



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health

The Department of Emergency Medicine (Alberta Health Services – Calgary Zone) is now accepting applications for a 0.1FTE (EPLL - Mental Health) Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health. This ½ day per week position is available immediately, duration of a one year term, with the potential for renewal subject to need, and funding availability. This position will be joint funded by the generosity of the Calgary Health Trust, and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Currently there are no consistent practices or measurements for mental health care within the Calgary Zone Emergency Departments, which leads to inconsistent care for patients. The EPLL – Mental Health Physician will be charged with researching and developing best practices in mental health care for emergency physicians at the Foothills Medical Centre. This will include developing educational materials, presenting on this topic at Grand Rounds to physician colleagues, and taking a leadership role in Mental Health Care Quality Improvement & Measurement Projects within the Emergency Department.

The main focus of the EPLL – Mental Health will be to develop and educate emergency physicians on the best mental health practices in the Emergency Department, as well as after discharge. The EPLL – Mental Health will also take a leadership role in driving positive outcomes in mental health care in collaboration with Mental Health and Addictions, will work closely with ACCESS Mental Health, and will attend related Mental Health Quality Improvement project meetings. The goal of this role is to improve the quality of service received, as well as the overall experience for mental health patients who attend the Foothills Medical Centre Emergency Department. The longer term goal will be to implement these mental health care best practices at PLC, RGH and SHC Emergency Departments.

Potential projects for the FMC Emergency Physician Lead for Mental Health could include one or more of the following:

- Development of a methamphetamine induced psychosis care pathway for the ED to improve initial management and direction as to when to refer to psychiatry.
- Access to ERO for ED MDs without needing a psychiatric consult.
- Increased awareness of outpatient resources for mental health and addictions for ED MDs in order to reduce number of consults and hopefully improve consult response time from psychiatry.
- Creating alternate dispositions of PDD patients to avoid hospitalization as this population tends to have long admissions requiring high observation beds.
- Improving the patient experience in the ED, particularly for patients waiting several days in locked seclusion rooms (suggestions included possible walks with security, making the experience more humane).
- (This would be more on the psychiatry side) - Creating of a 3 day follow up clinic from the FMC ED - in particular for the dual diagnosis population (PAS won't accept patients with a history of

alcohol use disorder, challenging to connect patients with methamphetamine induced psychosis with resources and treatment).

Requirements: CCFP (EM), ABEM or FRCPC training and certification is required, as well as currently working 7 or more clinical shifts per month as an emergency physician in Calgary. Additional training within mental health, or a strong interest and desire to improve the quality of mental health care provided within the Emergency Department would be seen as very beneficial.

Interested applicants should forward their curriculum vitae, and cover letter by **July 15, 2019** to:

Scott H. Banks, MBA, CHRP, CITP
Zone Department Manager, Emergency Medicine

Physician participation needed!

Quality Assurance Reviewers

From the Quality Assurance Committee,

Hello,

the ED QAC is looking for ED physicians to co-lead Quality Assurance Reviews. Many of you have co-lead these reviews and many of these resulted in important process changes.

There are QARs that need co-leads asap. You will have a Patient Safety Specialist assist in the administrative and process aspects. Your clinical background and support in identifying system

level problems is all that is needed. FYI this work does not remunerate you in actual \$\$ but rather in safety accolades which you can redeem for selected items at a much later date. Email me if you are interested.

Regards,

Adam Oster

CALL FOR PRESENTERS - Discovery Day - U Calgary - 2019

University of Calgary Discovery Day & Cumming School of Medicine

Who: High school students exploring careers in medicine and other sciences

What we need: Dynamic and passionate individuals interested in educating, engaging and inspiring young people by presenting an interactive workshop (10:00 to 11:30 and/or 12:30 to 2:00) or taking part in our "Health Pros Tell All" panel discussion (2:15 to 3:15).

Why: EM is a field known to be of great interest to high school students across our national program

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 5

Those interested in more information and/or taking part will find our event day agenda, a sample catalogue and links to our Workshop Form <http://www.cdnmedhall.org/workshop-abstract-form?id=374> and Career Panel Form <http://www.cdnmedhall.org/career-panel-table-ronde?id=374> on the University of Calgary Discovery Day page of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame website at <http://www.cdnmedhall.org/ucalgary>

Sciatica Study – FMC ED

This study aims to gain a better understanding of who will recover and who will require surgery. Can systemic inflammatory profiles of a patient with sciatica collected at repeated times help us predict the natural history of lumbar disc herniations on a patient specific basis? We will be

screening and recruiting patients with acute sciatica at the earliest signs of onset to collect a serum sample. We will continue to follow up with them at 4 and 16 weeks, comparing varying inflammatory markers. Accurate prognostication could improve the patient experience, aid in the better allocation of health care resources, and provide significant cost-savings to health care payers.

The FMC RAs will be paging the study coordinators from spine surgery to alert them to potential patients in the ED. The study is recruiting from Monday – Friday -08:00-14:00 at FMC.

Neurology Project - Physician Survey

Neuro + EM + Primary Care – Working on improving the care of patients with Neurological symptoms after being discharged from Emergency.

We have developed a short, 5 minute, survey which we hope will help us gain a better understanding of current practices and physician referral behavior for Urgent Neurology Clinic in the Calgary Zone.

Please complete the survey at this link: [Urgent Neurology Clinic - Physician Survey](#)

The survey will close on **July 25/19**.

