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Department of Emergency Medicine



Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

Notes from Eddy

[June 18 Notes from Eddy](#)

Operational Updates

SCM Updates!

Click below for:

- [SCM Updates](#) Add US Kidneys & Bladder into 'ED Discharge DI on return Visit

Disaster Communication System (DCS) Testing for CODE ORANGE

The dates for testing the Disaster Communications System (DCS) in June are as follows:

June 10th at 1000

June 19th at 1000

June 27th at 1000 (During a live grand rounds session)

During these times you will receive a text with a short (3 question) survey regarding your availability. We ask that EVERYONE please answer the survey and respond to the questions as you would on that day. We need to test the system with everyone responding so in the event of a CODE ORANGE we know the system can handle the responses.

On June 27th we will demo the system live during the 1000-1015 time slot of grand rounds and will be answering questions hearing concerns as time allows.

Please feel free to email me if you have questions or concerns or if you had any trouble with the text responses.

Thanks everyone,

Brad Granberg

Physician participation needed!

Next Physician Metrics Group Discussion: June 27, 2019 (10:15, after Grand Rounds)

This will be the fourth installment of a peer-to-peer facilitated feedback session where Emergency Physicians can better understand the data (and its limitations) and how this data can be used for practice improvement in a safe learning environment. **Continuous records of pearls and tips are being recorded and shared at each subsequent session.** These sessions are eligible for section 3 Mainpro credits.

If available, please RSVP to Charles Wong

EPL Impact Survey

We are studying the impact of an emergency physician lead (EPL) on emergency department operations and patient safety and outcome measures. Research Ethics ID# **REB18-1561**.

A link to the survey is below (Takes approx 15 mins to complete and will be anonymous)

Deadline to complete is June 30, 2019:

https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_eQbJw25TmCSiEx7

Junior Staff Mentorship Program

This new junior staff mentoring program is aimed to expand the support for new staff in the emergency department within Calgary. We hope this will enable junior staff to integrate more seamlessly into the EM group and to be supported as they undergo the transition to practice from residency to staff.

We are looking for staff physicians to mentor our junior staff. Please see [the attached document](#) for a description of the role. Mentorship will include touching base with your mentee at regular intervals and attending group team building events 3 times per year (intro brunch, Christmas dinner, spring BBQ).

Please contact Huma Ali

We are looking forward to having you as part of the team.

Heather, Sarah, Huma, and Fareen

AHS Patient Safety Culture and People Survey -- Your Perspective Matters

If you haven't completed the survey, please check your emails for the survey invitation from Gallup and follow the link provided. I want you to tell AHS about your experience with the team you most commonly work with at AHS. It only takes five minutes to answer a small number of questions.

Later this year, AHS medical leaders will share and discuss results and, together, teams will take action to improve. The time you invest to respond to the survey will help to create these improvements. Your input matters.

Thank you.

Dr. Francois Belanger,
Vice President, Quality and Chief Medical Officer

EM Research Group Strategic Vision

The EM Research Group is having their 5-year Strategic Vision session on **Thursday, June 27 from 08:00-12:00 in Rose Room (3rd Floor) TRW**. If you wish to attend, please email Katrina Koger.

Education. CME. Rounds

Grand Rounds

June 20 - 9am-10am

[The KULT of Toxicology: An Approach to Anion Gap Metabolic Acidosis](#)

Presenter: Dr. Scott Lucyk

COOMBS Theatre

June 20 - 10am-10:30

"Do we NEED to send that Culture? Who sent that culture? Why?"

Presenter: Dr. Lynora Saxinger

COOMBS Theatre (Telecast from Edmonton)

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week:

[Pros and cons of direct oral anticoagulants \(DOACs\), warfarin & LMWH](#)

ED Highlights

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

Please hold the date:

September 26, 2019

Cocktails 6 pm

Dinner/Awards/Dance 7:15 pm

Fairmont Palliser

Tickets \$160/person

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

Calgary ED social night - TONIGHT - LOCATION CHANGE: National on 8th

What– social evening with snacks provided by the Calgary ED PSF.

Where – National on 8th patio

When – June 18, 2019 from 19h00 till late.

Why – because there is more to us than handover.....

Who – Calgary ED docs and their significant others.

We plan on having these evening four times per year and we would like to thank the Physician Support Fund for sponsoring the food portion of the evening.

RSVP – Stuart Rose or Grant Kennedy

Thank you and hope to see you there

Stuart and Grant

Resident Year End & Welcome BBQ - June 27th

The Emergency Medicine Residency Programs are happy to host and invite you and your families to our **Annual Resident Year End & Welcome BBQ**.

