



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

## Operations

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### Major SEC 18.4 upgrade Sept 20-21 = 11.5 hr downtime

Please see attached re: upcoming [SEC 18.4 upgrade](#) from Friday Sept 20 18:00 - Saturday Sept 21 05:30 (11.5 hours downtime).

The duration of this mega-downtime is going to be particularly challenging for our clinical work across the zone. However, the upgrade is unavoidable to maintain system integrity and our contract with Allscripts until Connectcare deploys.

Please be vigilant about reviewing DI results during the downtime, particularly if you have a resident on shift ordering the exams. Note there is a chance that if a resident orders imaging on a patient who is both registered and discharged during a downtime that result might not populate to your DI AVL. If you feel you may have missed a DI result during downtime, check your DI AVL and/or 30 day patient list ([see attached about accessing both](#)).

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### Changes to Animal Bite/Exposure Reporting to Public Health

See process change from Dr. Collins below:

Effective August 19, 2019, Communicable Disease Control (CDC) & Environmental Public Health (EPH) will be changing the animal bite/exposure reporting process.

1. Negligible risk animal exposures no longer need to be reported to public health (CDC/EPH). Negligible risk only applies to domestic dog/cats/ferrets. Examples of negligible exposures include:

- No exposure to saliva of animal
- Wound from family's own domestic dog, cat or ferret in Alberta that sleeps indoors

- Wound from police animal/service animal
  - Wound from animals that do not typically carry rabies e.g., rabbits, squirrels, gophers, chipmunks, rats, mice, gerbils, hamsters, hedgehogs, woodchucks, groundhogs, muskrats and all bird species.
2. For other domestic animal exposures for which you feel there is potential rabies risk, [fax the attached referral form](#) to either CDC (if patient lives within Calgary City Limits) or EPH (if patient lives outside Calgary City Limits). Public Health (CDC/EPH) will only follow-up if the referral form is completed. This form helps us ascertain level of risk and appropriate public health response.
  3. All patients with a domestic dog/cat/ferret exposure should receive a copy of the [patient care sheet](#) which provides instructions on how to observe the pet to ensure no rabies develops.
  4. Please advise patients that they will receive follow-up from CDC/EPH based on their exposure risk.
  5. For all wild animal exposures other than those identified in point (1), especially for bats, please call MOH-on-call (403-264-5615) as Rabies PEP is generally indicated in these situations.

Regarding tetanus, if you assess that a patient needs a booster please provide in ED or send the patient to a local public health clinic for age-appropriate booster if necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process change, please contact me..

Jia Hu, MD MSc CCFP FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health – Communicable Disease Control  
Calgary Zone

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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**

**Please contact Lilian Prudencio for submission and inquiries.**

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## Physician participation needed!

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### November Clerk Teaching

Thanks all for September/October. On to November...

Observed History and Physical ([OHP information is here](#)). This teaching activity is remunerated.

Nov 11 FMC 1230-1400 (2 students)

Nov 12 RGH 0815-09 (1 student)

Nov 12 FMC 1015-11 (1 student)

Nov 26 FMC 0930-11 (2 students)

Please email me directly if you can teach any of these sessions. Thanks.

Gavin Greenfield.

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### Research study of views and experiences related to caring for adults with intellectual disabilities seeking mental health care.

A graduate student from the University of Calgary is conducting a study to understand the views and experiences of physicians, registered nurses, and registered social workers in relation to caring for adults with intellectual disabilities seeking mental health care in emergency departments and urgent care. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## Education. CME. Rounds

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### Summer Rounds: August 22 ,2019

9:00 AM -10:00 AM COOMBS Theatre

Topic: Approach to CT Head ; Lumbar puncture & CSF

Presenters: Drs. Dustin Janz and Herman Johal

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### PLUS EM - Foundations of Leadership in Emergency Medicine workshop

Workshop led by Dr. David Keegan for distribution/promotion it to your department.

[PLUS EM - Foundations of Leadership in Emergency Medicine](#)

This two day event will explore your leadership identity in Emergency Medicine, how it changes under crisis, and how it interacts with other identities. PLUS EM will also walk you through applying your leadership strengths to launching new initiatives and working in team.

Registration fee includes materials, lunch, coffee, and snacks.

November 28 - Rose Room, 3rd Floor TRW, Foothills Campus

December 19- G639, Health Sciences Centre, Foothills Campus

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/plus-em-foundations-of-leadership-in-emergency-medicine-tickets-68499591121>

Questions/clarifications can be sent to Fareen Zaver.

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### **Geriatric Fall Visiting Scholar Dr. Don Melady Thursday September 19th, 2019**

Our upcoming Geriatric fall visiting scholar, Dr. Don Melady will be presenting Thursday Sept 19th from 9:00-10:00 am at FMC Coombs Theatre. There will be a light breakfast served at 8:30am to start.

Dr. Don Melady will also be our keynote speaker at the 2019 Geriatric update conference on Friday September 20th ([see attached brochure](#)), please register online at [cmeregistration.ucalgary.ca](http://cmeregistration.ucalgary.ca) as on-site registration includes a surcharge, is based on availability and is not guaranteed.

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### **Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week - [Drug-Induced Distortion of Taste and Smell](#)**

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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.

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### **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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### **Denise Watt AHS MD of the week**

[Click here](#) to read.

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## **Opportunities**

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### **Indigenous Themed Simulation Pilot Project**

The eSIM team at Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC) in Calgary and Pincher Creek Health Centre (PCHC) would like to invite you to participate in a simulation pilot project, *Practicing Cultural Competency: Indigenous Themed Simulation*. [Read more here.](#)

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## **Preceptors for Key Concept Rnds – September 05 to December 19,2019**

I am now recruiting preceptors for Key Concept rounds for September 05 to December 19, 2019. All volunteers are greatly appreciated. I will fill spots on a first come, first served basis. Remuneration is \$150 per hour, or \$225 total per session.

Each session runs 10:30 am to noon on Thursdays following departmental rounds.

The room will be notified later

Sessions are small group format targeted at clinical clerks and off-service PGY-1 and PGY-2 residents.

Please send the responses to **Calgary Electives email**.

Modules are provided to minimize preparation time and the topics and dates follow:

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             September 19    Shock

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             September 26    Chest pain  
             October 3    Dyspnea  
             October 10    Shock

Blk 05    October 24    Dyspnea  
             October 31    Chest Pain  
             November 14    Shock

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             November 21    Chest Pain  
             November 28    Dyspnea  
             December 5    Shock

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             December 19    Chest Pain  
Meira Louis, MD, FRCPC  
Coordinator of Elective and Off-Service Resident Education,  
Department of Emergency Medicine

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## **2020 CSM Alumni of Distinction Awards**

Know a Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) graduate who deserves to be recognized? In 2020, we will be presenting the Cumming School of Medicine Alumni of Distinction Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions in three categories: service, education and research.

Nominations will be accepted until Monday, September 30, 2019. The winners will be chosen by the members of the Medicine Alumni Advisory Council and announced in December.

Nominee(s) must have completed an educational or training program affiliated with the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary (previously known as the Faculty of Medicine). Preference will be given to those who haven't previously been recognized with an Alumni of Distinction Award or a University of Calgary Arch Award.

**NOMINATE SOMEONE NOW** <http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/alumni/awards>

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