



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

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September 22, 2020

COVID-19 Updates

COVID Treatment Guidance

The ECC has approved the updated guidance for the Management of Adult Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19.

[Here is the link to a PDF with a brief explanation](#) (within the PDF is another link to the actual document). It provides recommendations pertaining to the decision to admit, testing and treatment with antibiotics, antivirals, and steroids.

- Neil

COVID-19 data collection

As you may be aware, we are collecting data on all patients undergoing COVID 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.

Blue data collection forms are available in COVID patient care areas at RGH, PLC and SHC. Hopefully soon at FMC. 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

COVID testing update

AHS is no longer providing COVID testing for asymptomatic patients unless they meet specific criteria (healthcare workers, school teachers, travellers, homeless etc).

[See new guidance here.](#)

-Neil

N95 Fit Testing

Please ensure that you are fit-tested for a model of N95 that is available in your ED. (Site chiefs have information on testing availability)

Background

AHS's N95 procurement strategy has resulted in the Emergency Departments having a continuous supply of this scarce resource. Unfortunately, the models keep changing and we are responsible for updating the fit testing process.

Currently available models include the 8210, 1860s, 1804 and the Dasheng DT3CZ.

Please ensure that you are fit-tested for a model of N95 that is in your ED. (Site chiefs have information on testing availability)

It would be best if you carried proof of fit-testing as well. If you are not fit tested, you should not be doing AGMP's (such as intubation).

Thanks,

Neil

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. As referenced in last week's Grand Rounds Wellness Update on the Pause - Holding a Moment of Silence after Patient Death, here is the article by Dr. Treadway published in the NEJM. ([attached here](#))

Dr. Charles Samuel is the medical director at the Centre for Sleep and Human Performance and is eager to help us address our sleep issues. In his communications with us, he shared that physicians are often ashamed to ask for help when it comes to their sleep despite sleep difficulty being a very common issue. Please reach out to them if you need and identify yourself as an emergency physician and they will prioritize to see you immediately. You can self-refer. www.centreforsleep.com

Operations

Policy for Resident Assignment to Staff Traded Shifts

As we transition from Medevision to MetricAid, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind staff of the policy for trading shifts to which residents have been scheduled. In brief, when an FRCP or CCFP-EM resident is assigned to your shift and you are trading or giving the shift away, we ask that you please notify the resident assigned. The resident will then have the option of moving alongside you into your new shift if their schedule allows, or retaining the original shift. In Calgary shifts are assigned on a preceptor based system as opposed to a shift template model. This is done to improve the staff learner relationship to allow higher quality feedback

and to promote graded autonomy. If you do not have the resident's contact information, please contact our program admin, Madhavi Talasila at madhavi.talasila@albertahealthservices.ca.

Additionally, we'd like to remind everyone that residents are not to be viewed as a commodity and offered as incentive to trade a given shift. Thank you all very much for your ongoing contributions to the residency programs, and your attention to this matter.

[The full policy is available for your review here](#). Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or clarifications.

-Catherine, Anjali and Jason

SCM Updates

[Please see the attached the SCM ED updates](#) for the week of Sept 21-25, including:

- Updates to the ED Buprenorphine/Naloxone Initiation Order Set

Eddy El-Haddad

Senior Clinical Informatician

SCM Schedule Outage Thursday September 24th, 2020 - Apps Listed Below

Information Technology - Outage Notification

Services Affected	Sunrise Clinical Manager, Sunrise Emergency Care, Sunrise Ambulatory Care
Locations	All Sites, SCM/SEC/AMB remote users
Start	Thursday September 24 th , 2020 0030hrs (12:30am)
End	Thursday September 24 th , 2020 0430hrs (04:30am)
Change Req #	1339107

Impact Summary

Applications Affected:

Sunrise Clinical Manager, Sunrise Emergency Care, Sunrise Ambulatory Care

Reason for Outage:

PROD Region Maintenance Outage Standard Changes (MS patches \ custom files \ reboots and fail-overs)

User Instructions:

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

For further information please contact the [IT Service Desk](#)

Calgary Emergency Physician Support Fund (PSF)

A very readable report and survey is forthcoming this fall to help guide the PSF to ensure its priorities represent those that contribute. In the meantime, the [PSF mandate](#) and [application review process](#) are available.

Deadline for submission: October 15, 2020

Comments are very welcome!

- PSF Committee

Physician Participation Needed!

