



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Operations

! Need to Know – SCM Updates:

Add item info link and changes to clinical communication orders in ED Frostbite

January 16, 2020

ED Order Set Impacted:

- ED Frostbite

[Click Here.](#)

- Marta Nijssen, RN BN
Clinical Informatician
Provincial Clinical User Support
Calgary Zone | Clinical Services – IT | Alberta Health Services

Memo: New AHS policy designed to reduce the ordering of CT scans

The summary of the memo is that R1 and R2 residents are required to consult with staff before ordering CT scans; in addition to this, consulting services are required to see the patient before ordering a CT or asking an ED MD to order a CT.

The memo comes from Dr. Sid Viner, Calgary Zone Medical Director.

Regards,
Neil Collins

Pediatric GI/Peds Referrals Reminder

A gentle reminder from the Pediatric GI group that some presentations would be better referred to a general pediatrician since the GI waits are long for issues like chronic abdominal pain.

Issues best referred to a general pediatrician: Chronic abdo pain, chronic diarrhea, constipation, picky eating/feeding difficulties, FTT without a clear GI cause, fatty liver with elevated BMI, food allergy/intolerance, GERD, iron deficiency anemia, rectal bleeding in child <12 months or child with constipation.

For more info, [see their pathway](#).

- Dr. Hilary Ambrose

ESCN Buprenorphine/Naloxone Initiation in the Emergency Departments in Alberta - Evaluation Report

[Please see the attached quarterly report](#) on the Buprenorphine/Naloxone Initiation in the Emergency Departments in Alberta – Evaluation Report, for your review and reference.

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Ken Scott

Senior Project Manager

Emergency Strategic Clinical Network™ (ESCN)

Physician Participation Needed!

Pediatric Simulation at PLC - Looking for MDs!

Come join us for some interdisciplinary sim and practical pearls

January 22nd and February 5th from 9am-12pm

Email Hilary Ambrose to sign up.

(Please note these sessions are separate from the Staff simulation program offered monthly at PLC. These are additional sessions focusing only on pediatric cases with a multidisciplinary approach.)

R5 ORAL EXAM PREP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FEBRUARY 12 + MARCH 11

We are looking for volunteers for the R5 oral exam prep sessions at Health Sciences on February 12 (2 spaces) + March 11 (3 spaces) from 1500-1700. All we ask is that you bring 2 cases to the session. Please click the link below to sign up. The R5s are so grateful for your time and appreciate your support as they get closer to their exam. Thank you so much!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qOOcS4a20wBcPgrlRoRNT5dp-a2goZO8w1WQVhFh4/edit#gid=0>

- Brit Sunderani

Gender Inequity Survey

The Department of Emergency medicine is exploring interventions to improve gender inequity among our physicians. If you have ideas for recommendations or interventions you think would be beneficial to implement, please follow the link below to share. Thank you!

https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_9mjVbrL4he9ePLn

- Kelsey MacLeod

Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Survey

The AHS Section of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology is undertaking a strategic planning process to develop its goals and objectives for the next several years.

Regardless of whether or not you have consulted the CP service, I would appreciate it if you would take two minutes of your time to complete this short survey. Your feedback will help shape the service for years to come.

The survey is available at

<https://survey.albertahealthservices.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=CPConsultService>

Thank you very much in advance. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Mark Yarema, MD FRCPC
Section Chief
Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology
Alberta Health Services

Education. CME. Rounds

January 16th EM Rounds

Date: Thursday, January 16th, 2020
Time: 0900 - 1030 ****Please note this is a 90 minute session****
Host Site: Coombs Theatre - FMC
Title: “Spinal Emergencies”
Presenter: Dr. Zoe Polsky & Dr. Margriet Greidanus, Mediator: Dr. Neil Collins

Back Pain, Non-Traumatic’- a chief complaint that makes even the most experienced Emergency Physicians ‘lose control.’ How can you effectively rule out emergent spinal pathologies? How do you ensure timely and appropriate investigations and consultation in the department? And what about all those patients you sent home? Join us, January 16th for the launch of a new ‘Spinal Emergencies’ pathway, a collaborative initiative by Radiology, Neurosurgery and Emergency Physicians.

