



Department of Emergency Medicine

Friday **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

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Operational Updates

REMINDER - Dual Antiplatelet therapy in ACS

When administering anti-platelet therapy for patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes - **only one** of ticagrelor or clopidogrel should be given in addition to ASA. There are **NO** indications to give both agents together as they have similar mechanisms of action so administration of both ticagrelor and clopidogrel increases bleeding risk without any additional benefits.

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Dr. Charles Wong appointed Urgent Care Medical Director and Sction Chief, Calgary Zone

[Click here](#) to read the announcement from Dr. Spady and Dr. Spice.

Sign Up for April 25th Practice Reflection session with Shawn Dowling

Everyone recently received their ED Physician Performance Report for July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Feedback on this initiative is always welcome and encouraged.

Are you interested in learning more about these metrics? Discussing with colleagues and peer facilitators how this data can be used in your day to day practice? We will be hosting regular peer to peer facilitated feedback sessions where Emergency Physicians can better understand the data (and it's limitations) and how this data can be use for practice improvement in a safe learning environment. The feedback from colleagues who have attended these sessions has been very positive thus far and we continue to improve the process. These sessions are eligible for section 3 Mainport credits.

The next practice reflection session will be facilitated by Dr. Shawn Dowling April 25th after Grand Rounds. Please email Chris Bond to sign up.

Online Learning Module on Indigenous Culture

All AHS staff (AND Physicians) are **required** to take an AHS On-line Learning Module on Indigenous Culture by the end of October, 2019.

Please see the memo from Dr. Verna Yiu <https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/Page21814.aspx>

The module takes 30 minutes.

It is found in the "My Learning Link" on AHS's internal website (Insite).

Here are step by step directions.

Log on to "My Learning Link" from the "Insite" portal of the AHS website. <https://mylearninglink.albertahealthservices.ca/elearning/bins/index.asp>

Log in using your AHS username and password

Choose "Courses and Registration" from the left hand side

Find the search box and enter "indigenous"

Choose "Indigenous Peoples in Alberta: Introduction", and register for it. (the green box)

Go back to the left hand side and choose "Learning Home" and find the course in "My courses"

It does require that you enable pop-ups. (In Safari, Go to Preference>Websites>pick the AHS website and enable pop-ups)

Take the course.

If I could figure out how to do it, everyone can. I only had to ask Matt Grabove once.

Neil

Calgary Emergency Physician Support Fund (PSF) - Call for Submission

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.

Dates of Withdrawal: April 1, 2019 & September 30, 2019

Application to the PSF for Project Funding:

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: March 30, 2019 & September 30, 2019

Expected response to applications: April 30, 2019 & October 31, 2019

Applicants will have to provide a list of deliverables and a timeline of expected completion. Funding will be given in partial increments with full funding amounts given at completion of project, depending on the project outcome/expectation.

Applications to the PSF can be sent to Lilian Prudencio

Reporting to PSF Membership

The Oversight Committee will report annually on active projects, completed projects and financial status of the PSF to the membership via email. We will attempt to provide a transparent process of the distribution

of funds along with reasons for application approval. Questions can be directed to any of the oversight committee members and will be discussed as needed by the committee.

Respectfully,
The PSF Committee

OHP/Bedside Teaching - Dates Remaining

Hi all. The clerks are still in need of a Bedside Rounds Preceptor on April 25 from 13:00-16:00. One or two preceptors would be appreciated.

Preceptors take this small group (usually 2-4 students) are the FMC ED teaching relevant Hx and Px exam skills. Investigations and Disposition can also be reviewed and discussed.

There is a remuneration of \$375 for this, and commitment to non-clinical teaching is reviewed at the re-hire meetings and at the promotion committee meetings for academic titles.

Please email me directly.
Gavin Greenfield

What do you think about the 72-hour re-admission alert?

To gain a greater understanding of the 72-hour re-admission email alert and its role in self-reflection on practice we are conducting a qualitative study. We would like to hear from you!

What it would involve is an approximately 30-minute one-on-one interview in April with our research assistant. (it can be in-person or on the phone) The questions will surround your experience and feedback on the 72-hour re-admission email alert.

Please provide us with some availability using our online form <https://goo.gl/forms/GeJZCu5SL4ItWZBX2>

OR send me an email.
Catherine Patocka
thanks in advance and for your support of this initiative

This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board Ethics ID REB18-1285

ComputER Corner - Sunrays

The Sunray terminals located in the zone ED's and UCC's are scheduled to be replaced in mid April through to the end of May. The replacement system will use your proximity card for access, the same card that opens locked doors in the hospital.

More information about the rollout schedule for the new terminals will be available in the next few weeks. There are already 2 test terminals set up in each department. If you are interested in taking them for a test drive, please email me for location and login credentials.

Dr. Matt Grabove
ED Medical Informatics Physician Lead

Scheduled Outage to Alberta Netcare Portal: Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 9:00pm to 12:00am on Friday, March 29, 2019

Alberta Netcare Portal will be unavailable during the above noted period in order to accommodate system upgrades. Users who are logged in during this time will be disconnected and will need to re-authenticate following the outage period. If you require urgent access to results, please refer to the ANP Downtime Contingency Kit<<http://www.albertanetcare.ca/documents/ANP-Downtime-Prep-Kit.xlsx>>.

