



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

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Newsletter Reminder

You don't have to miss an edition! Newsletters are posted weekly on the following website page:
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/resources/ed-newsletter>

Operations

ED Department Head Presentations *NOTE CHANGES BELOW

There will be three candidates interviewed for the position of Department Head for Emergency Medicine. These individuals will present their vision for the Department after Grand Rounds from 10:00-11:00 in Room G382/G384 (HSC) on **May 9, 23 and 30**. See below for specific details.

The three candidates for the Department of Emergency Medicine Department Head position will be presenting on the following dates:

Dr. James Andruchow

Talk entitled: *Emergency Medicine in a Changing World*

May 9, 2024 at 10:00 am, Room G382 Health Sciences Centre

To attend remotely, join via Zoom:

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/96713665956?pwd=b3E3QjJ5VGtiYkEzZ01OU1IMYkt0QT09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 967 1366 5956

Passcode: 278835

Dr. Catherine Patocka

Talk entitled: *Against the Current: Charting a New Course for Calgary Emergency Medicine*

May 23, 2024 at 10:30 am, Room G382 Health Sciences Centre

To attend remotely, join via Zoom:

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/98095628218?pwd=aGphVkduWVd6STZ1VDdCUjhSU29iUT09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 980 9562 8218

Passcode: 141958

Dr. Michael Betzner

Talk entitled: *Emergency Medicine – The Future is Ours to Forge*

May 30, 2024 at 10:00 am, **Room G384** Health Sciences Centre

To attend remotely, join via Zoom:

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/91806138442?pwd=ZVpWRUtkSW82S0J2b2tLdldtdXY0Zz09&from=addon>
Meeting ID: 918 0613 8442
Passcode: 692345

All are welcome to come and listen.

Map Link: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/sites/default/files/teams/17/Ground%20Floor.pdf>

The following ED physicians are on the committee if you would like to discuss what you feel is important in the search for the next department head and priorities for the department in the coming years.

- Huma Ali
- David Fu
- Margriet Greidanus
- Andrew McRae
- Paul Tourigny
- Ian Walker

Connect Care Update

Hello Everyone!

Here is the Connect Care Update for this week:

1) Transferring ED Patients to IT Beds

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our zonal Immediate Transition (IT) bed facilities will be going live on Connect Care with Launch 8 on May 4. This will change the workflow we must use when sending our patients to these facilities, because these transfers will effectively be considered an admission to an inpatient facility. Furthermore, in the case of transfers happening after hours, on weekends, or during holidays, patients will need to be sent with a 24-72hr supply of medications from the ED because these facilities often do not have physicians or pharmacy services on site at the time of the transfer. We will be responsible for making sure the active medication and patient care orders are accurate at the time of the patient's transfer, as well as writing the dispensing instructions so the nurses can provide a supply of medications 'to go'. Fortunately, there has been a lot of work done on trying to streamline this process as much as possible in order to minimize any impact on our other clinical workflows. A tip sheet (**attached below**) and video (**public link coming soon**) have been created to walk through the most important points. I have also updated the CZ Common ED Workflows document to cover the new workflows relevant to our zone: (https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wlj_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit)

ONE KEY POINT to mention about this new workflow is that all patients need to have an accurate list of their home medications documented as part of the interfacility transfer, in addition to any new medications we are ordering for them. Our Transition Services and pharmacy colleagues have agreed to take on the responsibility of completing a Best Possible Medication History (BPMH) to ensure that we have an accurate source of information to draw on, and we should only be writing the transfer orders once this has been completed. Ultimately however, we are still responsible for writing the transfer and dispensing orders that will allow the nurses in the ED and at the IT facility to give the patient their new and/or home medications. Please review the resources above to find helpful details on the speed buttons and shortcuts that will make writing these orders much quicker and simpler. **It is also important to note that any controlled substances (eg - opiate analgesia) will need a separate dispensing order**, which is unavoidable due to accreditation requirements and College standards of practice for nursing and pharmacy (see the resources above for details on how to do this).

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

2) Stroke Clinic Referrals

Our amazing colleagues at the Stroke Prevention Clinic have been noticing an uptick in the number of patients being referred who have not had the appropriate internal Connect Care ambulatory referral order completed. Similar to the RGH Eye Clinic, even if you speak directly with the stroke fellow on call and they provide you with an appointment time, you **must** still complete the ambulatory referral order with the required information. Failure to do so can lead to inaccurate triage, or worse, lost referrals.

