



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

May 26, 2020

COVID-19 Updates

Calgary ED COVID clinical working group update #8

Date & Time: May 28th at 10h00-10h45

Leadership - Dr. Eddy Lang

Wellness - Dr. Kelsey MacLeod

Clinical - Dr. Chris Bond - How to complete the order to isolate a COVID positive or suspected COVID positive patient

Dr. Kathryn Crowder - PPE update

Q&A - Dr. Shawn Dowling moderating

Zoom connection details:

Please contact Judy at judy.mackay@ahs.ca, or Aaron Peterson @ 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

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

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

Resident Policies re: COVID

[Please see the attached document](#) from the Residency Program Directors.

It discusses the relaxation of some of the policies regarding resident involvement in patients with suspected COVID, and in resuscitation situations.

- Neil

Glidescope Blade Shortage

We are getting short of Glidescope Blades.

Dr. Gaudet (ICU) discusses efforts to mitigate the impact of shortages [in this memo](#).

-Neil

COVID-19 data collection

As discussed during the COVID update a couple of weeks ago, we are collecting data on patients with COVID symptoms undergoing swab testing as part of the Canadian Emergency Department COVID-19 Rapid Response Network. The objective of this network is to systematically collect data on all ED patients with suspected COVID in order to develop epidemiologic evidence and evidence-based clinical guidance for the management of ED patients with suspected COVID disease.

Later this week, you will see blue data collection forms in COVID patient care areas. If possible, please complete these forms on any patient undergoing COVID testing in the ED. The back page is only for patients with suspected COVID who are intubated in the ED.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated--this is our best chance to develop evidence to guide ED decision-making for our patients as the pandemic evolves.

Thanks,
Andrew McRae

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 (judy.mackay@ahs.ca) ASAP.

Dr. Neil Collins

Covid Corner, presented by the University of Calgary CME department has a great talk scheduled for May 27 (Wednesday evening at 7pm).

The topic is "**From your nose to your toes: atypical presentations of COVID 19**" See link below. Registration is free and CME points are available.

https://events.ucalgary.ca/#!/view/event/event_id/69974

- Stuart

On behalf of the Calgary ED clinical COVID working group

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. [Parenting as a Physician during COVID19](#)

The University of Calgary Psychology Clinic and Well Doc Alberta are collaborating on this webinar that explores the challenges and offers strategies to physician parents and their parenting partner(s). We are thrilled to work with Dr Nicole Racine PhD and her colleague Michelle Zepeda. They are experts in child psychology and have been working with parents, including physician parents, during the pandemic. Register via EventBrite, and a zoom link will be sent to you on June 1st.

Wellness Hub Support Local Initiative

4. [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 at fzaver@gmail.com

- Your Wellness Hub

Operations

Patient Complaints and HealthLink

We have recently had a number of complaints from patients who included in their complaint a statement that they felt that they were criticized for attending an ED (by an ED team member) after having been referred to the ED by Healthlink.

My perspective over the years is that many people are very sensitive about overusing ED resources (especially lately).

Please remember that patients arriving after being directed to an ED by Healthlink/811 are following direction from a healthcare professional.

These can be responsible, rule-following citizens who can be very sensitive to perceived criticism by anyone in the ED team about their choice to come to the ED. Even non-verbal signals like raised eyebrows are prone to misinterpretation.

Perceived criticism about use of healthcare resources can be the nidus for a time-consuming patient complaint.

Thanks,
Neil

SCM Updates!

[Updates to Info Links for ' ED Chest Pain NYD' and 'ED Acute Coronary Syndrome' Order Sets](#)

- Eddy El-Haddad

Senior Clinical Informatician

Monthly SCM/SEC downtime this Thursday early morning:

There will be a downtime affecting all SCM/SEC users from 00:30 - 04:30 Thursday May 28. The downtime tracking board will be active for the duration and please follow usual downtime procedures.

Brief EDSP terminal interruption Wednesday, May 27 @ 6:15

Please be advised that there will be an approximately 15 minute interval beginning at 06:15 on Wednesday where new users will be unable to log into the EDSP terminals. Users already logged in will be able to continue working.

So, if you're shift begins at 6am on Wednesday, log into the terminals ASAP to avoid any issues.

- Matthew Grabove

Physician Participation Needed!

ATTENTION - Staff preceptors required for the Fall

The residency program is looking for staff preceptors for the Fall academic full day sessions. These are resident lead sessions that require a staff preceptor. The list of sessions can be found [in this document](#). Please email Marc Francis directly with your requests.

- Dr. Marc N. Francis MD, FRCPC

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Education & CME

PEM Rounds - Spontaneous Pneumothorax - May 28, 2020. 08:00 - 09:00

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: May 28, 2020 08:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Presented by : Steven Lopushinsky & Mercedes Pilkington

Register in advance for this meeting:

Please contact the PEM Rounds coordinator for registration.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

ACH City Wide Emergency Rounds. May 28 at 0900-1000

Peds Hand Fracture Triage (Becky Hartley)

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Grand Rounds Recordings

May 14, 2020

Topic: *Serotonin Toxicity*

Presenter: Dr. Greg Beller

[Click here](#) for recording

May 19, 2020

Part 1: Contemporary Management of ED Patients with Chest Pain: There's a Pathway for That

Presenter: Dr. James Andruchow

Part 2: 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

Click [here](#) for recording.

Please find [here](#) Q & A document.

(No COVID/Wellness update this week)

All previous Grand Rounds recordings are available at our website:

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

Journal Club Summary

[Click here to view](#) the Journal Club Summary from **May 14th**.

Opportunities

CAMSS is seeking nominations for the following Executive positions:

- President-Elect
- Secretary-Treasurer

Full details including terms and position descriptions are attached and can also be found on our website: <http://albertazmsa.com/camss>.

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

ED Highlights

New Publication:

Congratulations to our EM colleagues in our department's section of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology for their publication on methanol poisoning led by Steven Liu:

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32307216/?from_term=Yarema+Liu&from_sort=date&from_pos=1

Docs That Rock

[Click here to view](#) the CAEP "Docs that rock" video and donation web page. So far they've raised \$4200 in 24 hours for the research fund.

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

