

Aamir Mohammed Subhan

Social Worker

Aamir is a Social Worker who born and raised in Brampton, Ontario. He studied the brain at university first, then hopped on a plane to be a flight attendant for a few years while also studying social work. Now he works in the Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department.



Abas Ibekwe

Pharmacist

Abas moved to Canada from Nigeria when she was 16 years old. She completed her Pharmacy school program at University of Toronto in 2018, and currently works as a Pharmacist at SHN.



Amelia Lau

Volunteer

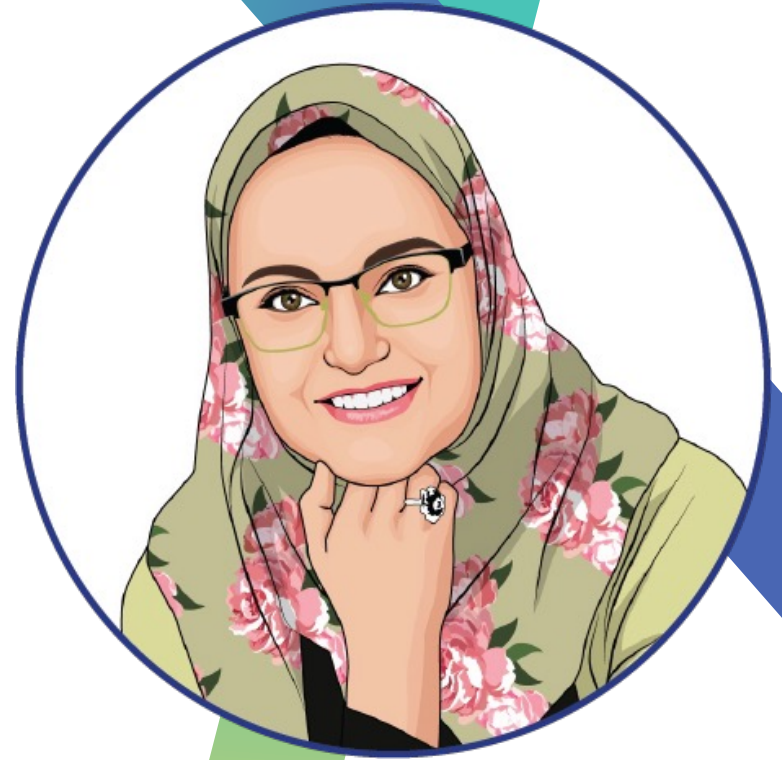
Amelia immigrated to Canada from Hong Kong in 1986 and lives in the mega-city of Toronto. Her life-long career of 30+ years was with Bell Canada, where she interacted with a diverse group of colleagues, customers, and international support teams, many of whom became close friends. Shortly after Amelia's retirement in 2017, she began volunteering at SHN Birchmount. Volunteering is very rewarding to Amelia as it amplifies her personality and confidence. She loves to maintain close connections with her community, meet people, make new friends, and boost her social skills!



Amira Ayad

Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner
and Registered Psychotherapist

Amira grew up in Egypt, where she studied pharmacy and obtained a Ph.D. in Natural Health. She moved to Canada with her kids in 2013, began to pursue her lifelong love of spirituality, and completed a Master of Pastoral Studies in Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy from the University of Toronto. Amira joined SHN's Spiritual & Religious Care team in 2019.



Brittany Lake

Registered Practical Nurse

Brittany was born and raised in Scarborough, Ontario. She completed her Nursing diploma at Centennial College and was the first person in her family to go to college. Brittany was inspired to pursue nursing after her little brother became very sick with a rare bone disease and spent a long time in Hospital. She is now the first person in her family to go to university and will be finishing her nursing degree with Ryerson University.



Cathleen Simpson

Volunteer

Cathleen has been a Scarborough resident since 1978. She ran her own business in Scarborough for over 30 years. Now retired, Cathleen was looking for a way to give back to the community. With both her children and grandchildren being born at Centenary, she knew she wanted to volunteer in her neighbourhood hospital that had always been there for her and her family.



