



Department of Emergency Medicine

Friday **email**

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Operational Updates

Accessing Care Plans in SCM

Recently several physicians have indicated they are unaware of how to access Patient Care Plans in SCM. [Please see the attached screenshots](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Emergency Medical Services- Senior Medical Director Announcement

After an extensive search and selection process, we are delighted to announce that Dr. Mark MacKenzie has been appointed the EMS Senior Medical Director. He will be assuming this role on April 1, 2019.

[Read more.](#)

AIVA Forms Deadline Feb 28

Medical Affairs Office sent out the 2019 AIVA forms on January 17, 2019. The information is the most current business/clinical and personal contact information that Alberta Health Services has relating to your Medical Staff Appointment. Please review this information, complete the questions in the Attestation Section and submit the completed form and required documents for the 2019 calendar year no later than **February 28, 2019** to Lilian Prudencio.

Education. CME. Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds:

[February 21, 2019](#)

[Note: 1.5 hour Rounds](#)

9am-9:45am – Dr. Verlyn Leopatra, CCFP(EM) Resident

“No SART? Where to Start: Providing ED Care for Sexually Assaulted Patients”

9:45am-10:30am - Dr. Alan Wilde, CCFP(EM) Resident

“Euglycemic Diabetic Ketoacidosis”

STARTT Course - Calgary Feb 26, 2019

The Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) course is the gold standard of trauma care throughout the world. The Simulated Trauma and Resuscitation Team Training (S.T.A.R.T.T.) course builds on the ATLS principles but focuses on grooming an effective and efficient trauma teams. The course focuses on crisis resource management (CRM) training in order to teach participants how to effectively function as members of a multidisciplinary trauma team.

[More info here.](#)

Choosing Wisely Alberta Symposium

Registration is now open for the [Choosing Wisely Alberta Symposium: Beyond Awareness to Implementing Change](#) being held on March 18, 2019 at The Westin Calgary hotel.

Choosing Wisely Alberta and the Physician Learning Program invite you to attend this free symposium to engage in a discussion with clinicians, patients and system leaders about how to prioritize and implement Choosing Wisely recommendations.

Choosing Wisely Alberta is part of a ground-breaking international and national campaign which encourages physicians and patients to engage in a conversation about the appropriateness of tests, investigations and treatments. The goal is to avoid unnecessary and low-value care to decrease the risk of harm to patients.

Keynote speakers: Dr. Brian Wong and Dr. Wendy Levinson

Space is limited...register now for this free symposium

CPT Pearl of the week - [Carbamazepine](#)

When a Colleague Dies: Growing Through Tragedy

The Office of Resident Affairs and Physician Wellness is pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Myers has been invited to speak at the Cumming School of Medicine by the Physician and Family Support Program. Dr. Myers is a professor of Clinical Psychiatry at SUNY-Downstate Medical Centre in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Myers specializes in physician health and recently published "Why Physicians Die by Suicide: Lessons Learned from their Families and Others Who Cared."

Please encourage your trainees to attend this one-hour event. [The attached poster has more information](#) about the free session and registration information. Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided.

Date: Friday, March 22, 2019

Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Location: Theatre One, Health Sciences Centre University of Calgary

Journal Club

Thursday, February 21 @ 1800

Presented by: Drs. Ryan Allan & Ryan Wilkie

Preceptored by: Dr. Chris Bond & Dr. Marshall Ross

Hosted by: Dr Ryan Deedo

Location: Dr. Deedo's residence

Hodsman Lecture - May 2nd

1. [Save the Date! Hodsman Lecture - May 2nd](#)

2. [Dinner Invite Hodsman Lecture Series](#)

Hello everyone,

The department of Emergency Medicine invites emergency physicians and residents to attend dinner on Wednesday, May 01 as part of Hodsman Lecture Series (2019) event. The dinner will be hosted at Dr. Colleen Carey's residence at no cost. Please RSVP to Amani at by April 1, 2019.

Best regards,

Sent on Behalf of Hodsman Lecture Planning Committee

CAEP Award Nominations - Closing Soon!