Telehealth Sites:

Alberta Children’s Hospital - Rm B4-010
Rockyview General Hospital – Rm 10332
South Health Campus – Rm - 710007
Peter Lougheed Hospital – Rm 4056
Banff Mineral Springs Hospital - Rm 5018
Canmore General Hospital – Boardroom 1256

Grand Rounds Recordings

The recording of the **January 9** Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds videoconference can be found at the following links:

https://ahamms01.https.internapcdn.net/ahamms01/Content/Videos_Other/FMC/Emerg_Rounds_2019_20/Em_ergJan9_20-ESPlaneBlock.mp4

https://ahamms01.https.internapcdn.net/ahamms01/Content/Videos_Other/FMC/Emerg_Rounds_2019_20/Em_ergJan9_20-HumanTrafficing.mp4

Journal Club - January 16th

[Click here](#) for Articles and Questions.

Article 1: Schupke et al, 2019. Ticagrelor or prasugrel in patients with acute coronary syndromes. NEJM. 381:1524-34. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1908973

Article 2: Wellness Topic - “On-Shift Stress Reduction”

Date: January 16

Time: 1800 - 2100

Presenters: Dr. Asad Hanif & Dr. Miles Hunter

Preceptor: Dr. Karl Phillips

Host: Dr. Fareen Zaver: Address: 151 Pumpvalley Court SW, Calgary T2V5E2

Feb 24: Elderly Loneliness Event

Seeking ED Physician input and perspectives at the “[Elderly Loneliness and Senior Isolation](#)” event on Monday, February 24 at 9.00am-12.00pm. Poster attached. Please RSVP to Ali Abid.

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week: [Restarting a medication post-overdose](#)

R2C2 Evidence-Informed Facilitated Feedback Workshops

PGME is pleased to announce that we will be holding two **R2C2 Evidence-Informed Facilitated Feedback Workshops** on the following dates:

- **February 28, 2020**

9:00 – 11:00 am

- **March 4, 2020**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Both sessions will be held in room **G43A of the PGME office block** of the Foothills Medical Center (FMC) ([please see map attached](#)).

For those individuals that are interested in attending the session, this workshop is accredited and participants will be able to claim 2.0 hours of section 1 credits with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The workshop is targeted towards educators who are or will be performing the following roles:

- Academic advisors (or coaches) in CBD
- Longitudinal preceptors
- Program directors
- Rotation coordinators who are responsible for synthesizing multiple assessments and providing residents with summative feedback

Please see [flyer](#) and [trifold](#) to advertise for further details.

To register for a session please email pgmecbd@ucalgary.ca by **February 14, 2020**.

Best,
The CBD Team

ED Highlights

Faculty Appreciation Night

The Class of 2019 recently held their Faculty Appreciation Night and presented their Clerkship Awards.

A few of the Award Recipients attended the great event.. A big shout-out to the Gold Star Award recipients:

Danny Peterson, Erik Saude, Amanda Schreiner. The Honour Roll recipients included:

Arun Abbi, James Andruchow, Judson Barkhurst, Puja Chopra, Ryan Cormier, Cathy Dorrington, Christine East, Sean Fair, Scott Farquharson, Mardelle Gamble, Jag Gill, Grenvil Gracias, Gavin Greenfield, David Hadley, James Huffman, Shannon Hughes, Robert Lafreniere, Nadim Lalani, Geoff Lampard, Jonathan Lubin, Anoop Manocha, Paul McKenna, Lester Mercuur, Yael Moussadji, Jennifer Nicol, Adam Oster, Sudhir Pandya, Chris Rebus, Kip Rodgers, Justin Wong, Fareen Zaver. Resident award recipients included Katie Anker, Nick Packer, Miles Hunter.