Eugene Yip

Technical Specialist

Eugene was born and raised in Hong Kong. He received his Bachelor degree in computer science from the City University of Hong Kong. After graduation, Eugene began his career working in a home security system company. When he arrived Canada, he worked in a food company until he joined SHN in 2016. He is now a technical specialist of Health Information Technology Services Department at SHN.



Christine Henry

Recreational Pathologist

Christine was born in Toronto and grew up in the downtown area. After graduation from university, Christine worked in different hospitals and nursing homes, where her passion for working with seniors grew. She has worked at SHN for over 30 years as a Recreational Therapist on the Continuing Care Unit. As a Recreational Therapist, Christine plans and implements programs to help seniors improve their quality of life. She says that it's a pleasure working with and learning from seniors as they share their life experiences and their unique histories.



Crystal Tse

Occupational Therapist

Crystal was born in Hong Kong and was a Social Worker who worked with Youth at Risk before immigrated to Canada. She worked in a Nursing home as an Activation staff before deciding to go to school to become an Occupational Therapist. Today, she helps patients in the Mental Health program.



Darren Anderson

Volunteer

Darren began volunteering at SHN after completing high school in 2017. As a young adult on the autism spectrum, Darren's parents encouraged him to pursue volunteer work in order to create new opportunities to engage in the community, build friendships, and develop social skills after graduation. His passion for helping our patients, staff, and visitors quickly grew, and his responsibilities have expanded, now including wayfinding, patient wheelchair navigation, and Epic ambassador at the patient registration kiosk. In 2020, Darren was nominated for Volunteer Toronto's Legacy Awards – a proud moment for Darren, his parents, and our entire SHN family!



Deepa Misra

Pharmacist

Deepa is of Nepalese origin. She grew up in India and moved to Canada after getting married. She decided to go to pharmacy school, because of her interest in science and desire to help people. After becoming a pharmacist, she worked in Shoppers Drug Mart and later joined SHN in 1999. Over the years she has had enriching and interesting experiences while working in many areas of the hospital, such as cancer unit, surgery and critical care. She enjoys being part of the health care team and finds great satisfaction in providing the best possible care for patients and their families in their time of need.



Dr. Colette Rutherford

Corporate Chief and Medical Director,
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Dr. Rutherford was born in Montego Bay Jamaica, and immigrated to Canada at the age of two. She has earned three degrees over 10 years of study: Bachelors of Science at Queens University, Masters of Health Science at the University of Toronto, Medical school at the University of Toronto, and then five years of specialty training in an ObGyn residency program. She has been working as a physician in Scarborough since 2005.



Dr. Jason Pennington

General Surgeon, Regional Indigenous
Cancer Lead

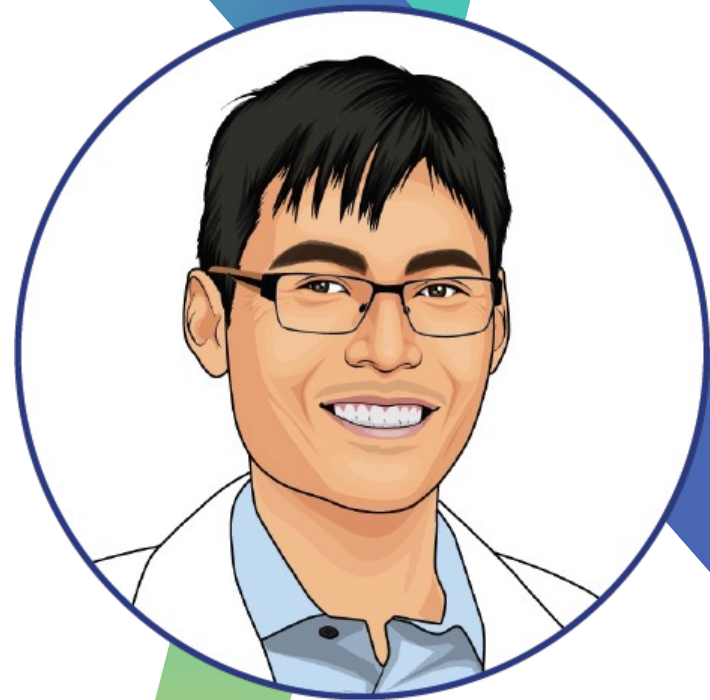
Dr. Pennington is the Regional Indigenous Cancer Lead for the Central East Regional Cancer Program. He is a community general surgeon with a special interest in proctology and colorectal surgery practicing at the Scarborough Health Network. Dr. Pennington obtained his undergraduate, graduate, medical and surgical degrees from the University of Toronto. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Surgery at the University of Toronto and Queen's University. His work at both institutions focuses on developing curriculum that recognizes and addresses Indigenous Health issues and concepts.



