



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Editorial

Hi Group: If you are interested in my thoughts on our evolving relationship with Family Medicine, (and have the time to read a two pager...) please see the link to an [Editorial that I wrote here.](#)

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Neil Collins

Operations

! Need to Know – SCM Updates:

[Click here to read:](#)

- Changes to Hepatitis B Vaccine Inj Orders in ED Order Sets
- Changes to ED Meningitis Order Set

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Marta Nijssen, RN BN

Clinical Informatician

Provincial Clinical User Support

Calgary Zone | Clinical Services – IT | Alberta Health Services

Outpatient Peds Referral

[Click here for a summary](#) of Regional Outpatient PEDS referral options.

FMC/PLC Back-Up MD - Information

Thank-you to everyone for making the FMC/PLC back-up MD process such a success so far. This supportive and collegial project has provided a great deal of support for those physicians who have required help covering their shifts.

I wanted to send out a quick reminder about the back-up MD schedule and process.

- 1) We have a back-up MD for the PLC/FMC sites and plan on continuing having into the future. Although we remain open to hearing about other creative solutions to ensure shift coverage while supporting our colleagues
- 2) The back-up MD shift is scheduled from to start in-between 1000-1500 hrs. This is to ensure that if you have to work the back-up shift it's not too early if you have worked a late shift the day prior, or not too late if you need to work an early shift the following day.
- 3) Back-up MD requests do occur within the last 24 hrs and sometimes on the day of the shift required to be covered. You may be asked to help cover a shift outside of the standard 1000-1500 hrs. However, you are not obligated to cover a shift outside of the posted hours.
- 4) The site chiefs will endeavour to move MDs around in the schedule when the back-up MD is required to find the best fit for the back-up MD. This may require physicians working at one site to swap to a different site. Thank-you to all the physicians who have been so flexible when we have called to ask for their help in facilitating this process.
- 5) If you are not able to come in for a shift and need to get the back-up MD to cover your shift please contact the site chief as soon as possible. Even if you might need help, but aren't sure, please contact us as soon as you can. Having a heads-up on these issues really does help.
- 6) You do not have to post your shift if you are sick or cannot come in for a shift. The time-honoured tradition of telling the group about your vomiting/diarrhea/death of a loved one is not necessary. If you have a legitimate reason for not being able to attend your shift, please contact the site chief (via text or personal email). We may just post your shift as "open-shift" and see if someone picks it up and/or assign the shift to the back-up MD.

-Dr. David Lendrum MD M.Ed. FRCPC

Vaccine & Ig availability in Calgary area EDs/UCCs

To improve access to patients, we are making more vaccine/Ig available in EDs/UCCs. [Click here to read AHS Memo](#)

SCM Outage November 28th 2019 00:30-04:30

Sunrise Clinical Manager - Outage Notification

WHAT IS AFFECTED: Calgary Zone: SCM at Acute Care and ED/UCC Sites

WHO IS AFFECTED: Calgary Zone: SCM Acute Care and ED/UCC Users

START : November 28, 2019 - 0030

END : November 28, 2019 - 0430

During the monthly Calgary Zone SCM maintenance outage, the following SCM applications will be unavailable:

- * SCM Acute
- * SCM SEC
- * SCM Ambulatory

Physician Participation Needed!

Emergency Department and Urgent Care physicians needed for a study of views and experiences related to caring for adults with intellectual disabilities seeking mental health care.

A graduate student from the University of Calgary is conducting a study to understand the views and experiences of physicians in relation to caring for adults with intellectual disabilities seeking mental health care in emergency departments and urgent care.

Who can participate?

- Any emergency department or urgent care physician.

What do participants have to do?

1. Share your experience and views about providing care for adults with intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns by taking part in a brief one on one discussion. You can choose the time and location, face to face or by telephone.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking part in our study, please **contact Mona Aboumrad for further information.**

Your Feedback Wanted on the New Direct Referral Process:

The new Direct Referral Process started on October 29th. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this change in practice. Considerable work has gone into designing this new process and we are committed to reviewing this process as it goes forward and making adjustments where this would benefit patients and the process. And while we are monitoring selected patient care measures in order to ensure that this change is indeed an improvement, we would like to hear from you as well.

For example, it seems as though in some instances the consultant had left the call prior to the ED MD joining the call.

Please let me know of any issues that have come up for you and please pass along instances of success. Of course you can email me directly any thoughts you have on this new process as well.

Adam.

Did you know 25% of Calgary ED physicians have participated in a performance improvement session in the last year!

