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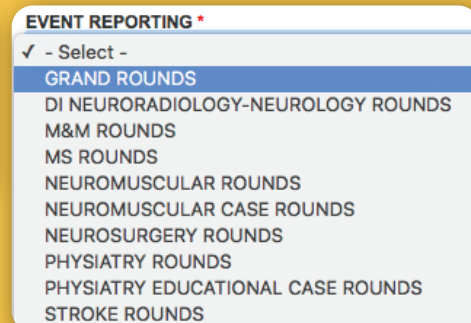
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Rounds attendance and evaluation centralized on DCNS site

After the successful transfer of Grand Rounds CME reporting to the DCNS web site last year, a number of other Rounds have now been added to the page.

Click the yellow "Attendance & Evaluation Report" button on the DCNS ROUNDS web page (www.ucalgary.ca/dcns/rounds) to record hours for:

- Grand Rounds
- DI Neuroradiology-Neurology Rounds
- M&M Rounds
- MS Rounds
- Neuromuscular Rounds
- Neuromuscular Case Rounds
- Neurosurgery Rounds
- Physiatry Rounds
- Physiatry Educational Case Rounds
- Stroke Rounds



The new, centralized site will allow participating physicians to receive one, aggregated CME attendance report at the end of each year — instead of multiple.

Future plans include added functionality to allow users to create their own reports at any time of year.

Please send comments/questions to Quentin.

Neurologist returns to Calgary to continue epilepsy research

After working at the Farr Institute of Health Informatics Research in London, England, Dr. Colin Josephson has returned to Calgary as a clinician-scientist in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences.

Dr. Josephson, who completed a two-year Fellowship in epilepsy and EEG in Calgary in 2015, says it was his experience at DCNS that drew him back.

"I really felt academically and clinically supported throughout my fellowship," he says. "As a young, burgeoning researcher, this is an environment that is very unique when compared to many other centres in the world."

The neurologist is using appointments to DCNS, the O'Brien Institute for Public Health, and the Hotchkiss Brain Institute to further his Big Data research.

"I'm looking at large, linked administrative and electronic medical records information and then using that for epidemiological purposes — as well as for generating prognostic models and clinical decision rules for epilepsy."

It's work, Dr. Josephson says, that could not happen without the



Dr. Colin Josephson

Clinical Research Unit (CRU).

"The CRU is a component of the University of Calgary that not many other places have — it combines bioinformatics, computer programming and statisticians all within one entity," he says.

Ultimately, Dr. Josephson hopes his research will also help other neurological disciplines.

"I'd like to train people to use these large databases to develop their own prognostic models in precision medicine."

DCNS members join CNS board

Dr. Fiona Costello and Dr. Jodie Burton have been appointed to the board of the Canadian Neurological Society (CNS).

The society, which has approximately 540 members, represents neurologists and neurology residents in Canada.

Dr. Costello is now vice president of the organization and Dr. Burton is secretary.

"The over-arching goal of the CNS is to enhance the care of neurological patients through education, advocacy, and improved methods of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation," says Dr. Costello.

"These are issues near and dear to my heart. As a neurologist, I am proud to represent the University of Calgary in promoting the future of our discipline in Canada."

Click here for more information about CNS.



Dr. Fiona Costello



Dr. Jodie Burton

Dr. Menon recognized for stroke leadership

Dr. Bijoy Menon has been awarded this year's Michael S. Pessin Stroke Leadership Prize by the American Academy of Neurology.



The prize, which recognizes outstanding achievements in stroke research, will be presented in April at the 68th Annual Meeting in Vancouver.

"It's a recognition of what we're doing here," says Dr. Menon, "the quality of our research and the impact that we're having—not just on the research side, but also how we're changing patient outcomes."

The Michael S. Pessin award has honoured 17 individuals



since its inception, including DCNS members Dr. Andrew Demchuk, Dr. Michael Hill, and Dr. Shelagh Coutts.

"For four of us in one institution to have been recipients is a statement on the quality of what we're doing here," says Dr. Menon.

"The first thing that I did when I got the award was I called up my team because it's a reflection of all that we do as a team. Although one person gets it, it's teamwork in the end."

UPCOMING COURSES

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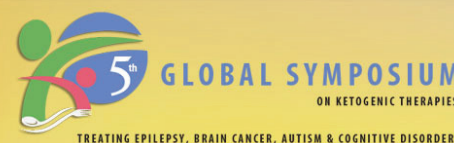
Biostatistics Workshop: Basic Concepts and Methods

Time: Friday April 22, 2016

Biostatistics Workshop: How to Critically Appraise an Article

Time: Friday April 29, 2016

Click here for more information or contact Dana Young:
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Book now to attend the 5th Global Symposium on Ketogenic Therapies (Treating Epilepsy, Brain Cancer, Autism & Cognitive Disorders).

The event runs from Sept. 20-24 in Banff.

Click here for details.

GRAND ROUNDS

Neurology, Neurosurgery,
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
Translational Neuroscience

Call for Grand Rounds presenters

A few spots still remain for Grand Rounds in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences, especially after the summer break.

If you have a suggestion for a speaker, or would like to present yourself, please send details to [Quentin](#).

Upcoming speakers are listed on the DCNS site.