Dr. Norman Chu

Corporate Chief and Medical Director,
Emergency Medicine

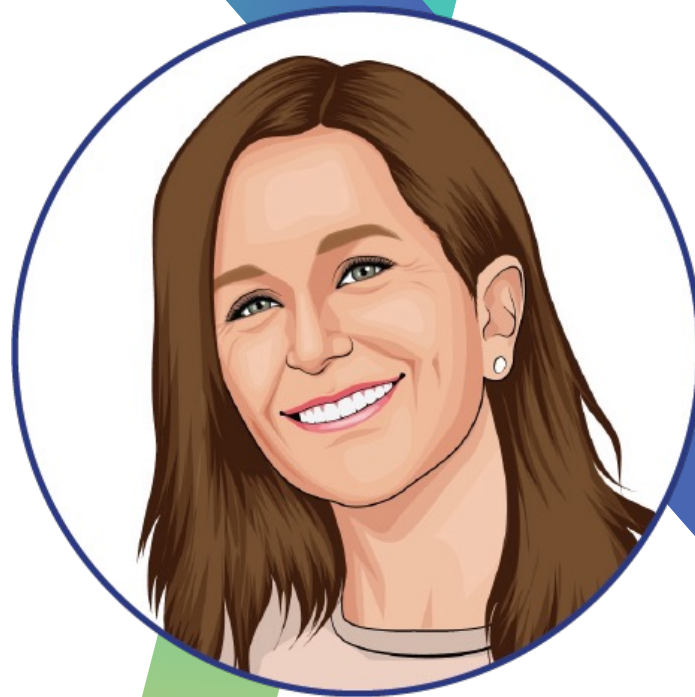
Norman was born in Hong Kong and moved to Canada as a young child with his family. He spent the first few years in a small town in Ontario where he was the only Asian student in his class. His family then moved to Toronto where Norman finished high school and medical school. Norman started working as an emergency doctor in Scarborough soon after graduation and is now the head of the emergency department at Scarborough Health Network.



Dr. Reena Lovinsky

Medical Director Infection Prevention and Control

Reena was born and raised in Toronto just like her father. Her grandparents moved to Canada to escape the antisemitism they were experiencing in Europe. Reena went to medical school at the University of Toronto to become an Infectious Diseases specialist. When Reena started at SHN - General Hospital, there were only three other female doctors in the department of medicine. Today her department has over twenty female physician specialists.



Elizabeth Buller

President and CEO

Liz spent much of her childhood in Scarborough visiting her relatives, who settled here upon immigrating to Canada. She brings more than 30 years of health care experience, as a registered nurse and serving in incremental senior leadership positions. Liz's extensive background in health care leadership also includes holding the position of Executive Vice President Clinical Operations & Chief of Nursing and Professional Practice for the William Osler Health System, one of Canada's largest multi-site community hospital corporations. In 2019 Liz was recognized by WXN (Women's Executive Network) as one of Canada's top 100 most powerful women.



Hector Suazo

Clinical Practice Leader

Hector, a Filipino-Canadian and Registered Nurse, was born and raised in Scarborough. He graduated from Ryerson University. He got his first job at SHN and is now a Clinical Practice Leader at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics and Assessment Centre. He has the privilege to care for and work with the great people of Scarborough.