So far over 25% of ED physicians have come to these interactive ED Performance Improvement sessions. In these sessions, you will have the chance to review our current physician metrics and develop a clinical goal and action plan in a small group setting with peer coaching.

Next session: Dec 5th at 10:30

Location: FMC

You should attend if...

- You've received your report and had questions about some of the metrics

- You've looked at your report and wanted to make changes but were unsure about how to do so
You have an upcoming review with site chief or department head and want to understand the reports in more detail
- In need of CME- in particular Section 3 CME for those in the Mainport program (everyone in Mainport requires 15 credits per year). CCFP credits also available. Details provided at the session.
- You want to learn from what your colleagues have found to be useful strategies to increase numbers of patients seen or reducing DI usage

Please RSVP Chris Bond, Charles Wong or Shawn Dowling to book a spot in the session.

REMINDER! ED Staff POCUS Hands-On Sessions!

There is still room available for the ED staff POCUS session on **Dec 12, 2019 from 1030-1230** at the ATSSL.

Thanks to those who have already signed up and those who have completed the very short online survey. It looks like the most requested POCUS applications are cardiac and lung/pleura, followed closely by peripheral nerve blocks and ultrasound guided peripheral IV starts! If you haven't already done so, here's the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMHG26V>

Please send me an email if you'd like to participate in this inaugural session.

The sessions are supported by the PSF and thus PSF members will have priority sign up. Please note there will be a \$200 charge if a participant cancels within 24 hours unless the spot can be filled by another participant.

Thanks!

Danny Peterson and the Calgary ED POCUS Hub

Education. CME. Rounds

PEM Rounds

Nov 28, 2019

0700-0800

"Vascular Injuries in Pediatrics" presented by Dr. Marie-France Guimond & Dr. Paul Cantle
ACH Amphitheatre

0800-0900

DI Rounds
ACH Amphitheatre
Katie Anker

0900-1000 City Wide Emergency Rounds (Robyn Buna / Lorraine Mabon) – Location: Amph

1030-1130 PEM Rounds (End of Life Guidelines – Shirme Doshi) – Location: Conf Rm #3

Grand Rounds Recordings

The recording of the **November 14** Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds videoconference can be found at the following link:

https://ahamms01.https.internapcdn.net/ahamms01/Content/Videos_Other/FMC/Emerg_Rounds_2019_20/EmergNov14_19.mp4

CPD Choices and Preferences - Feedback requested!

As Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development, I would like to thank you for your participation in our programming in 2019.

We are currently transitioning into our new strategic planning cycle, as well as planning for the upcoming year, and as such we would like your feedback on how you like to learn. Perhaps online self-directed learning works best for you, or didactic small group workshops or large in-person events that allow you to network, collaborate and interact with your colleagues and subject-matter-experts. Whatever works best for you and your daily practice.

Thank you again for your continued support of our office. We look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

CPD Choices and Preferences Survey: <http://em.ucalgary.ca/XGK0HCL08200NB4hR00xOF0>

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

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ED Highlights

Save the Date! Hodsman Lecture 2020

1. [Hodsman Lecture on Thurs, March 12, 8am-12pm](#) (FMC Auditorium) - Guest Speaker: Dr. Gregory Luke Larkin
2. Dinner and Social Night. Date & Location TBD

Publications/Conferences/Grants in 2019

I am compiling a list of all publications, conferences as well as grants awarded from members in the department in the past year for the Emergency Medicine Annual Report. At your earliest convenience, **please send me citations for anything you have published in 2019, and any grants that you have been awarded this year.**

Please respond by December 1.

- Stephanie VandenBerg, stephanie.vandenberg@ucalgary.ca

RMES Christmas Party

Thursday, Dec 12, 6pm

Drs. Cathy Dorrington and Mike Kenney cordially invite you and a guest to the annual

RMES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Thursday December 12, 2019

6pm to late...

4215 5a Street SW

Calgary

Please R.S.V.P. by December 5, 2019 to Lilian Prudencio

For questions, comments or concerns

Please contact: Jennifer Puddy

Please RSVP by Dec 5 to

FMC ER Christmas party

FMC Emergency Christmas Party

When: Dec 12th 1900-close

Where: St. James Corner Restaurant and Irish Pub

1219 1st SW

No tickets needed for Christmas party you pay for your own food and drinks.

Casual to formal attire

Everyone is invited including spouses and friends

DJ provided aka Raj

Nicole Groholski RN

Wellness, Stress Resiliency Charity Spin Class

What: 1 hour spin class with additional stress resiliency training.

When: **Dec 10th 1:30pm-3pm**

Who: All ER Staff Physicians, Residents, ER Nurses.