Response needed: Calgary Zone Emergency Department Strategic Planning Survey

Dear ED physicians,

As you know, we are currently embarking on a strategic planning process for the Calgary Zone Emergency Department.

This survey is intended for clinical staff in the Calgary Zone, including those with a University affiliation. It asks questions regarding Department services and your thoughts on the future focus of the Emergency Department. This will help us understand what our members would like to see as part of our Department's strategic plan. We are also using this opportunity to seek feedback from our members on the demands of their role, job satisfaction, and overall satisfaction with the Emergency Department Leadership Team.

Please respond by Friday, October 2nd, 2020. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete (both parts), and your answers are anonymous. To access the survey, please click here or copy and paste this URL into your Internet browser: <https://ca.surveygizmo.com/s3/50083836/Calgary-Zone-Emergency-Department-Strategic-Planning-Survey>

The responses and feedback from the online survey will inform a virtual retreat to finish crafting the strategic plan and consider how it can be implemented and measured.

We understand that we are embarking on this critical planning process during an uncertain time with the impact of the ongoing global pandemic. We also are aware of the ongoing political dialogue in our province that impacts our work. We feel this opportunity to explore where we'd like to go as a Department and how we see ourselves getting there is timely as things continue to shift in Alberta, in Canada and around the world.

We look forward to your input.

Sent on behalf of the Department of Emergency Medicine

ED Virtual Rounds Needs Assessment Survey

As you all know, over the last 6 months we have transitioned to virtual grand rounds given COVID physical distancing requirements. In order to evaluate the quality of the virtual rounds and identify opportunities for improvement, we are asking you to take 2-3 minutes to fill out this

survey: https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_dcDuqmHvqS8mqmp.

Results from this will help guide the future of grand rounds in the Calgary zone and provide us an opportunity to share our experience with other ED's. This survey received ethics exemption from REB as it was deemed to be a Quality Improvement initiative.

- Shawn Dowling

Ian Walker Running for CPSA Council

I wanted to make sure everyone knew that Ian Walker is running for a spot on the CPSA Council.

This year it will be more important than ever to have a strong local candidate with a patient care focus.

You would have received an email from the College that provides a [link to the CPSA portal](#).

- Neil Collins

ACLS/PALS Course - ER Group - Nov 3/4

ACLS - November 3 - \$275

PALS - November 4 - \$325

South Health Campus

Includes BLS

Contact Dawn McKeivitt if interested.

Diversity and Discrimination Survey

Our Department of Emergency Medicine Anti-Racism and EDI working group would like to strongly encourage our department members to participate in the following survey. We will have access to the demographic

information and statistics that are specific to our department, which will help us to develop meaningful interventions and make change.

Thanks!

Researchers at the University of Calgary are studying the diversity and the experiences of harassment and discrimination of the physician workforce in Alberta.

They are conducting a survey to measure who is working in Alberta as a physician and how these physicians experience their workplace.

The survey takes between 10 and 15 minutes to complete and asks questions about your identity. Your responses are anonymous and are only viewed by researchers at the University of Calgary.

Please note that the survey should be completed on a computer rather than a phone.

For more information, and to take the survey, please follow the link below:

https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_bNsCtSERrDcU5TL

Invitation to Bystander Intervention Training

Have you ever witnessed interactions that made you feel uncomfortable? Are you unsure about how to address microaggressions or racialized comments?

Bystander intervention is recognizing a potentially harmful situation or interaction and responding in a way that could positively influence the outcome. Bystander Intervention Training is an opportunity to learn about the bystander effect and equip participants with options for intervening in situations of abusive, isolating, or stigmatizing behaviour. We have collaborated to try to ensure this session's relevancy to our medical community.

We are offering the same session on 2 different dates - Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. Please find the invitations below.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bystander-intervention-training-tickets-119294612397>

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bystander-intervention-training-tickets-120056100027>

Please direct any questions to Kelsey MacLeod (kmacleod@ualberta.ca). Thanks and hope to see you there.

Education. CME. Rounds

PEM Rounds - Thurs Sept 24, 2020

A friendly reminder to please join us this **Thursday, September 24th** for three separate PEM round sessions!

Time: **08:00-09:00**

Subject: Suboxone in the ED

Presenters: Marshall Ross & Rob Tanguay

Zoom session.

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

Subject: Grand Rounds

Presenters: Grazyna Burek & Sarah McPherson

Zoom session.