Ibrahim Khote

Human Resources Business Partner

Although Ibrahim was born in Canada, his parents moved here from India. Ibrahim started working at the Hospital while attending high school at Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute in Scarborough, and continued to work here while attending UofT for Psychology and Seneca College for Human Resources. Ibrahim is a Human Resources Business Partner at the hospital, and as an HRBP he works with health care leaders and staff in areas like career planning, recruitment, change management, performance and attendance, and supports everyone to better understand hospital policy and collective agreements.



Idil Bolten

Benefits Specialist

Idil finished university in Istanbul, Turkey and moved to Canada 10 years ago. She worked at Children's Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia in the Human Resources Department before moving to Toronto with her family to work as a Human Resources Benefits Specialist at SHN. She has now worked and lived in Scarborough for the past five years.



Jacqueline Baptiste-Savoie

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Jackie was born in a small island called Grenada in the West Indies. She grew up in Scarborough after coming to Canada when she was eight years old. Ever since she was ten years old, Jackie felt called to help people and began dreaming of a career as a nurse. For the past 34 years, Jackie has fulfilled that dream helping people with injuries to heal as a clinical nurse specialist.



Janet Villareal

Registration Clerk

Janet was born and raised in Manila, the capital of the Philippines. She finished high school and a year of university before migrating to Canada. Janet came to Winnipeg when she was just a teenager, and began working in the Dietary Department while going to Herzing Institute at the same time. Janet's family decided to transfer to Toronto and ended up working in Nutrition Department at SHN.

Today, Janet works in Patient Registration and has been working and living in Scarborough for over 30 years.



Kingsley Kwok

Respiratory Therapist

Kingsley Kwok is a Respiratory Therapist who started in the Emergency, Critical Care and Children's Departments in 2003. Born in Hong Kong of Chinese heritage, he moved to Canada when he was 13 years old. He finished his education in respiratory therapy at Algonquin College.



Linda Taitt

Registered Nurse

Linda was born & raised in Canada's Capital city of Ottawa to parents who originate from Barbados. Despite having other careers, Linda feels her role as a Registered Nurse is the most rewarding. She obtained her nursing education in Hamilton Ontario, prior to moving to Houston, Texas for several years to work at The Methodist Hospital. In 2009, Linda finally ventured back to Canada and began working at SHN's Critical Care Centre which had just opened one month earlier. Through her experience in Critical Care (ICU), CV ICU, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant, she has been blessed with great co-workers, many of whom she is proud to call friends.



Louella Pereira

Physiotherapist

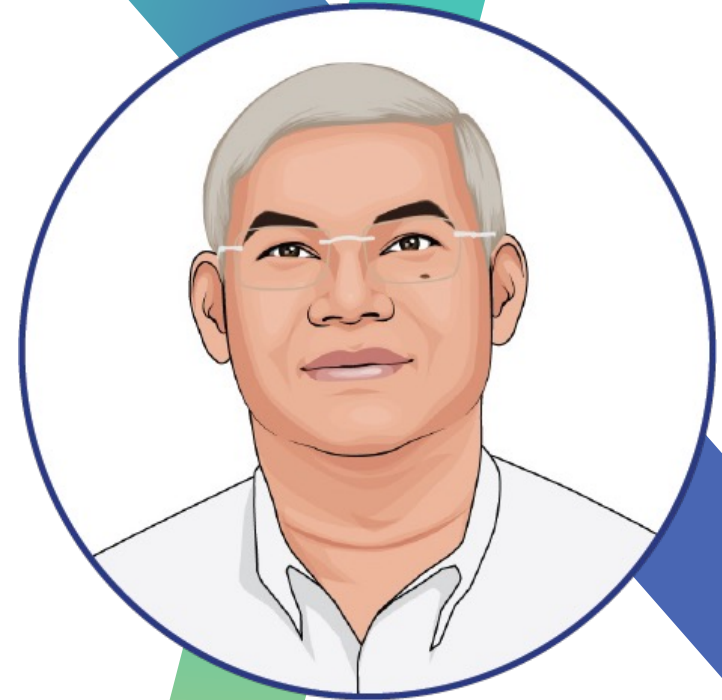
Louella came to Canada as a baby from the British colony of Aden in the Middle East. She grew up in Scarborough. Her parents were born in India, when India was still a part of the British Empire. Her father came from Goa, once part of Portuguese India. Her mother was born in Calcutta. She graduated from the University of Toronto as a physiotherapist to help people grow stronger after being sick. Working at SHN since 1988, she helps people recover from strokes.