I fully recognize we have a ton of talented teachers that don't receive a nomination - the students are inundated with evaluations. I and the students really appreciate all of your contributions - both on shift and in formal teaching sessions. Our ongoing formal teaching activities include Bedside Teaching, Observed History and Physical and Key Concept Rounds. Please keep your eyes open for all of these opportunities. Congrats to everyone for your ongoing contributions. We are helping to shape the practice patterns of future physicians!
- Gavin

Presentation: Choosing Wisely Talks | [Knowledge to Action: Why we Need Quality Improvement in the Emergency Department](#)

CAEP Annual Awards Nominations - due February 17th

CAEP's Annual Awards recognize excellence in specific areas within emergency medicine, including advocacy, education, research, and professional practice.

<https://caep.ca/who-we-are/caep-annual-awards/>

New Platform for U of C webpage

I am pleased to let you know that we are moving into a new platform for our webpage at University of Calgary website. Our page will go live on Thursday, January 16, 2020. To access the page, please follow the link below:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine>

Please contact Amani Otoom if you need to make additions, updates or changes.

Thank you.

Amani

Opportunities

202 PLP Summit Call for Abstracts

The [Physician Learning Program Alberta](#) is pleased to announce the [Call for Abstracts](#) for the 2020 PLP Summit: 10 Years of Partnering to [Accelerate Change and Advance Practice](#).

This Summit is intended to examine quality improvement, audit and feedback, human-centered design, knowledge translation and implementation science, and how these continuing professional development strategies can help us advance practice towards a supportive culture, driven by evidence-informed and reflective practice improvement.

Please share with us your work and experiences related to:

- Choosing Wisely™ initiatives

- Quality Improvement
- Audit and Feedback
- Human Centered Design
- Implementation Science
- Knowledge Translation
- Appropriateness
- Continuing Professional Development

Abstract Submission Deadline:
Sunday, February 2nd 2020 11:59 MT

Notification of Abstract Acceptance:
Friday, February 16th 2020 11:59 MT

Call for Abstracts - Emergency Medicine Research Day 2020

The University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services Department of Emergency Medicine is looking for presenters for our annual Emergency Medicine Research Day being held on April 30th, 2020 at the Amphitheatre at Alberta Children's Hospital.

Presenters for the event should have either completed or have an ongoing research project in any of the Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Centers, Pre-hospital services or other clinical areas that would be of interest to those who work in Emergency Medicine.

Attached are the Abstract Submission Forms for either completed or work in progress projects.

Instructions for Submission:

1. Complete either the [COMPLETED](#) or [WORK IN PROGRESS](#) Abstract Submission Form.
2. Send complete abstract form back to Dr. Andrew McRae via email by Friday January 24, 2020 at 16:00.

Deadline for Abstract Submissions is Friday January 24, 2020 at 16:00.

World Cup Halfpipe and Slopestyle at Winsport COP February 13, 2020 Needing MD coverage

The HP and SS event needs a physician to cover on **February 13 08:30-17:15**. The nature of outdoor events is that there can be delays or alterations in start and finish times due to weather, stoppages due to injury, or course prep. Please take that into account when you volunteer for this event.

As always, the volunteer honorarium is a coat (usually pretty nice, although often too big for us smaller types), plus food on shift, Hot Shots, good company, and the excitement of participating in a high calibre Alpine sports event. You will be supported by a full ALS crew and protocols will be sent out to you beforehand.

Please email me if you have any questions and please provide me with a phone number for contact if you are interested.

Dr. Carrie Hiscock

Misc.

Flames Tickets

If anyone is interested in Calgary Flames tickets for the rest of the regular season (Section 216. Row 20 - for the pair or for four tickets) please contact Fareen Zaver

Thanks!
Fareen

