



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

July 28, 2020

Updates for ED Physicians

NOTE: There will be no ED Newsletter for the weeks of August 4th and August 11th, 2020. The Newsletter will resume on August 18th.

COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 cases within Hutterite colonies

You have all likely heard of the rise in COVID-19 cases within Hutterite Colonies in Alberta. [Please see a communication from AHS regarding this.](#)

The bottom line is that we are asking that you enquire about living communally on a Hutterite Colony (if it seems possible...) as part of your determination of exposure risk. We also ask that you do this with sensitivity to the fact that Hutterites are a visible minority that have been stigmatized in the past.

Thanks
Neil

COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Group Rapid Evidence Report

There was an article published by the AHS Scientific Advisory Group for COVID ([see full article here](#)) that has relevance for the ED.

It was reassuring in that it found our COVID screening procedures to be effective. (no admitted patients who had initially screened negative were ever found to be positive.)

A summary of the findings is as follows:

“... in a setting of ongoing low level community transmission of COVID-19, RT-PCR testing of patients at hospital admission from Emergency Rooms found no cases in those screened as asymptomatic. However, 4.5% of admitted ED patients with any ILI symptoms were COVID-19 positive. This suggests that careful assessment of symptoms during the admission process is effective at identifying patients who should be tested (and isolated) in the context of hospital admission. Given the state of the current pandemic in Alberta (a low reproductive number and low daily case numbers), screening people without symptoms who are

admitted to hospital through the emergency department and who are at low risk is not supported. This recommendation may need to be reevaluated should higher levels of community transmission be encountered as relaxation of social distancing and other control measures occurs.

Dr. Neil Collins

Wellness CoVID Updates

1. **Call your Peer Support Team.** _ The Peer Support Team member can provide an empathetic ear, screen for safety and guide you to resources that exist in our community (i.e PFSP).
2. **Call Physician and Family Services (PFSP) – 1877SOS4MDS. THIS LINE IS AVAILABLE 24/7.** You have 6 free hours of counselling for yourself and 6 free for your family members.
3. **The Surprising Science of Happiness - Dan Gilbert**

"We synthesize our own happiness. Yet we think happiness is a thing to be found."

Dan Gilbert, author of "Stumbling on Happiness," challenges the idea that we'll be miserable if we don't get what we want. Our "psychological immune system" lets us feel truly happy even when things don't go as planned.

https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_gilbert_the_surprising_science_of_happiness#t-262265

- Your Wellness Hub

Operations

RURAL ED COVERAGE

AHS leadership has asked us to consider helping to cover two rural ED's that faced with physician shortages this summer.

I spoke to Dr. Dowling of Rocky Mountain House this morning; the shortage at his site is due to local MD's requiring holiday, as well as redistribution of GP surgeons and anesthetists to the OR instead of the ED. He assured me that the local MD's would appreciate the help and visiting ED MD's would be well received. His note is in bold below. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Dowling.

Thanks for your interest in Rocky Mountain House

Rocky ER is a busy rural ER (single-doc) with lots of interesting pathology. During the summer we have lots of trauma, and a bit of everything else.

Day shifts are usually very steady and we see between 20 and 40 pts per shift. Nights shifts are usually busy till minight, and then usually a trickle after that.

We have POCUS, Xray and general labs. Formal US, CT and specialty care is to Red Deer or Calgary/Edmonton.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer accomodation, most locums stay over at a local hotel (best western or canalta are the best options)

It is not expected of you to cover inpatients or obstetrics during your locum here.

Billing is free* for service - no additional funding is available unfortunately.

Let me know if you require more info.

Current open shifts for August include the following.

Aug 12th @ 6pm to 13th @ 7am

Aug 22nd @7am to 4pm

Aug 23@ 4pm to midnight

Aug 24th @ 7am to 6pm

Aug 24th @ 6pm to 25th @7am

Aug 26th @ 6pm to 27th @7am

*--I am sure he meant "Fee" for service, not "free" for service

Pincher Creek requires coverage as well, and I expect the circumstances are similar however I have not been able to contact the Facility Medical Director there.

They require 24 hr coverage for August 3, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 26.

If you are interested please let me know and I will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

Dr. Neil Collins

SCM Updates!

- Enterprise Notecetera Token for 'ED History and Physical' – New
- Increase Character Limit in 'ED Treatment Plan' Document
- Add 'cetirizine' PO to ED Ped Order Sets
- Changes to 'ED Diabetes Peds' Order Set
- ED notice for the new Notecetera enterprise token for 'ED History and Physical'

[Click here to read.](#)

Eddy El-Haddad

Senior Clinical Informatician

SCM Schedule Outage Thursday JULY 30th, 2020 - Apps Listed Below

Services Affected:

Sunrise Clinical Manager, Sunrise Emergency Care, Sunrise Ambulatory Care

Locations:

All Sites, SCM/SEC/AMB remote users

Start: Thursday July 30th, 2020 0030hrs (12:30am)

End: Thursday July 30th, 2020 0430hrs (04:30am)

User Instructions:

All units and departments are to use downtime procedures for the duration of the outage.