Marc De Leon

Spiritual Care Practitioner

Rev. Marc De Leon migrated to Canada from the Philippines in 1998. He settled in Scarborough, the city he calls “home.” During his Masters studies in Theological Studies (MTS) at the St. Augustine Seminary, he completed his Clinical Pastoral Education program at SHN’s Spiritual & Religious Care Department. While at SHN, he obtained his MTS degree, became a Certified Pastoral Care Practitioner and Registered Psychotherapist. Rev. Marc loves singing and playing guitar. He conducts music therapy for SHN patients and their families, volunteers, and staff.



Marvalyn Whyte

Medical Radiation Technologist

Marvalyn grew up in Portmore, Jamaica. She studied to be an Xray technologist at the School of Medical Radiation Technology at the University Hospital of the West Indies. Marvalyn worked in Jamaica for 12 years before moving to Canada. Since moving to Canada, she has worked at several hospitals and clinics as well as taught at the Michener Institute in downtown Toronto. She has been at SHN since August 2003.



Melette Andres

Patient Support Representative

Melette Andres is from the Philippines, where she studied a Caregiver course before coming to Canada to continue her education as a Personal Support Worker. Melette was inspired to pursue a career that helped the elderly and parents to take care of their children. She got her start at SHN in the Dietary Services department, and then moved to Support Services.



Meredith dePaulsen

Clinical Manager

Meredith was born in Montreal, Quebec with parents from Scotland and Burma. She knew from very young age that she wanted to be a nurse. During high school she completed co-op in a Long Term Care Community and many of the residents attended her graduation. She absolutely loved the role of a nurse. She completed many Ryerson University clinical education experiences at SHN and was fortunate to receive a nursing position as soon as she graduated. She has been a nurse at SHN for 23 years and shares a passion for our Seniors.



Michele James

Vice President, People and Transformation

Michele has contributed to the health sector for 32 years in a variety of settings. Michele holds an MBA with a specialization in Health Services Management from McMaster University and a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology from the U of T. She is a Certified Health Executive, a graduate of Rotman's Advanced Health Leadership Program and she holds an Advanced Good Governance certificate. Michele serves on the Board of the Seniors Care Network, is the past Chair of the Board of Governors of Durham College and Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Black Physicians Association of Ontario. Michele was selected as one of the 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women for 2020.



Raj Saniasy

Charge Medical Laboratory Technologist

Raj is a charge medical laboratory technologist. He grew up in Scarborough and has worked at various hospitals in the greater Toronto and Hamilton area before joining SHN in 2018. Raj went to the University of Toronto and Ontario Tech University. Raj enjoys being an MLT because he gets to use high tech laboratory equipment to provide the best diagnosis for patients. From test tubes to microscopes, every day is a new challenge.