3) RAAPID Consultation Orders

Our equally amazing colleagues at RAAPID have also noticed an increase in some concerns regarding the use of the RAAPID Consult Order in Connect Care recently. Some friendly reminders about this incredibly useful order:

- The RAAPID consult order is intended for **stable** patients only. For acutely unwell patients with time-sensitive conditions (eg - acute stroke for thrombolysis, STEMI, ruptured AAA, etc) RAAPID

should be phoned directly by the MRP rather than using the order in CC. The CC consult orders to RAAPID will typically take longer than a direct phone call and should not be considered the most expeditious way to connect with a consultant.

- Please provide your ED information as the contact info in the consult order. Please **do not** provide your pager number; once RAAPID has the consultant on the line they would like to be able to connect us as quickly as possible, and using a pager to contact us rather than phoning the ED directly adds time to the process
- Please enter your RAAPID consult orders yourself, rather than having residents enter them. The consult chart is built around the physician who enters the order, and if this is a resident RAAPID cannot determine who their attending physician is. This information is important for accurately building the consultation chart and is key to our consultant colleagues being able to bill for their service.

Details on appropriate use of the RAAPID consult order can also be found at the Common ED Workflows document under the ORDERS - RAAPID Consultation section:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wlj_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Measles Identified in Alberta

Alberta Health Services has confirmed the first person with lab-confirmed measles this year in Alberta in Edmonton Zone. In this case, measles was travel acquired.

A Health Advisory has been issued as the individual had been in several public settings, including healthcare sites, while infectious. <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/page18174.aspx>

Key Precautions for Healthcare Workers

- Confirm your immunity
- Be aware of measles symptoms
- Understand what to do if you're exposed

You are considered immune or protected against measles if you have:

- Documentation of having received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine (for example, MMR)
OR
- A documented laboratory-confirmed measles infection OR
- A blood test showing proof of immunity.

If you believe you have been exposed to measles outside of work, contact WHS. The Occupational Health Nurse will advise if you need to be off work.

POCUS Corner

Are you frustrated when your fascia iliaca block doesn't give you the results you expect? Are you looking to add some high-impact nerve blocks to your POCUS repertoire? Are you heading to CAEP and looking for a great pre-conference course? Check out the CAEP Ultrasound Guided Nerve Block Course with great adult and pediatric EM faculty.

https://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/4_April/CAEPBlockAdvertisement.pdf?id=nu9eknu?f_type=file&f_name=CAEPBlockAdvertisement.pdf

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

EM Journal Club Co-Director Opportunity

Dr. Mainprize and Dr. Ragan will be stepping down from running the Emergency Medicine Journal Club at the end of this academic year. This role is a great opportunity to be involved in both the residency program as well as to contribute to continuing medical education for the entire department. Required tasks include recruiting preceptors, overseeing topic / paper selection and supporting both residents and preceptors in

the preparation and delivery of high yield sessions. If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved please reach out to Kelsey (kelsey.ragan@ucalgary.ca) by **May 10th**.

No Grand Rounds This Thursday. Please join us for Research Day!

May 2, 2024 in Theatre 4, Health Sciences Centre and Zoom option available

- 0800 Breakfast, program 0830-1230.

Please email Jill Vandenbrand to register: jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca

We are excited to present our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Shelley McLeod, from Toronto's Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Institute (SREMI): **"From Idea to Impact: Navigating the Path to Success in Emergency Medicine Research"**

Come check out our exciting research projects, support our residents and collaborators, and hear about results from projects you may have interacted with in the Department of Emergency Medicine over the past year!

- Breakfast, refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Departmental News

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. David Lendrum as one of the **NOMINEES** of the 2023 FMC MSA Award Established Physician! **We apologize for the incorrect information that was published last week.**

2024 ED Staff Sim Sign Up

The following staff simulation dates are still available: **May 7th, May 21st, June 11th and June 25th**. Please check your availability and sign up with the sign-up genius link below.

Jan - June 2024 Sign Up:

EM Physician Participants: 2024 ED Staff Simulation (Jan - June)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AAAD22A5F8C25-46179322-2024#/>

Warm Welcome

You may notice some new faces in the FMC and PLC EDs in the next two months. We have three visiting residents from Africa - Sarah Oworinawe, Jacob Busingye, and Balu Mabilia. They are here as part of the project between the University of Calgary and the Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda. Please help them to feel welcome in Calgary!

Their biographies are attached.