For any questions or concerns, AHS employees please contact the applicable AHS Service Desk<http://www.albertanetcare.ca/documents/Where_to_Go_For_Help_-_Service_Desk_Information.pdf>

for your zone, or Community Alberta Netcare users (outside AHS) can contact the Provincial Helpdesk at 1-877-931-1638.

Education. CME. Rounds

Registration Open: Procedural Skills Workshop- Vascular Access Central Line Pacemaker & Interosseous Access. May 09. 2019

Hello everyone,

Registration is now open for the next Procedural Skills workshop.

Topics

- Vascular Access Central Line Pacemaker
- Interosseous Access

Date/Time

Thursday, May 09, 2019
1300 to 1600

Location

Room G820, DRY Lab on the MAIN LEVEL, NOT the ATSSL wet lab in the basement ([map attached](#))

Facilitators

Tony Chad
Ian Wishart

Cost

Free as this is open to all physicians contributing to the Physicians Support Fund.

PSF Late Cancellation Policy

Members must cancel their attendance 48 hours prior to the start of the course/workshop. Cancellation within 48 hours of the start of the course/workshop will incur a penalty of \$100.00. All monies received due to late cancellations will be deposited into the general PSF account.

Registration

Email Amani to register. First 32 to respond will be accepted.

March 28 Grand Rounds Presentation

Dr. Meghan Landes
COOMBS Theatre @ 9am

["from Sub-Saharan Africa to Canada: Lessons learned building the Global Health Emergency Medicine Centre at UofT"](#)

Dr. Megan Landes is coming to Calgary! She will be presenting grand rounds at FMC March 28, 2019. She is going to speak on her experience with global emergency medicine as a founding member of the University of Toronto Global Emergency Medicine group and co-director of the Toronto-Addis Ababa EM residency collaboration. She also researches vertical HIV transmission and the delivery of emergency care in low-resource settings with recent publications in The Lancet HIV, Annals of EM, and The Bulletin of the WHO. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to learn firsthand about building international partnerships in emergency medicine.

As well, please join the GEM hub in welcoming Dr. Landes that evening at the **Craft Beer Market at 7 pm** for a social. All are welcome. We hope that this event will stimulate a great discussion on ways that we can get involved in global EM here in Calgary. For further information please contact Andrew Battison.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

CPT Pearl of the week - [Direct Oral Anticoagulant drug-drug interactions](#)

Hodsman Lecture - May 2nd

1. Save the date! Hodsman Lecture, May 02 @8.30-12.00. FMC Auditorium
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 by April 1, 2019.

Best regards,

Sent on Behalf of Hodsman Lecture Planning Committee

ED Highlights

Publication from Jennifer Hughes

Congrats to Jennifer Hughes for her impactful editorial on Palliative Care in the ED for this month's journal of CJEM.

[http://digitaleditions.sheridan.com/publication/?i=574967#{"issue_id":574967,"numpages":1,"page":8}](http://digitaleditions.sheridan.com/publication/?i=574967#{)

Patient Thank-You card for Dr. Innes & ER Staff

[Click here](#) to see handwritten card.

Emergency Medicine Research Day - April 11, 2019

Keynote: Lucas Chartier " Transform: The Science of Health Improvement

[Full program here.](#)

Link to register is here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emergency-medicine-research-day-2019-tickets-53021521799>

Opportunities

Clinical Knowledge Lead - Adult Emergency Medicine

Dear colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Catherine Patocka for a very productive term in the role as Clinical Knowledge Lead for Emergency Medicine in AHS.

She is of course moving on to a critical and important role in medical education as the Program Director for the Royal College EM residency program.

The position she occupied in AHS is now open and anyone who might be interested in applying for this position should feel free to contact me, Tom Rich or Matt Grabove with any queries. [Click here](#) for description.

Thanks,

Eddy

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Up-to-Date Subscription

Hi Group:

If you are interested in teaming up with the pharmacists for a group subscription to UpToDate, there is an opportunity for [some \(very small\) savings](#) .

Email Christine.Ondro@albertahealthservices.ca if you are interested.

Miscellaneous

Throne Speech Highlights PLC ED Expansion

[Click here](#) to read Health Care related highlights from the Throne Speech.

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FMC Physician of the Year

The Foothills Medical Staff Association is currently seeking nominations for the 2018 FMC Physician of the Year Award. The [criteria and full details are in the attached pdf](#). Please submit your nominations to our office by March 29th.

Save the Date! This award will be presented at the FMC Physician of the Year Award Event on May 2nd from 4:30 – 6:30 pm in the Doc's Lounge. An email invitation to the event will be sent out at a later date.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

On behalf of your Foothills Medical Staff Association
Paige Mavon, Administrative Assistant
Calgary and Area Medical Staff Society (CAMSS)

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