COVID-19 Updates

CALGARY EM DEPT VIRTUAL ROUNDS COVID – 19
Date - Thursday March 19, 2020
Time - 09h00 – 10h30 am
Location – Zoom Webinar

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
https://zoom.us/j/991938698

The recently formed ED COVID Clinical Working Group has put together a 90 minute webinar to share some practical advice on issues that affect our clinical work. Due to time constraints, if you have a specific question that you would like addressed, you can either send it to me before Thursday or send it in during the webinar and we will try and answer as many as we can.
We will have an ID specialist taking part to give us the ID perspective as part of the webinar.
Rounds will be recorded if you can’t make it Thursday.

Thanks,
Stuart
on behalf of the ED COVID-19 Clinical Working Group
Shawn Dowling, Gord McNeil, Andrea Boone, Brad Granberg, Jason Fedwick, Andrew Fagan and Chris Bond
UCalgary EM COVID-19 Resource Page
The clinical and administrative teams throughout our sites (Foothills Medical Centre, Rockyview General Hospital, South Health Campus and Peter Lougheed Centre) have developed policies and protocols in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Calgary. Please be mindful of the date the document was produced and check that against current knowledge and evolving clinical standards.


COVID Communication for all medical staff
The situation related to COVID-19 is dynamic and we want to ensure that you are as up-to-date as possible. Please check for current information on the AHS COVID-19 page at https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx.


Health Link has established a direct phone line for physicians to call for assessments and triage for swabs: 587-284-5302.

This number is for use of ANY physician to call to access advice re: self-isolation and need for swabbing. Please also note that this number is for physician use only (family, friends and others should continue to contact 811).

Finally, we recognize the incredible work of our teams in response to this pandemic. Health Link continues to manage exceptionally high volumes. It is important at all times to be appropriate, respectful and courteous in all communications during this recognizably stressful time.

Kindly,
ZCDH

Wellness Hub Update
The wellness hub wants to reach out with a number of resources to help support you during this COVID pandemic. If you’re feeling overwhelmed or anxious about what is going on please reach out. We’re here to help support our community.

Peer Support Team
We are fortunate to have our very own Peer Support Team (PST). These are our very own emergency physicians colleagues, who are trained (through WellDoc Alberta) on how to be an empathetic listener and support. You can reach out to any of the trained PST members at any time.

SLACK Channel
Join our SLACK channel - housed in this group (Calgary EM CoVID Wellness) are channels discussing how we can support each other with resources of childcare, self isolation housing, reflections on our work, fitness, nutrition and more. Just because we are self isolating does not mean with have to be isolated.

Join: https://join.slack.com/t/calgaryemcovid-csu1961/shared_invite/zt-cpscix1t-lka39I8oXR98JCjPAeXUTQ

“How to” for Slack:

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fYgg6Ewm4GIAfhmjpu19vdMonvfyRS5H3IR-O2uYv5U/edit
- https://vimeo.com/214259640

Click this link for more Wellness Hub info on:
• Physician and Family Support Program
• Shared Resources: Isolation housing, babysitters, etc.

ED Grand Rounds
Grand rounds will continue as scheduled every week from 9:00-10:00am (except for the special CoVID rounds this week) however it will NOT be in person for the foreseeable future. We are setting up remote access via Zoom and you will have the opportunity to view it live or at a later time via your tech of choice at home.
Thanks,
Fareen

Suspended Academic Activities
In an effort to encourage social distancing, the residency programs have suspended academic activities (academic half day, simulation sessions and journal club) between March 12 - March 27. Please note that the March 19 Journal club is CANCELLED.
-Catherine

COVID-19 and ER Learning
Please find attached an operating standard from the Post Graduate Program for all learners (residents and medical students) in respect to the role of learners during a large scale communicable disease outbreak.
- Shannon Leskosky
Manager | Undergraduate Medical Education

Operations

HPTP Request
If you are sending a patient to HPTP for treatment of a suspected bacterial infection who concurrently has ILI symptoms, please phone ID on call to give them a heads-up and allow them to make special arrangements for the patient.
-Neil Collins

Physician Participation Needed!

Junior Staff Mentorship Program 2020-2021 – CALL FOR MENTORS
We’ve had a great first year of the mentorship program and it’s time to recruit more mentors for our new incoming staff! Our program allows junior staff to integrate more seamlessly into the EM group and to be supported as they undergo the transition to practice from residency to staff.

Mentorship would include touching base with your mentee at regular intervals and attending socials a few times per year (intro/orientation brunch July 2020, the Après social in early 2021, Stump the Mentors May 2021). Here are the Terms of Reference.

We ask that mentors have a minimum of TWO years work experience in our Department of Emergency Medicine. Previous mentors in our program are welcome and invited to mentor someone new.

Please contact Huma Ali to sign up or if you have questions.
We are looking forward to having you as part of the team.

- Fareen, Heather, Sarah & Huma
  Junior Staff Mentorship Committee

Hodsman Lecture Survey
Please complete the following 3 questionnaire-survey to help the Emergency Department provide successful CME event:

https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/7H5SXPG

Thank you.

Hodsman Lecture Planning Committee

Survey re: possible atrial fibrillation randomized trial at FMC
We've been approached to participate in a follow-up RCT to the chemical vs electrical cardioversion study. This RCT would compare the safety and efficacy of procainamide vs. vernakalant (a relatively new atria-specific Na-channel blocker, used in EU since 2010, approved by Health Canada in 2018) for chemical cardioversion in patients not undergoing electrical cardioversion. The hypothesis is that both drugs will have similar efficacy in terms of cardioversion success rate, but that vernakalant will be faster and with fewer hypotensive/adverse events compared to procainamide. The study is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, with meds donated by an industry partner.
If anyone has any concerns please contact me directly.

I'd also like to ask FMC-based physicians to complete this 3-question survey about possibly running the study in the FMC ED.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXQRDNH

Thanks - Andrew McRae

Education. CME. Rounds

Research Day 2020 - Postponed indefinitely
Given the current COVID situation, Research Day (scheduled for April 30) has been postponed indefinitely. Stay tuned to the newsletter—we may be offering a 1-hour virtual grand rounds presentation on the morning of April 30 with our guest lecturer, Dr. Kathryn Dong.
- Andrew McRae MD, PhD, FRCPC

Journal Club - March 19 - CANCELLED

March 19 Journal Club has been cancelled.

Grand Rounds Recordings: March 5

The recording of the March 5 Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds videoconference can be found at the links below.

https://ahamms01.https.internapcdn.net/ahamms01/Content/Videos_Other/FMC/Emerg_Rounds_2019_20/Em ergMar5_20-Thoracostomy.mp4

https://ahamms01.https.internapcdn.net/ahamms01/Content/Videos_Other/FMC/Emerg_Rounds_2019_20/Em ergMar5_20-Ketamine.mp4
ACLS/PALS June 6/7
The ER residents have requested an ACLS/PALS course and you are welcome to join.

South Health Campus, eSimulation Lab
June 6 - ACLS June 7 - PALS
0900.finished (usually 1500 ACLS; 1600 PALS)
Some pre course work involved (this allows us to finish each course in one day). BLS included on both mornings if needed. Lunch included. Manuals not included - currently still using the 2015 manual.

Cost $350 per course.

Please contact Dawn McKeivitt if interested.

CSM Teaching Excellence Program (CSM TEP - Formerly TEMEP)
TEMEP will run every second Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, September 2020 to April 2021. For a full schedule and program objectives, please visit: https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/office/ofd/TEP