[https://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/4 April/MUST EM Residents 2024.pdf?id=utq6uwg?f_type=file&f_name=MUST EM Residents 2024.pdf](https://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/4%20April/MUST%20EM%20Residents%202024.pdf?id=utq6uwg?f_type=file&f_name=MUST%20EM%20Residents%202024.pdf)

R5 Graduation Gifts

We are getting ready to celebrate the upcoming graduation of our R5's: Jason Elzinga, Cara McCulloch, Natasha Goumeniouk and Cody Dunne. To send them off in style, we would love to continue the tradition of graduation gifts. If they have ever brightened your day, kept you sharp on shift, lifted your overnight morale or stolen your procedures, please consider donating to their send-off.

We will collect the funds and purchase the gifts, to be distributed at the grad BBQ in June. As always your support is much appreciated. Please reach out with any questions.

E-transfers can be directed to: meaghan.mackenzie2@ucalgary.ca

Teaching Opportunities

Staff Examiners Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2024

Thursday's June 13th , 2024 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of eight staff examiners for the oral exams for the date below:

- **June 13th 2024 from 1030 – 1300**

These exams are In-Person sessions. Lunch will be provided.

Please check your availability and let me know if you can help on **June 13, 2024** please send the responses to TriSurendra.Malasanani@ahs.ca

Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed Tris will send Calendar invites.

FRCPC Oral Exam Prep

We are still looking for staff preceptors for the Royal College oral exam prep sessions for our fourth year residents. We have three more virtual sessions to fill from May 7– 28 (alternating 0900-1100 + 1800-2000 sessions). We have secured funding for preceptors to cover 2 hours of each session at the standard PGME teaching rate. As a reminder, Chase Krook has an exam bank with questions that he can provide you with, as needed. Please sign up on the google link below and Brittany Sunderani will reach out to you before the session with more details.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IYAljhprFa42h_qN KjmT8C4pCc4OIkqLnCUgUR2z8uM/edit#gid=0

Job Postings

Research

CME Learning

Other Opportunities

You are invited to share your perspectives on COPD care in Alberta!

We are seeking General Practitioners, Respiriologists, and Emergency Physicians to take part in the survey on provision of COPD care in Alberta. Researchers want to explore the current practices and physicians' perceptions regarding clinical services provided by community pharmacists. The survey is expected to take 5 minutes and as an incentive, we are offering a draw to all participants who complete the survey a chance to win \$100 Amazon card (with estimated success of winning 1 in 10). Questions? Please contact: makhinov@ualberta.ca or myelsay1@ualberta.ca

Website/Link: <https://redcap.link/physician-copd-survey>

Department Of EM Charity Spin Ride Saturday, June 1st @ 2pm

Taught by Huma Ali



Colleagues! I've become a certified spin instructor and now teach at Mode Fitness in Mahogany.

We're doing a **charity** ride, just for us Calgary Emergency Physicians (+ partners welcome). It's a 15\$ donation and 100% of the proceeds will go to the incredible DOAP (Downtown Outreach Addiction Partnership) team. It'll be a nice opportunity to get together!

Spin is a beginner-friendly, super fun way to listen to great music, enjoy some cool light effects all while working up a sweat on a stationary bike! If you haven't done it before, this would be a great class to try. This studio has tons of free parking and beautiful change rooms. Mode will provide you with sweat towels, spin shoes and we'll set you up on your bikes! Just bring your own water bottle :) We only have 34 bikes! Reserve your spot ASAP by emailing me at huma.ali@ahs.ca Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I would love to answer them for you!

Location: Mode Fitness <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Y88SPgYwHF9DNbVW6>

Looking forward to partying with you on the spin bike for a good cause.

Internal Medicine Residency Program (IMRP)

The IMRP is in search of emergency physician staff preceptors that would be available to assist in a PGY3 IM procedure day. Our residents are required to complete various procedures including central and arterial lines, airways, and joint aspirates as part of the CBD curriculum, and our goal is that residents can have EPAs complete during this session. **This is a remunerated session.**

We currently have a procedure day booked on **May 29 from 1-3 PM in the simulation lab at FMC**. If you are interested and available, please sign up at the following link and please reach out to Christina Ray (christina.ray@albertahealthservices.ca) directly if you have any questions.

Sign up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4EADAF2FABF94-48711992-pgy3#/>

Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: natalie.sun@ahs.ca, CC Jordan Detillieux. Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca.

For reoccurring submissions, there is a **max three week run**. If you would like to re-run your submission, please submit with updates.

- Submissions will run for a period of one week
 - Body copy will be edited at the discretion of the editor to optimize communication
 - Deadline is Tuesday's at noon
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