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Department of Emergency Medicine



*Weekly* email

Updates for ED Physicians

## COVID-19 Updates

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### POCUS Summary for COVID

Please see [summary prepared by Danny Peterson](#).

- Neil Collins

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### SCM Updates

[Item Info Links for ED COVID-19 Peds Order Set – Addition](#)

**Eddy El-Haddad**

Senior Clinical Informatician

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### Fit Testing For Alternate N95

AHS Medical Staff Bylaws require that all ED Staff Physicians and Residents be fit tested for a N95-type respirator.

I know that many of you fit tested for the 1870 within the last few months.

Unfortunately AHS' supply of these masks is not secure.

AHS now requires that you fit test for an alternate model. Current alternates are the 8210, 8110s, and 1804. If none of these fit, you will continue to use the 1870 .

Please reach out to your site chief for Fit Testing session schedules.

Please forward a photo of your fit test card to Judy Mackay ASAP.

Dr. Neil Collins

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### **Webinar: eSIM COVID19 Safety Trends, Communication and Clinical Conversations**

Thursday May 21, 2020

[Click for Brochure.](#)

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## 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). They will virtually meet with you once for a full session and can connect briefly a second time again.
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. Your family members can call directly themselves to access counselling. You will speak to an intake physician who will direct you to a therapist if appropriate. They are offering therapy via phone and video.
3. Wellness Hub Support Local Initiative  
[The Kinetic YYC](#) is a local business that brings healthy protein options to you. They deliver fresh, fully cooked bulk protein and roasted vegetables that are delivered to your door without having the hassle to cook anything, just heat and eat. They deliver Monday through Thursday and you can pre-order beforehand for the week or order by 10:00 am for same day delivery!

They have also started to offer a "social distancing" catering menu! Reach out on [the website](#). Please use the code "N95" on the checkout screen for 15% off your order.

If you have a significant other/family member who has a small business you would like us to advertise please reach out to Fareen Zaver.

- Your Wellness Hub

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## Operations

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### HPTP Clinic

Hi Group:

I got the following message from Dr. Kristen Brown (HPTP lead ID Physician).

"HPTP is a priority clinic and will remain open, no matter what pandemic phase the ambulatory clinics are in. We are prepared to see patients in clinic, or if need be virtually, so please don't hesitate to send us anyone that might require ongoing IV antibiotics or anyone on oral therapy you're particularly worried might fail and would like us to follow up on."

A reminder to fill out the new referral form, and to call if the patient has incidental respiratory symptoms so they can make appropriate arrangements to see the patient.

Neil

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### Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) and Adult Addiction Services Calgary

[Download program brochure for Professionals](#)

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## Education & CME

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### May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - ED Virtual Grand Rounds

**Part 1:**

**Time:** 09:00 - 09:30

**Topic:** "Contemporary Management of ED Patients with Chest Pain: There's a Pathway for That"

**Presenter:** Dr. James Andruchow

**Part 2:**

**Time:** 09:30 - 10:00

**Topic: "Discharge planning for low-risk patients with Chest Pain: Getting the Right patient the Right Follow-up at the Right Time"**

**Presenter:** Dr. Andrew McRae

**Zoom connection details:**

Please contact Judy at [judy.mackay@ahs.ca](mailto:judy.mackay@ahs.ca), Aaron Peterson @ [ajpeters@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ajpeters@ucalgary.ca) or your team lead to obtain the connection details.

**Evaluation form:**

Please fill out the [evaluation form](#) and email to [Judy.Mackay@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Judy.Mackay@albertahealthservices.ca)

If you have watched any of our online grand rounds to receive credit for your respective college for MOC.

**Disclaimer: Please don't share the zoom link and connection details on social media or any website.**

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**Grand Rounds Recordings**

**May 07, 2020**

***Emergency Radiology***

**Presenter:** Dr. Neil Kalra, Emergency & Trauma Imaging Fellow, University of Calgary.

Click [here](#) for recording.

**May 14, 2020**

**Topic: *PE in Cancer Patients***

**Presenter:** Dr. Dustin Janz

Click [here](#) for recording.

**Topic: *Serotonin Toxicity***

**Presenter:** Dr. Greg Beller

Recording will follow when it becomes available.

All previous Grand Rounds recordings are available at our website:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/professional-development/grand-rounds/grand-rounds-archive>

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**Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week:**

[Personalized Medicine](#)

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**CAEP Townhall: Which way is the frontline from here?**

Wednesday, May 20 - 6pm MST

<http://caep.ca/covid-19-town-hall/>

You do not need to be a CAEP member to join.

Interview with Dr. Liu - the International President of Médecins Sans Frontières for two terms from 2013-2019 during the West Africa Ebola epidemic, a wave of attacks on health facilities in conflict zones, and what became known – in Europe at least – as a migration “crisis”. Dr. Liu will speak about her thoughts of COVID-19 preparedness and response in Canada and abroad. She will discuss lessons learned from other recent epidemics, how her work with MSF translates to her work on the frontlines of the COVID response here in Montreal. She will talk about being a woman in medicine, a leader in advocacy, practicing global health and the future of Emergency Medicine.

Interview with Dr. Maskalyk - an emergency physician and trauma-team leader at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto's inner-city hospital, and strategic director of the Toronto - Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration in Emergency Medicine, which has trained East Africa's first emergency physicians. He is joining us for our town hall for a talk on “Which way is the front-line from here?”. He will talk about the shifting ground of our emergency work, how COVID-19 has moved from our emergency departments, into our homes and minds of Canadians. He will talk about the lessons he has learned trying to balance the weight of work that seems endless, with a life outside of it. He will lead a discussion in what lessons we can pull from this difficult time into our most beautiful expression of emergency medicine yet, and how we can use this attention towards the front-line to make it stronger than ever.

**- Kirsten Johnson MD, MPH**

Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, McGill University  
Incoming President, Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians

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### Research Day Recording

A recording of Virtual ED Research Day 2020 can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/pQl0tKBAPbA>

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## Opportunities

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### UME Leadership opportunities

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](mailto:associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca)

## ED Highlights

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### Some Good News!

#### Publications

Recently published high-profile research highlighting our department and talent.  
Congrats to Catherine Patocka, Shawn Dowling and Andrew McRae

- *Does N-Terminal Pro-B-Type Natriuretic Peptide Improve the Risk Stratification of Emergency Department Patients With Syncope?* <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32340039>
- *Audit and Feedback for Individual Practitioners in the Emergency Department: An Evidence-Based and Practical Approach* <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32419681>
- *Regional Variation in Transient Ischemic Attack and Minor Stroke in Alberta Emergency Departments.* <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32397929>

#### Promotions

Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor, Congrats to:

- Gavin Greenfield
- Ryan Chuang

Congrats to faculty promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor:

- Andrew Battison
- Marc Francis
- Carrie Hiscock
- Bilal Mir
- Mike Szava-Kovats

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**Congrats to Dr. Vipond for his public health advocacy**

[Mask4All Debate](#)

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**R5 Resident Graduation Gifts**

Ken Chan, Steve Liu, Dave Mainprize and Nic Packer are graduating this year and we'd like to thank them for all their contributions to us and the department by showering them with praise, but also with gifts!

If you would like to contribute, please e-transfer to Sean Fair

Thank you for your support!

Hilary, Chase, Katie and Sean