Ronny Leung

Infection Control Practitioner

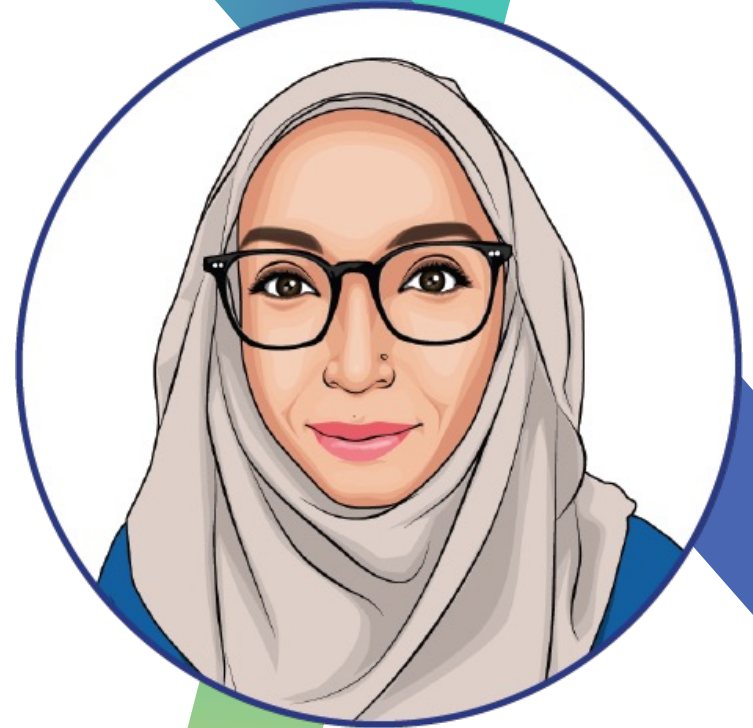
Ronny grew up in Scarborough as a first generation immigrant from Hong Kong. She completed her degree in Kinesiology and Health Sciences intending to become a gym teacher. Unfortunately, Ronny lost her father to cancer during her time in university, and her journey with him from the beginning of his diagnosis to his last days in Palliative care at SHN steered her into a career in Nursing. Since then, she has become a Registered Nurse and has worked in Pediatrics and Critical Care units. She currently works in the Infection Prevention and Control department at SHN.



Salma Syed

Speech Language Pathologist

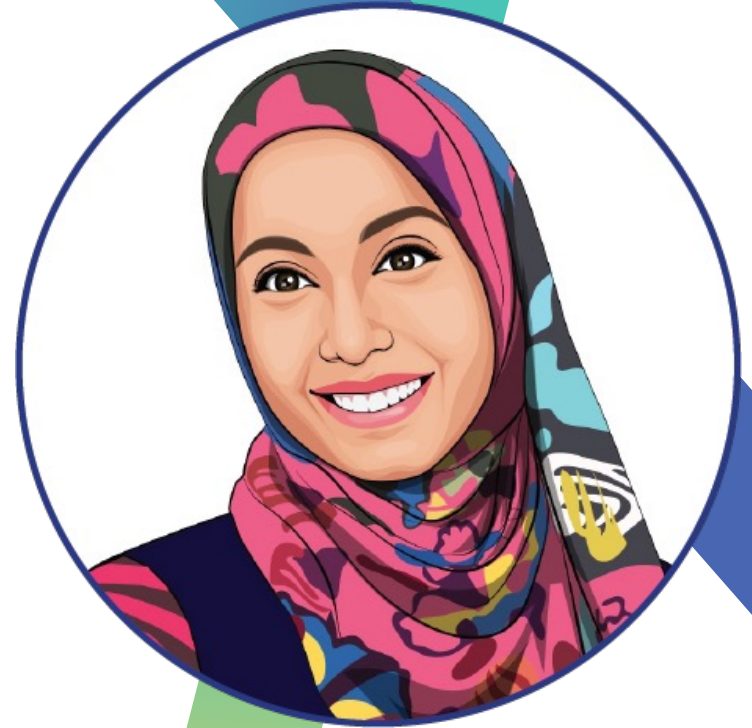
Salma is Canadian Muslim born in Montreal, and raised in Ottawa for most of her childhood. As a child, she always enjoyed working with people, and wanted to be someone who could help others. Through volunteering, she discovered Speech-Language Pathology. She completed her degree in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Toronto, and has been working as a Speech-Language Pathologist at SHN for 19 years.