Education. CME. Rounds

Summer Rounds

During July/August, we will be switching to 'Summer Rounds'

Summer Rounds: July 18,2019

9:00 AM -10:00 AM COOMBS Theatre

Topic: X-Ray C-Spines; Lactate

Presenters: Drs. Brett Shaw & Tyson Savage

No telecast to other sites.

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week -

[Beers Criteria: Medication Use in Older Adults](#)

Office of Faculty Development CSM Faculty and Staff Open House

Save the Date: Tuesday, Oct 8 - 1pm-2pm, HRIC Atrium

The Office of Faculty Development would like to invite you to join us for our first open house. Units from across CSM and the University will be hosting booths related to all of your academic needs. This is your chance to ask questions, receive reference materials, and learn key information about services and support available to CSM faculty members.

Please don't miss this exciting new opportunity.

ED Highlights

ED Nurses Night: Save the Date - October 9th

ER nurses night will be held from 1900 to 0200 on October 9th at Ace night club downtown. More information about the event to follow.

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

[Info here.](#)

Please hold the date:

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

Opportunities

Applications Welcome - Medical Director, Specialty Care Engagement, Physician Learning Program

The Medical Director, Specialty Care Engagement, Physician Learning Program, reports to the Associate Dean, Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development.

The successful candidate must have an MD; must have leadership experience; be a respected educator and scholar; and have proven ability to collaborate and sustain relationships within the Faculty.

The position is 0.2 FTE with an immediate start date. The term of office is one-year renewable.

Deadline for receipt of applications is August 1, 2019.

Please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae to:

Kelly W. Burak, MD, FRCPC, MSc (Epid)

CHASING SUMMER: MD ASSISTANCE

Odyssey Medical is looking for Staff and Resident ED Physicians to work at a few events this summer. Justin Wong, Jason Fedwick and myself have all been involved with this type of work and the organizers. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

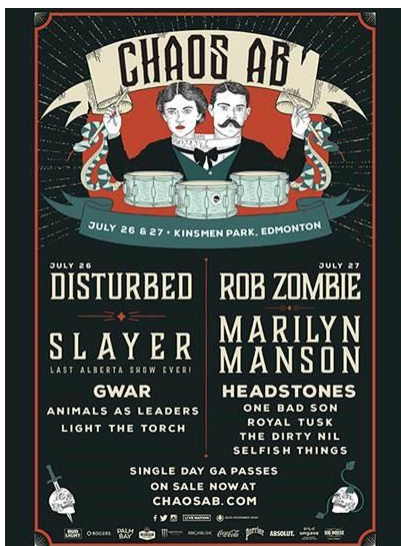
Kevin Hanrahan

Live Nation is introducing the Chaos Music Festival in Edmonton (July 26-27th), and bringing back the Chasing Summer Music Festival to Calgary (Aug 3-4th). If you have any desire to try an event medical shift or two, they'd love to have you. The Medical Team is being organized by my colleague Adam Lund, an [emergency physician and event medicine researcher](#) who coordinates the medical direction under [Odyssey Medical](#). These are large, multi-disciplinary teams on site, so the MD role is much like a teaching shift, with the occasional call to respond to a truly sick patient.

We have a couple of Alberta docs lined up already for each event, but are looking to grow the 'tribe' of clinicians interested in and comfortable with providing service outside of the hospital setting.

Physicians are offered a **stipend, companion passes, uniform, swag, snacks and meals** and all of the other **perks** offered to the volunteers. You are welcome to bring out medical learners. Some of our docs bring out their appropriately-aged teens to gain a first aid experience and turn it into a family thing through the "[Juniors Program](#)."

The Chaos Music Festival Medical Team sign-up link is at: <https://conta.cc/2I2A8Q3>



Even if you can't make it for a clinical shift at these festivals, they'd be pleased to have you visit as a guest on one of the days if you'd like to drop by to check it out. Alternately, if any of your

colleagues might be interested, feel free to share this invitation. Please forward Adam's contact details to anyone you think might be interested.

- Adam Lund

Questions are always welcomed.

Dr. Adam Lund

MD Spotlight

Dr. Marta Broniewska

Perhaps a little known fact, Marta was born in a little town by the name of El Kef in Tunisia in July, in the sweltering African heat. After 3 years of living in a place where white babies were quite the rarity, her family then relocated to Italy where they lived in a refugee camp until they were sponsored to come to Canada...to the exotic location of Saskatoon! Her family was to later make Calgary their home, where she finished her medical school at the University of Calgary before heading to the University of Alberta for her Emergency Medicine training. Marta spent a year doing her Ultrasound Fellowship in London, UK, where she also worked at the Royal London Hospital. Although tempted to stay on in the UK, her family kept calling her back home to Calgary, where she started working in 2013.

Marta has since also been working with the Calgary Sexual Assault Response Team and has leaped into the administrative world when she took on the role of Business Manager for the Rockyview group.

Although eager to explore other potential administrative roles in the future, her little family has been keeping her busy at home in her current role of “parent”, where she is also known as the “chef”, the “dishwasher”, the “soccer mom” and the “tantrum and meltdown navigator” to her 4 and 2-year-old.

When not occupied in these various positions, Marta has discovered a love for gardening, but also enjoys travelling, swimming, running, skiing and doing anything in the mountains!