Applications close Feb 18 for CAEP 2019. [Click here](#) for list of awards and nominations procedure.

ED Highlights

2018 ED Annual Report & ZMAC presentation

[Click here](#) to read the 2018 ER Annual Report.
[Click here](#) to see Dr. Lang's ZMAC presentation.

2019 Helios UCMG Post Fellowship Training Award

Dr. **Katie Lin** is a recipient of 2019 Helios UCMG Post Fellowship Training Award. Congratulations Katie!

Fareen Zaver Wins 2 Medical Education Grants

Fareen has won the following two medical education grants for project *Identifying challenges in the transition from residency to independent practice: a longitudinal comparison*.

1) Robert Maudsley Fellowship for studies in Medical Education - \$40,000 grant given out by the Royal College to help develop education programs and medical education research. Awarded to 3 Royal College applicants across Canada.

2) CAEP Research Grant - \$5000 research grant
Congratulations! With the funding, Fareen will be completing a longitudinal qualitative medical education research study looking at the challenges faced by physicians as they transition from residency to the first 1-2 years of independent practice.

Charles Wong wins CPoCUS Research Award for Staff Clinicians

Dr Wong is recognized for his research "The Accuracy and Prognostic Value of Point-of-Care Ultrasound for Nephrolithiasis: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis", published in *Academic Emergency Medicine Journal*. Congrats!

ESCN Monthly Newsletter

[Click here](#) for latest edition

Opportunities

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Clinical opportunities in pre-clerkship medical school

Look out for students to be contacting you about 2 clinical opportunities in pre-clerkship medical school. Both of these opportunities are fantastic for junior staff and locums. Any questions can be directed to Meira.

1. **Pre-clerkship electives.** These are elective hours that students partake in between first and second year in July. Students have a list of preceptors that have volunteered in the past and will contact you directly to arrange the hours. These are keen and motivated students who are a pleasure to have on shift. If you have not volunteered with this in the past and want to have your name on the list, let Meira know. Once you have the dates arranged with your student, simply email them to Tris so we can keep track for IP&C.
2. **Applied Evidence Based Medicine (previously med440).** This is a 24 hour commitment to a student between first and second year. It can be done as 3 full shifts, or 6 half shifts, or whatever schedule you work out with the student. This year there will only be one block of med 440 (previously there were 2) which is split between April 16-May 28, and then again July 23-Sept 3. Due to the light commitment and extensive time period during which the shifts can be done, preceptors are welcome to take on more than one student if they wish. If you are interested, email

Tris with your name and how many students you are willing to take. We will ensure an equitable matching of students.

Contacts:

Dr. Meira Louis

Tris Malasani

Calgary ED MD in the Spotlight

Dr. Mike Szava-Kovats

Mike is a full time ED physician practicing at the FMC and PLC. He grew up in Edmonton back when the Oilers were an NHL team. Mike attended medical school at the University of Alberta and went on to complete his FRCPC EM residency in Calgary. During that time, Mike bounced back and forth between Calgary and Baltimore to complete his MPH at Johns Hopkins University. His masters work focused on knowledge translation, and complex health systems analysis.

He is currently combining these skills with his love of the elderly, and hatred of venous thromboembolism. He is a lead on regional systems-level initiatives regarding acute care of the elderly from nursing homes, and severe pulmonary embolism presentations in the Calgary area. Of note, he has been part of the AHS team awarded a \$1.2M Alberta Innovates grant to study and improve acute care for long term care patients. He also is involved in medical education with the residency program, as well as educational initiatives with junior doctors in Haiti.

In his spare time, Mike travels, surfs, snowboards, runs, and hangs out with a bernedoodle named Charlie, and a wife named Erin.



Miscellaneous

Babysitter/Tutor Available

Group,

If you don't need a babysitter or tutor, read no further.

Some neighbours and colleagues have a mature daughter, Megan, who is “in between degrees” and looking for work as a babysitter and/or tutor. She is very bright and hard working and I would recommend her.

Thanks
Kevin

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