



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

Notes from Eddy

[June 4 Notes from Eddy.](#)

Operational Updates

SCM Updates!

Click below for:

- [SCM Updates](#)
- [SCM Screenshots](#)

Succinylcholine 20 mg/mL injection 10 mL and 20 mL vial Shortage

[Click here.](#) Shortage is likely to extend into October - please use sparingly.

Physician Resources Committee Update

[Click here](#) for update from Neil Collins.

EMS Memo - Refractory Opioid Overdoses Associated with Benzodiazepines

[Click here.](#)

Shadowing Policy

In response to increasing demand for formal elective spots and a very extensive waiting list, the department has adopted a [formal policy around shadowing at the adult sites](#). If in doubt, please contact Meira to discuss before agreeing to take a shadow learner. Hopefully this will increase the transparency of the process.

Thanks!
Meira

Dr Meira Louis, FRCPC, MSc, MD
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Scheduled Outages to Alberta Netcare Portal

- Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 7:00pm to 3:00am on Friday, June 21, 2019
 - Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 9:00pm to 3:00am on Friday, June 28, 2019
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PLC Mock Code

Hello PLC ER docs,

The next mock code blue will now be June 27th at 8:30am. Debrief will be finished no later than 11am.

As you may know, ED MD's are responsible for running all pediatric code blue's at the PLC (including on the ward and in public areas!). Leading these mock codes provides a unique opportunity to practice your pediatric skills. The mock codes are also attended by our RN team as well as the ward nurse/MD, RT's, Anesthesia, NICU, etc so it's as realistic as possible.

If you're interested, please email **Joe** as soon as possible.

Joe MacLellan

Physician participation needed!

!!!Observed Physical History Preceptors STILL Needed !!!

Thanks to all for filling the Bedside Teaching slots. Now just two Observed History and Physical (OHP) slots to fill:

July 8 FMC 10-1215 (3 students)
July 23 FMC 0930-11 (2 students) OR July 23 RGH 0815-09 (1 student)

[Attached is an info sheet.](#) Please let me know if you can do one of these sessions. Thanks.

Gavin Greenfield

Preceptors for Key Concept Rounds

Dear Colleagues:

I am now recruiting preceptors for Key Concept rounds for July 04 to August 29, 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 **Meira**.

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

Blk 01 July 04 Chest Pain
 July 11 Dyspnea
 July 25 Shock

Blk 02 August 01 Dyspnea
 August 08 Chest Pain
 August 15 Shock

Blk 03 August 29 Chest pain

Thanks all

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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 it's 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

Education. CME. Rounds

Grand Rounds

[M & M Rounds: "Cases from EMS Park"](#)

Presentation by: Dr. Alyssa Morris

Emergency Medicine Physician

June 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Foothills Medical Centre – Coombs Lecture Theatre (Host Site)

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week:
[Iron Overdose](#)

ED Highlights

Calgary ED Social Night

We would like to invite you to join us for the first Calgary ED social night.

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

Where – TBD. We will let you know in next week's update but there will be a patio involved.

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 see the attached invitation and RSVP to Madhavi by Thursday June 20th.](#)

New Publication - Grant Innes

Congrats to Grant Innes for his contribution to the May issue of CJEM.

A five-step program for diagnostic test addiction.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/canadian-journal-of-emergency-medicine/article/fivestep-program-for-diagnostic-test-addiction/EF282AE0D5589DC112B11C34C22B7D59>

Commendation for Dr. Lipp

[Click Here.](#)

What's in a Letter? by Dr. Aaron Johnston

[CFP News](#)

Opportunities

Expression of Interest - Alberta Pain Strategy Steering Committee and Working Groups

The Alberta Pain Strategy is now almost complete and we would like to update you on some of the recent activities that are underway. We presented at multiple meetings and conferences resulting in endorsement from both COEC and SCN Leadership. We are also hosting a Provincial Pain Research Meeting on June 24 to develop a Pain Research Strategy, which will be included within the APS, and has delayed our release of the documents. If you are a pain researcher and have not received an invitation to this videoconference meeting, and are interested in attending, please let me know.

AHS' Strategic Clinical Networks have also received some initial funding to help achieve some objectives of the APS. A new governance structure is in development, and we now recruiting members to participate in a new Steering Committee and six Working Groups to move this work forward starting in fall 2019. Please see attached [your invitation to complete our electronic Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#) to join any of these new Committees. Further information about each of these groups and expected time commitments is also attached. I strongly encourage you to read this document before completing the EOI. In the survey, you will also be asked to upload any patient, provider, or public education materials related to pain and/or opioids that you would like to share with the [Education Working Groups](#), so please have these files on hand as you complete the survey.

The EOI survey can also be found here: <https://survey.albertahealthservices.ca/PainStrategyEOI>. It will be open until June 20th.

The Calgary Fire Department is looking for a new Medical Director

[See information here.](#)

OHMES Funding Competition

[Click Here.](#)

MD Spotlight

Dr. Heather Patterson

Born and raised in Ontario, Heather attended Queen's University for both her undergraduate and medical degrees. She came to Calgary for a 5 year "visit" to complete residency, but 14 years later she calls it home.

Heather works clinically at Foothills Medical Centre and Alberta Children's Hospital and recently completed almost 7 years with STARS as a transport physician. She is passionate about residency education, physician wellness and mentorship and is involved as a longitudinal preceptor and member of the competency committee for the FRCPC residency program. She is excited to be involved in upcoming initiatives to help grow and support the staff physician community as well.

Heather is married to her high school sweetheart and fellow physician, Kip. They have two children, Quinn (10) and Hannah (6) who keep them on their toes. They can be found waterskiing, hiking and hanging out in the forest if the weather is warm, and chasing the snow in Fernie during the winters.



Miscellaneous

New and interesting in Medical Education

For the last month, Aimée Bouka, a graduating medical student from Université de Sherbrooke, has been completing a public health elective focused on climate advocacy under my supervision. She has attended various meetings, engaged in presentations, and has been developing a project with CAPE-Alberta. This unique academic experience has introduced her to the landscape of climate advocacy in our city and our province. To our knowledge, this is the first time in Canadian history for such an elective. Aimée will be starting her family medicine residency at University of Calgary this upcoming July. She plans on using her newly acquired skillset to remain involved in climate-focused initiatives.

Residents vs. Staff Physicians Bball

A few of the residents and staff physicians battled it out in an outdoor basketball game this week. While it was a tight defensive battle, the staff managed to eke out a 3-0 series sweep. Fun times were had by all, and we look forward to defending the title in the future. Props to Karl Phillips and Marc Francis for organizing.



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