!"