Shelina Dhalla

Medical Radiation Technologist

Shelina moved to Canada from Tanzania, east Africa at the age of 18 and completed high school before joining The Michener Institute at UHN to become a Nuclear Medicine Technologist. She joined SHN in 2000, where her current role allows her to serve patients from many diverse backgrounds and practice a few different languages that she knows. Shelina also likes to participate in extracurricular activities such as the Health and Safety Committee at SHN as well as the local Union. She is currently pursuing her MBA online and believes that the sky is the limit!



Smita Mistry

Inventory Specialist

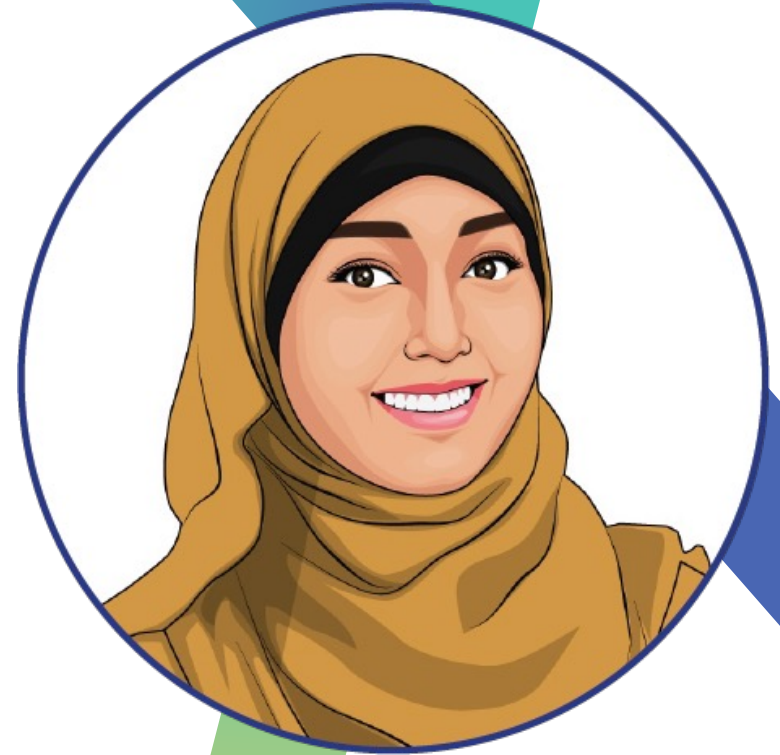
Smita was born in Tanzania, in East Africa and has studied and worked most of her life in Scarborough. She has been working for SHN for nearly 30 years in the Information Services Department. She was the first female IT technician working the afternoon shift at Birchmount. Smita enjoys the challenge her job brings, and has been involved and led many projects. The new EPIC CIS has been an exciting challenge for Smita, who says it's like a new beginning. Despite the long hours and hard work, Smita feels the work is very rewarding. Smita is a proud mother of three children.



Sumaiya Zaman

Registration Clerk

Sumaiya was born in Bangladesh and moved to Toronto at the age of nine from New York where she grew up. She graduated from the University of Toronto before starting work as a Registration Office Clerk at SHN Emergency in 2016.



Tanya Walsh

Social Worker

Tanya was born and raised in New Brunswick. She moved to Ontario to complete her Master's Degree in Social Work. While honouring her Black, Caucasian and Metis heritage, Tanya chose to work in Scarborough's diverse community. She has been working at SHN for many years within the Mental Health, Surgical and Rehab programs. Tanya has dedicated much of her career to patients requiring mental health, surgical, and Rehab services.



Tasleema Roberts

Environmental Services Representative

Tasleema Roberts is originally from Guyana, and has lived in Canada for over 30 years. She decided to join the Environmental Services Department because she feels as though keeping people safe is her motto. Tasleema has overcome the challenges of working during the pandemic, and continues to ensure safety for everyone at SHN.



Tyrone Dulay

Patient Support Representative

Tyrone is a music and film lover, as well as a personal chef to his four-year-old son. He is a natural people person who enjoys helping others, which is why he decided to become a PSW/PSR after many years working in customer service. He was raised in Scarborough by his Filipino parents who were also kind-hearted health care workers.