Time: **10:30-11:30**

Subject: POCUS

Presenter: Omar Damji

Zoom session.

Registration is NOT required.

Research in Development Rounds

Sept 24, 2020

10:15- 11:00 am

Zahara Goodarzi - Presenting

"A Proposal: A Collaborative Care Model to Improve Care for Older Adults Seeking Emergency Care; Implementation of Geriatric Emergency Nurses in Alberta Emergency Departments"

ZOOM Session

October 8, 2020 Rounds Dr. Kathryn Dong Presenting

Please see the attached [Rounds Poster for Dr. Kathryn Dong](#) who will be presenting Rounds October 8, 2020

Zoom details will be released on October 7, 2020 by Judy (judy.mackay@ahs.ca)

Dr. Kathryn Dong

A turning point?

The critical interface of substance use, the ED and research.

Please feel free to circulate to your contacts and groups as you see fit, we are hoping for a great turn out!

Jill Vandenbrand
Emergency Medicine Research Administrator

ED Grand Rounds Recording Link and Q & A document. Sep 17. 2020

Topic: Palliative Care in Times of Crisis: "A Call to Action for Emergency Medicine"

Moderator: Dr. Jams Andruchow

Guest: Dr. Emily L. Aaronson

Speaker: Associate Chief Quality Officer –Massachusetts General Hospital Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine –Harvard Medical School

Click [here](#) for recording.

You can find [here](#) the session's Q&A document.

Health Sciences Leadership Symposium

On behalf of the faculty development teams at the Cumming School of Medicine and the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, I invite you to participate in this year's [Health Sciences Leadership Symposium](#), which will explore empowerment through resiliency. All are welcome to participate.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Zoom (a link will be provided following registration)

Keynote speaker: Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn, MD, PhD, dean, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta

Presentations and workshops: Topics include coaching, difficult conversations, wellness balance, psychological safety, developing engagement and change fatigue.

Registration : Please register [here](#).

I hope you can join us for what is sure to be an enlightening symposium.

Sincerely,

Richard Leigh, MD, PhD
Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

CAME webinars

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Title: [Bias and the Educator: Exploring Implicit, Explicit, and Structural Bias in Medical Education](#)

Presenter: Dr. Javeed Sukhera, Western University

Time: 10:00am & 1:00pm (same webinar offered live in both time slots)

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week: [Hydroxychloroquine](#)

Opportunities

OHMES Funding Competition 2020-21

The 2020-21 Health Science and Medical Education Research and Innovation Funding Competition is now open! The competition begins with a Letter of Intent process, with applications **due 28 September 2020**. Award funding provided by OHMES is to a maximum of \$10,000 per project, and will be made according to scientific merit, relevance and originality of the project, and its contribution to developing individual and collective capacity in educational scholarship in the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary. Visit <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/office/ohmes/funding/ohmes-funding/health-medical-education-research-funding-competition> for documents plus the Funding Request & Expense Policies and the forms used for LOI Evaluations. Contact ohmes@ucalgary.ca if you have questions.

Continuing Medical Education Committee - Vacancy for Faculty Member at Large

The Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) has an opportunity for a faculty-at-large volunteer to serve on the following standing committee:

Continuing Medical Education Committee (CME):

Nominations for faculty at large member on the Continuing Medical Education Committee will be made in accordance with Cumming School of Medicine nomination procedure and will be elected by Faculty Council.

The deadline to receive applications is October 9th, 2020.

Please provide your Expression of Interest (EOI) and a Bio-sketch/CV to forster@ucalgary.ca.

ED Highlights

Two AHS hospitals named among Canada's 10 best

Two Alberta hospitals have been named to the Canadian section of the 2020 list of the World's Best Hospitals. Rockyview General Hospital in Calgary has been named No. 6 out of a total of 41 on the short list of best Canadian hospitals. Foothills Medical Centre, also in Calgary, is No. 8. *Newsweek* magazine, insurance provider GeoBlue and Statista, a global online data provider, created the list as a way to identify and celebrate the best hospitals around the globe.

"This is certainly welcome recognition for the two Alberta hospitals on the list," says Alberta Health Services President and CEO Dr. Verna Yiu. "Of course, we do amazing things every day in all of our facilities. So I see this recognition as a tribute to the hard work, innovation and compassion within all of our hospitals across the province."

<https://www.newsweek.com/best-hospitals-2020/canada>
