



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

## Operations

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### Medical Staff Info - Wuhan Pneumonia Cluster (Corona Virus)

Please [see the attached CD Advisory](#) sent on behalf of the Medical Officer of Health

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### Calgary Zone Direct Referral Communication Reminder

Just a reminder that when you are transferring a patient between Calgary Zone EDs as a **Direct Referral** (and you have already spoken with the Consulting service), please contact the RAAPID-designated ED MD at the receiving site through the unit clerk at the receiving site. **Do not use RAAPID for this.**

Communication between ED MDs however is a critical safety mechanism for these patients and we ask that you connect with the receiving MD although it takes some additional time.

Please email me with any questions or concerns.

Adam Oster

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### UNC Change Memo

Criteria for the Urgent Neurology Clinic (UNC) have been updated. [See the memo here.](#)

Please make sure that your referral meets UNC criteria; if in doubt, speak to on-call neurology.

Neurology leadership have also identified that the wait time to see a neurologist in the "general neurology clinic" has gone down (to four weeks!). They feel that referrals for non-urgent matters should be made through the patient's Family Practitioner.

Neil

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### Alberta Referral Directory

The **Alberta Referral Directory** (ARD) is a province wide online database, comprised of comprehensive and up-to-date referral information. The ARD is **Connect Care's** official decision support resource tool specific to

referrals. There will be a hyperlink from the Connect Care Referral Order Form to the ARD so providers can easily access the ARD's referral information. [www.albertareferraldirectory.ca](http://www.albertareferraldirectory.ca) Take a look!

- What services / specialists provide & don't provide
- Service / Specialist specific Reasons for Referral
- Clinical pathways / algorithms to assist in patient care
- Communication expectations aligned with CPSA Standards of Practice
- Where services / specialists are located in or out of zone
- Wait times by service / specialists by discipline
- Patient Wayfinding printable map & instructions

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### **Update: ACH Pediatric follow-up clinic now available 7 days a week!**

This is a great resource to have pediatric patients seen the next day! [See here for more information about the clinic.](#)

Unit clerk process is unchanged and [can be found here.](#)

Here is a link to the google drive with pediatric handouts (also on PLC sharepoint on our desktops):

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zoP8YuTKq2T3h1iLgF91-wA9xXlb-WR->

Any questions? Email Hilary Ambrose.

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### **Parental Leave Draft Policy**

Please have a look at our proposed [Parental Leave Policy document.](#)

Please get back to me with any comments.

Regards,

Neil

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### **FMC Breastfeeding/Pumping Room**

We are pleased to announce that a dedicated space at FMC for breastfeeding and pumping is open for staff, physicians and volunteers. The room is centrally located on the main floor of the main building.

For details on access and guidelines for use, please see the [FAQ for more information.](#)

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## **Physician Participation Needed!**

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### **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.)

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### **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/1qOocS4a20wBcPgrlIRoRNT5dp-a2goZO8w1WQVhFh4/edit#gid=0>

- Brit Sunderani

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### **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/ife/form/SV\\_9miVbrL4he9ePLn](https://survey.ucalgary.ca/ife/form/SV_9miVbrL4he9ePLn)

- Kelsey MacLeod

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### Do you have ultrasound training?

I am trying to compile an updated list of all the staff in the city who have extra ultrasound training. If you have your EDE2, some other equivalent advanced POCUS certification, or if you have completed an ultrasound fellowship, please add yourself to my spreadsheet in google docs. I will be using this list to invite staff to teach senior ultrasound sessions, courses, and preceptor residents during their ultrasound blocks.

Here is the link

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1REGLgmSZf3LiaKQCyzxopCJRx1wK61ai0UUCIIN6M7I/edit?usp=sharing>

Many thanks,  
Kasia Lenz MD, FRCPC, RDMS  
Resident Ultrasound Education Lead  
Emergency Medicine  
University of Calgary

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## Education. CME. Rounds

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### ACH Citywide Rounds - January 23

ACH Amphitheatre

**7:00-8:00 Trauma Rounds:** Trauma Rehabilitation Systems, Dr. Chris Grant, PM&R

**8:00-9:00 Procedural Rounds:** Child Abuse/CSART, Dr. Jenn D'Mello

**9:00-10:00 Grand Rounds:** QI Basics to Get the Most Out of Your Projects, Jennifer Thull-Freedman

**10:30-11:30 PEM Rounds:** PEM Fellows Scholarly Project Round-Up

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### CBD Faculty Development Session

- Do you currently supervise FR residents on shift?
- Do you want to supervise residents on future shifts?
- Do you struggle with filling out the EPA's (online assessments) that residents give you to fill out after a shift?
- Do you want to understand how the competency committee uses your evals to inform their decisions?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, and are faculty in our department (both FR and EM!) please sign up for a faculty development session targeted at clarifying your questions as well as addressing issues relating to EPA's from both residents and the competency committee.