It is our opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of our amazing residents, faculty and their families over the year. It also allows us to welcome the new residents joining us on July 1.

The BBQ is family friendly, with face painting, a bouncy castle and lots of fun & food!

Date: Thursday June 27, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Place: Southern AB Pioneer Bldg

Please RSVP to Madhavi by June 20, 2019

Opportunities

Career Exploration Program - UME

Please have a look at the [attachment regarding Career Exploration Program](#). Dr. Melinda Davis is spearheading a new program to help our students make challenging decisions around their career. She's looking for people to help out as career coaches.

Here are some important points to keep in mind:

1. 3 x 1 hour meetings.
2. Remunerated at \$250/ student coached for fee for service physicians.
3. More than one student can be coached but the sessions are individual.
4. Counts for education hours for GFT and AMHSP physicians.
5. There will be a supporting package with a detailed list of questions that should be explored with the student, plus information about the MD and CaRMS timeline.

Kevin Busche MD BSc FRCPC
Assistant Professor
Department of Clinical Neurosciences

The Calgary Fire Department is looking for a new Medical Director

The Calgary Fire Department would like to thank Dr. Kevin Hanrahan for his 18 years of service in his role as both Firefighter and Medical Director for the agency. We wish him good luck with his future endeavors.

The Calgary Fire Department is now accepting applications for a replacement Medical Director. The successful applicant for this 0.15 FTE position should be an Emergency Physician who is interested in all aspects of Prehospital Care and Medical First Response.

Applicants should have an aptitude and interest to support the Calgary Fire Department in the following areas:

- ☑ Medical First Response / Fire Medical Response
- ☑ Introduction of new Medical First Response policies, procedures & equipment
- ☑ Support Technical Rescue, HazMat, & Aquatic Teams with Medical Oversight
- ☑ Fire Response Paramedic (FRP) Program / Fire Support ALS Response
 - Protocol Development
 - Clinical shadow opportunities
 - Medication and prescription supply
 - In class training sessions
 - On Line Medical Control advice 24/7
- ☑ Medical Services Divisional support / Support the Medical Services Coordinator
- ☑ Medical support & liaison to outside stakeholder agencies

In addition to the required supports listed above, the successful applicant may have the following to further support the department:

- ☑ ACLS/PALS/ITLS Medical Director status
- ☑ Willing to assist with the quarterly filming of the “Medical Minute” to communicate medical trends with staff
- ☑ Attend and provide support to recruit firefighters by conducting “meet the recruit” information sessions at the Training Academy

Please forward your curriculum vitae to Assistant Deputy Chief Guido Falk and Assistant Deputy Chief Pete Steenaerts . Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Chief Falk or Chief Steenaerts at the email addresses listed above.

Application Deadline: June 25, 2019

Candidates will be contacted directly for an interview. Interviews will be held in early July 2019.

Calgary Folk Fest seeking Physician Volunteers

[the details](#)

dates: July 25-28

Compensation: volunteer

Hours required: 12-16 hours over the four day weekend, in 3-4 hour stints

Perks: great music, great parties, free tshirt, free food

Duties: the RNs do most of the first aid stuff, MDs attend to more complicated issues (chest pain, burns, drugs overdoses, etc). Anything complicated sent via EMS to ER.

Growth opportunities: if interested, opportunity exists to become a coordinator next year and get involved in planning/management

Email **Calgary Folk Music Festival First Aid Services** directly if you are interested.

MD Spotlight

Dr. Vanessa Potok

Vanessa was born and raised in Calgary, did her med school here (Kakapo) and then completed residency on Vancouver Island which surprisingly left her longing for the snow and skiing again. So back to Calgary for some EM training, and she's never looked back. Currently you can find her working at SHC, running around after her toddler and trying to resuscitate her vegetable garden. Currently, Vanessa's main focus is physician wellness, and setting up an ED Peer Support Team with Huma and Eileen. More on this soon! Otherwise, her practice improvement interest is focused on acute stroke care at the SHC. If you find stroke care fascinating or frustrating, this project could absolutely use a second interested party to help to initiate some QI steps at SHC and eventually throughout the city. Let me know if you are keen!



Miscellaneous

[Opinion: Ignoring climate change is bad for Albertans' health](#)

by

JOE VIPOND & KIM PERROTTA

[Opinion: Shame on city hall for shelving cycling and walking positions](#)

Congratulations Dr. Christine East!

I wanted to let the group know that my husband Scott and I welcomed our baby on June 14! His name is Cooper Scott Ingelson-East, and we are absolutely smitten with him. Mom and baby are healthy and happy!