For further information please contact your local IT Service Desk

<http://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/974.asp>

-Matt Grabove

A letter from the Anti-racism, Equity and Diversity Group

The anti-racism, equity, and diversity working group is newly formed within the department of emergency medicine. Our active goals include creating an anti-racism statement for our department and looking into evidence that supports improving the diversity of physicians within our emergency medicine group.

Members: Kelsey MacLeod, Sarah McPherson, Tayo Dawodu, Natasha Wright, Fareen Zaver, Huma Ali, Mandeep Sran, Patti Lee, Chris Bond, Jennifer Puddy
If you are interested in learning more please contact Jennifer Puddy.
In response to the recent reporting of a racist incident in Grande Prairie in 2016, myself and Samina Ali (Pediatric Emergency Physician in Edmonton) have composed a letter to Verna Yiu, Scott McLeod, and Tyler Shandro. If you are interested in having your name on this letter, please let me know ASAP.
-Jennifer Puddy

Physician Participation Needed!

Education. CME. Rounds

Registration for the PADIS 2020 Conference is now open!

We have finalized the website page for the event. The link is https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/cme/courses/calendar/calendar#!view/event/event_id/3342
Please note that we won't be using a PDF brochure this year as we are working on making things easier for participants in the virtual environment.

The twitter hashtag is #PADIS2020.

Looking forward to seeing you virtually on November 7!

Mark Yarema

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week: [Interpreting pharmacogenomic test results](#)

Peer Consultation in Clinical Teaching

- Have you ever wondered if there was a BETTER WAY to teach at the bedside?
- Do you want to INCREASE YOUR RATINGS?
- Do you want a TEACHING TUNE UP? Or just a confirmation of your existing practices?
- Do you need SECTION 3 CREDITS?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, we have an [exciting teaching program for you](#) . We are a dedicated group of expert teachers who are willing to improve your bedside teaching, FREE. All it takes is an email to us, after that we will take care of everything else. We will contact you to find out when and where you are doing bedside teaching and then we will schedule an expert teaching to go to you. We will meet at you at YOUR workplace, watch you teach and then give you concrete tips to improve your teaching skills. All of this happens RIGHT ON THE SPOT immediately after you have finished teaching – talk about timely feedback.

There is absolutely NO CATCH and NO COST to you. This integrates directly into your clinical teaching duties and workflow and the only extra time required is the time it takes you to receive feedback.

What do we get? We are interested in improving the teaching skills for anyone who is willing to participate and if you're interested you can participate in a study (but this is not required). Sign up today by contacting Kenna Kelly-Turner.

R2C2 Facilitated Feedback Workshops

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

- September 10, 2020, 9:00 – 11:00 am
- October 2, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Both sessions will be held over zoom.

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.

A brief description of the R2C2 Evidence-Informed Facilitated Feedback Workshop can be found below.

As programs prepare for the transition to CBD, programs will be encouraged to adopt academic advisors (or coaches) to meet with residents at regular intervals to review all of their assessments, provide feedback and assist the resident to develop a personal learning plan. This workshop will teach participants how to use an evidence informed facilitated feedback model and learning change plan that will optimize the effectiveness of the feedback and provide coaching for change for residents

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 use the [accompanying flyer](#) and [trifold](#) to advertise this session to any relevant faculty within your program.

To register for a session please email cinde.adegebesan2@ucalgary.ca by August 28, 2020.

Best,
The CBD Team

Opportunities

New Leadership Positions - Care Plan Lead & Geriatric Lead. Deadline: July 31st. 2020

AHS leadership have just approved two new leadership positions for Calgary Emergency Medicine. We have been advocating for funds to support both a [Geriatric Lead MD](#) and a ["Care Plan" Lead MD](#) for the past year.

Both of these are critical areas of need in Calgary and the Admin Group is looking forward to having some expertise added to our group in these two areas.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please send your application including your CV and cover letter to Scott Banks by Friday, July 31, 2020

I would be happy to answer any questions about these positions.

Thanks
Neil

UME Leadership Positions

UME has some exciting leadership opportunities posted if you are interested in joining our team and have an interest in Medical Education. Below is the link of all current opportunities as well as the job profiles for the roles. <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/faculty/job-opportunities>

If you are interested, please submit your application to our Associate Dean, Dr. Chris Naugler to the following email: associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca

Misc

Housecleaner needed

Looking for a reliable good house cleaner if anyone has any recommendations. Can contact Stefan DaSilva Thanks!!

stefan