**Snacks & coffee will be provided!**

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 10-11am post grand rounds. Location: FMC AGW2 (Across Coombs Theatre)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA5A723ABF58-cbdfaculty>

Please email Fareen Zaver if you want further details/clarifications.

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### ED Staff POCUS Hands-On Session!

The Calgary ED POCUS Hub is proud to provide Calgary ED staff physicians with the second hands-on ultrasound training session supported by the PSF. The first session in December on advanced cardiac applications was a lot of fun and well received by the participants. **This session will cover peripheral nerve blocks (femoral, forearm) as well as peripheral IV starts.**

The session will be **February 20 from 1030-1230** at the ATSSL. The session will accommodate 20 participants. Please RSVP to myself to sign up for the session.

The sessions are supported by the PSF and thus PSF members will have priority sign up. Please note there will be a \$200 charge if a participant cancels within 24 hours unless the spot can be filled by another participant.

Thanks!  
Danny Peterson and the POCUS Hub members

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### **SafeTALK Workshop: Limited free spots**

The Office of Resident Affairs & Physician Wellness is pleased to announce Shelly Qualtieri (<http://www.shellyqualtieri.ca/>) is hosting a SafeTALK workshop February 5, 2020 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in HMRB G43A.

The talk will cover: the warning signs indicating the risk of suicide, how to communicate with individuals at risk and resources to help.

**The Office of Resident Affairs is pleased to announce it will pay the \$100 registration cost of the workshop for 30 residents, fellows and faculty members to attend.** Please email [residentwellness@ucalgary.ca](mailto:residentwellness@ucalgary.ca) to register before January 28, 2020.

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### **Quality Improvement Forum - Radisson Red Deer - February 19th, 2020**

We have learned that with the generous sponsorship of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, our in person Forum will be held on February 19, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Red Deer.

Bus transportation will be provided from Edmonton and Calgary to the event, and other mileage will be treated as regular transport to a working site – and thus not covered. As soon as possible please confirm with Leila Devay that you are still able to attend.

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### **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, 9-11am**
- **March 4, 2020, 1-3pm**

Both session 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](#) for further details.

To register for a session please email [pgmecbd@ucalgary.ca](mailto:pgmecbd@ucalgary.ca) by **February 14, 2020**.

Best,  
The CBD Team

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### **Elderly Loneliness Event - Feb 24**

You are invited to participate at the "[Elderly Loneliness and Senior Isolation](#)" event on Monday, February 24 at 9.00am-12.00pm. Please RSVP to Ali Abid.

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**Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week:** [Digoxin Monitoring](#)

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## **ED Highlights**

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### **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/>

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### **ED social night - Anejo (January 29, 2020)**

[Please save the date for the next ED social night](#)

**When** - 7pm - midnight, January 29, 2020.

**Where** - Anejo - <https://www.anejo.ca/>

**Who** - You and your significant other

**Why** - So we can connect with our colleagues and get to know each other a bit better. We work with some interesting and wonderful people. Let's celebrate that.

**Food** - Appetizers provided by the Physician Support Fund.

RSVP to one of:

Stuart

Grant

Huma

Ayesha

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### **Thanks! Wellness Hub's Stress Resiliency Charity Spin event**

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Wellness Hub's Stress Resiliency Charity Spin event in December. We were able to raise over \$700 for the DOAP team and had over 25 people bike to some great tunes, release some stress, and learn a few techniques to manage stress!

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### **Emergency SCN Newsletter**

[Click here](#) for the January 2020 edition of #EMERGING News.

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### **Cochrane Pre-hospital Emergency Care Newsletter**

See the January 2020 [Newsletter HERE](#).

Contact Eddy Lang with any questions/discussion.

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## **Opportunities**

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**2020 Multiple Mini-Interview for applicants to the University of Calgary**

The Cumming School of Medicine Admissions Committee is currently reviewing applications for the MD class beginning July 2020. Approximately 576 applicants will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be held on three days this year; we hope you will consider participating on one of the following dates:

- Saturday February 29 (7:30am-4:50pm)
- Sunday March 1 (7:30am-4:50pm)
- Saturday March 14 (7:30am-4:50pm)

Assessors must attend one, two-hour training session in the Health Sciences Centre in February (dates listed below in the link).

We hope you will complete the RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MMI2020> as soon as possible as some dates will fill up quickly. If you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please let Shannon Cayer know so that we may approach them as well.

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### **2020 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**

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### **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.

Below 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 **Jill Vaughan or Dr. Andrew McRae via email**.

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

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### **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.

Carrie Hiscock.

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### **Clinical/Adjunct Professor Promotions and Awards Deadlines**

[Click here to see the deadlines](#) (Feb 14th, 28th) and process regarding recommendations for promotion to Clinical/Adjunct/Research Associate/ Assistant Professor and Full Professor. Contact Lilian Prudencio for more information.

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