



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

## Operations

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### Calgary Emergency Physician Support Fund (PSF)

#### Mandate:

1. To support initiatives brought forward to the committee by individual members or departmental leadership which are likely to improve the intellectual, clinical and/or working environment of emergency physicians practicing within the Calgary area.
2. To provide top-up funding for the residency programs when appropriate other funding is not available.

#### Oversight Committee Members:

Co-Chairs: Heather Patterson, Arun Abbi

Treasurer: Arun Abbi

Members: Andrew Fagan, Eileen Kabaroff, Marshall Ross, Bryan Young

Secretary: Lilian Prudencio

#### Member Contributions:

Members will contribute \$20 per shift worked to the fund, to an annual maximum of \$1800. Physicians will reach this maximum amount when working 90 shifts or more per year.

Funds will be collected by the department by twice annually by direct bank withdrawal, based on the number of shifts worked during the month, but with a three month lag time.

Membership and contributions are entirely voluntary and can be terminated at any time upon notification provided to the PSF Committee. Notification by email will occur prior to withdrawal of funds.

#### Date of Withdrawal: October 1, 2019

Applications for funding will only be accepted from members of the Calgary Emergency PSF i.e. members who have provided financial contribution to the fund.

Applications can be submitted anytime during the year and will be reviewed twice annually for approval. Individual applications that are not submitted proximal to these review dates may also be considered

depending on application volume. Applications may be granted full approval or be returned with either additional requirements/information needed prior to decision. Applications declined approval will be provided reasons for refusal of funding.

**Deadline for submission: September 30, 2019**  
**Expected response to applications: October 31, 2019**  
**For submission and inquiries, please contact Lilian Prudencio.**

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### **Sign-Up for Staff Simulation Sessions Sept – Dec 2019**

Please click on the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4ca5ac2eaaff2-participants>

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## **Physician participation needed!**

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### **September Clerk Teaching**

Hi all, thanks for helping me complete the September clerk teaching schedule. Now on to October... Observed History and Physical ([OHP information is here](#)). This teaching activity is remunerated. When you see OHP on medevision it simply means the clerk is attached to you for your shift but they also have an OHP and depending upon timing may be a little late for their shift. If you have not signed up for OHP you are not responsible for doing the OHP even though it is associated with your name on medevision. OHP takes place at either the RGH or the FMC.

Oct 14 RGH 10:15-11 (1 student)  
Oct 14 FMC 12:30-14:00 (2 students)  
Oct 15 RGH 08:15-09 (1 student)  
Oct 29 FMC 09:30-11 (2 students)

Please respond directly to me if you can participate in any of these sessions. Thanks in advance.  
Gavin Greenfield.

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### **Interviewers Needed for MD Staff Applicants**

We are revising somewhat the process for evaluating applicants for staff positions within the department. One of the things we will be doing is expanding the interviews that applicants will be required to complete, including one interview with a member of our current group and a member of the nursing leadership team.

The goal of this interview is going to be to try to assess collegial behaviours and degree of fit with local culture. We are therefore looking for docs who would be interested in being interviewers. In the short term, we have interviews set up for the mornings of Sept 26th and 27th, but there will be more dates in the fall, and some in the spring. If you would be willing to be an interviewer, please let Ian Walker know.

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### **Medical Skill Units: PRECEPTORS NEEDED**

I am in need of preceptors for the following small groups in medical skills.

#### **ETHICS YR2**

September 12<sup>th</sup> 1030-1220  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1030-1220  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 1030-1220

#### **Physical Exam Year 1**

September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1330-1520  
November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1030-1220  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1030-1220

Dec 3 @ 1030-1220

**Physical Exam Year 2**

August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1330-1520

Oct 3 @ 1330-1520

**Global Health Year 2**

September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00-10:20

If you are available and interested in teaching, please email [medskil2@ucalgary.ca](mailto:medskil2@ucalgary.ca).

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## Education. CME. Rounds

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**Summer Rounds**

No rounds this week.

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**St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update -**

[Sept 26-29 - Whistler, BC](#)

[Featuring Keynote from Dr. Grant Innes!](#)

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

[Appropriate Medication Prescribing](#)

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## ED Highlights

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**Save the date: Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> Emergency Medicine Team Building Day!**

The residents are hosting their annual team building day on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Bowness Park. This event is meant for all staff and FRCPC/EM/PEM residents. Come for games in the park at 13:00 followed by a BBQ at 17:30. If you plan on coming, please RSVP using the link:

RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J6SJGJ2>

On behalf of the residents, thank you to the staff for supporting our education. We would love to see you all out! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ryan Wilkie.

**Rich Man Poor Man - Oct 17, 2019**

[Please find attached an invitation](#) to attend the Rich Man Poor Man event. Hoping we can get lots of support from you. More information will be available on their website soon!

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**ED GALA 2019 - Tickets now on sale - Sept 26, 2019**

September 26, 2019

Cocktails 6 pm

Dinner/Awards/Dance 7:15 pm

Fairmont Palliser

Tickets \$160/person

\*\*\*Please email me directly for tickets E-transfer or cheque.  
Dr. Laurie-Ann Baker

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### **Patient Commendation for Dr. Andruchow & Staff**

[Click here](#) to read.

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## **Opportunities**

### **Assistant Dean - Evaluation & Research**

The Cumming School of Medicine invites applications (Cumming School of Medicine, only) for the position of Assistant Dean (Evaluation & Research), Undergraduate Medical Education.

[Please see attached](#) for the complete terms of reference for the position.  
The position is 0.5 FTE.

Please submit a statement of interest, curriculum vita and the names of three referees to:

Dr. Christopher Naugler  
Associate Dean (Undergraduate Medical Education) Cumming School of Medicine, c/o  
[associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca](mailto:associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca)

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### **Working Group on Parental Iron**

There is an opportunity to be involved in being an ED representative on a working group that is going to determine AHS policy on parenteral iron use.

“Iron Infusions” impact ED operations and it would be great to have someone from the ED at the table.  
Great way to contribute to your 24 hrs of service.  
Please reply to me with expressions of interest.  
Neil Collins

The scope of the Working Group is:

- Provide input on supportive documents/tools (e.g. Backgrounder newsletters, education materials) to define appropriate parenteral iron use in AHS.
- Endorse, develop and lead appropriate parenteral iron optimization efforts in AHS clinical areas.

Extent of commitment:

- Monthly meetings for around 6 months
  - Time to review and provide feedback on supportive documents/tools
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