Charity: DOAP team

The session is \$25 per person and the full proceeds will go to the DOAP team. Sign up via the link below!

<https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=115747&stype=-7&sVT=16&sView=day&sLoc=2&sTrn=100000009&date=12/10/19>

Schedule of events:

1:15-1:25pm - Registration and bike setup

1:30pm Intro to Spin, Stress Resiliency and what to expect

1:40-2:40pm Stress Resiliency themed SPIN (including a 15 minute cool down stretch)

2:40-3:00pm Questions/inquiries

Please email Fareen Zaver with any questions!

Opportunities

AEBM Small Group Teaching Invitation - Jan/Feb 2020

The Applied Evidence Based Medicine course is in high need of preceptors for small groups during January and February. My apologies for the delay in recruitment this year. I have included the sign up genius link below. We have a lot of space available.

<https://sugeni.us/clri>

The small groups run on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:50, with the exception on January 28th which will run @ 2:30 – 3:50. Students are given an article and list of questions related to one of the following topics: Therapy, Systematic Review, Prognosis, Diagnosis and Guidelines. There are assigned student group leaders for each session and it is expected that the group leaders will come to the session prepared and ready to lead the group through the list of questions. Your role will be more of a facilitator and to help guide the discussion in the right direction. You will be provided with a preceptor guide that contains answers to all questions.

Nicolle Begert

Program Coordinator | UME

Cumming School of Medicine

University of Calgary

Global EM Update

Emergency Medicine in Lao PDR - 2019

Health Frontiers is currently recruiting for the position of Health Frontiers **Emergency Medicine Residency Program Coordinator** in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The Lao emergency

medicine residency program is a three-year program that accepted the first eight residents in

September 2017, the second class in September 2018 and the third class in September 2019.

The role of this volunteer position is to work in collaboration with the Lao physicians, University of Health Sciences and the Ministry of Health in supporting the overall development of the specialty of emergency medicine in Lao PDR. This will include: continuing assessment and development of the emergency medicine curriculum, administration of the emergency medicine residency program, clinical and didactic teaching for the Lao emergency medicine residents, capacity-building of emergency medicine physicians and staff, and coordination of short-term visiting volunteers. For this position, it is important to demonstrate leadership qualities, to be comfortable with and enthusiastic about bedside and didactic teaching, and preferably to have some experience in global health. Cross cultural sensitivity, flexibility and strong interpersonal and communication skills are also essential in this work. No Lao language ability is needed. Eligible candidates would be emergency medicine trained physicians who will have successfully completed a residency training program and are board certified, board eligible, or equivalent.

This position is available from **November 2019** with the start date being flexible. A one-year commitment is desired and there may be an opportunity to extend beyond one year. Health

Frontiers provides: funding for travel expenses and health insurance, evacuation insurance, housing, Lao language instruction, and a modest living stipend.

This is an opportunity for truly rewarding work in a location where there is great need!

Please visit our website for more information about our organization and the residency programs: www.healthfrontiers.org

Interested persons may submit an **inquiry and resume** by email to:
Kristiana Kaufmann MD, MPH

Volunteer Needed: Interventional DI and Urology.

Interventional DI and Urology are seeking to create a pathway to manage obstructive uropathy with fever. There is currently some controversy about transferring patients with fever and a stone to RVGH for a ureteral stent vs placement of a nephrostomy tube by interventional DI without transfer. As you know, ED MD's often have to deal with the disposition problem that this uncertainty creates.

Looking for one volunteer to help me review the literature and attend a meeting with Interventional DI and Urology. No experience required.
Email me with interest.

Neil

MD Spotlight

Dr. Natasha Wright

Natasha Wright or 'Dr. Honey Mitts' was born and raised in Calgary and completed her medical school and FRCPC-EM residency in her home city. She excels in catching frisbees which resulted in her nickname. She has many interests and is particularly fond of the elderly. They are her favorite patients. She is involved in

medical student/resident teaching/simulation, a urology working group, and has taken an interest recently in ED quality assurance and ring-side medicine. She recently published a paper on how ED physicians assess CPR quality. Sadly, they don't do it well.

She enjoys martial arts, holds a 5th degree black belt and used to compete competitively in Taekwondo. She now enjoys boxing and embraces the millennial trend of attending various fitness classes around the city. She refuses to commit to one fitness routine; there are simply too many options and she wants to do all of them. She is married to a dashing British gentleman named Robbie who is from the Isle of Man. They enjoy drinking tea, visiting vineyards and travelling together. Tash firmly believes that the key to happiness is being thankful, and she is.

