



## OMA Section on Laboratory Medicine Newsletter

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#### **1. A Big Thank You to Dr. Brendan Mullen**

After many years of dedicated service to the Section on Laboratory Medicine as Tariff Lead, Dr. Brendan Mullen has decided to step down. We trust all of you will join us in thanking Dr. Mullen for his many years of dedicated service and strong advocacy for you at the Physician Payment Committee (PPC). Dr. Christopher Tran has been working with Dr. Mullen during a transition period, and he will now take over as Section Tariff Lead. Dr. Tran has significant and relevant experience and Dr. Mullen has agreed to provide support/advice as needed. So, congratulations to Dr. Mullen on your Section Executive “retirement” and to Dr. Tran on your new role.

#### **2. Updated Chart for UMLC Payments**

Your section executive has worked with the OMA team (and Ministry of Health representatives) to confirm your UMLC payments. We developed [this chart](#) given the very confusing PSA awarded payments. The good news is that payments will ultimately increase substantially, however the phase in period is quite confusing given the number of retroactive payments, etc. We would like to support you in helping your local hospitals to organize the required payments on a timely basis. The revised UMLC payment schedule was developed by us with formal input from the OMA team and confirmation from the MOH team. For MOH questions contact Diahann Mahon ([diahann.mahon@ontario.ca](mailto:diahann.mahon@ontario.ca)).

An agreement was reached on the relativity split for Years 2-4 of the current PS A. The split will be the same as Year 1 with 75 per cent of the payment increases based on relativity and 25 per cent applied equally across-the-board. Lastly, on the large lump sum retroactive payment (Apr. 2024 - Mar. 2025, 9.95%) the Ministry has confirmed that “The retroactive payment has been processed, groups should receive it by early December.”

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