

**Calgary Zone Department of Emergency Medicine
EM Grand Rounds Research Day Q&A Report – Oct 8, 2020**

Q# Questions or Comments	Asker Name	Answer(s)
1 Peer support workers are such an asset to the entire healthcare system (patients and staff included). What can we as individual physicians do to increase their presence across the province?	Kate Bisby	live answered
2 Peer support workers in the ED are such a meaningful help to patients. How cool and how effective would it be to have one in every ED in Calgary and Edmonton.	Mark Scott	live answered
3 https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/about/scn/ahs-scn-ems-program-two-pager.pdf	Eddy Lang	live answered
4 Comment: Have to step out, but thank you very much for an excellent presentation	Jennifer Jackson	Type answer Thanks Jennifer!
5 Kathryn - Given the prevalence and rising rates of alcohol use disorder and the process that has been established for OAT, have you done any work with Naltrexone initiation in the ED for AUD?	shawndowling	live answered
6 Thank you, Kathryn and Chris. What can we do to help advocate and bring attention to the opioid crisis? The current government is not taking this seriously, is refusing to release monthly data, and is perseverating on rehab instead of harm reduction. I know that it's challenging for those with AHS appointments/funding to speak out, so what can the rest of us do to speak out on your behalf?	Shazma Mithani	live answered
7 Sorry if I missed this - is the suboxone microdosing protocol a good option for patients who are not yet in withdrawal phase (ie. COWS score <5)? Thanks for a great talk!	katie lin	live answered
8 Additionally, are there good guidelines for reinitiating patients who were previously initiated on OAT but had interruptions in their treatment course (ie. left AMA and then returned again days later in withdrawal)?	katie lin	live answered
9 Great job Chris, Kathryn, and all of ARCH! You guys do amazing work. Agreed! Amazing work Dr. Dong, Chris and ARCH! Thank you!	todd cassios	
10 as a new peer support worker what advice would you give me thank you Chris i will definaly email you im a virtual suport worker	Lisa Lagrelle	live answered
11 Thank you for the incredible talk! Chris, do you have any examples of specific language you like to use to 'keep the door open' for patients who may not be ready for a change today, or who are leaving AMA.	zoepolsky	live answered

12 Has a cost study been done with a peer support person vs. without a person? Are the support person's paid or volunteers? Gloria Wilkinson live answered

13 this is an amazing program and research initiative. It really needs to be province wide. It would be nice to see more cost benefit studies because it likely would be positive Cheri NijssenJordan live answered

14 Nice work Stephanie, Timely presentation Scott Farquharson live answered

15 Rural sites with lots of A&MH presentations usually have minimal staffing and no social worker or any support staff makes it really challenging to properly support rural patients! Please keep rural sites in mind going forward with programming & supports! Thanks Crystal Charbonnea live answered

16 Can you outline some of the additional addictions medicine training opportunities for trainees or staff in Alberta? Catherine Patocka live answered

17 I greatly appreciate all you do, Chris and kathryn, as it helps to promote the best care possible for our community and pushes me (as an ER colleague and Family Doc) to work both harder AND better. Cheers! Richard Martin live answered

18 Thank you! Darek