



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

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**December 15, 2020**

**The ED Newsletter will be on a Holiday Hiatus until January 5th. Any urgent updates will be shared by ED Leadership during this time.  
Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!**

## **Notes from Eddy**

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[Click here to read a Holiday & 2020 Reflections](#) edition of Notes from Eddy.

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## **ED Strategic Plan Update**

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### **Draft Strategic Plan and Resources**

Dear colleagues:

Thanks to the many of you who have contributed to the creation of the strategic plan including those who attended last week's meeting over ZOOM.

We are hopefully approaching the final stages and present the draft in a format that would allow a shared review and a crowdsourcing of additional feedback. Please be sure to identify any comments if you are comfortable doing so. We ask for all feedback to be submitted by December 20th.

**Full draft of the emergency department strategic plan 2021-2026:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_Dv\\_Ryj6V9uZXI2req\\_M\\_iQq5NkYaGQBaHTTf-xD98/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_Dv_Ryj6V9uZXI2req_M_iQq5NkYaGQBaHTTf-xD98/edit?usp=sharing)

Anyone who has this URL can edit the document. The Google Doc has been set up that any changes will be marked as 'suggested edits' so viewers can track revisions or additions.

Here are some resources that align with the plan, for your info:

**Physician Wellness**

<https://www.psychiatry.utoronto.ca/annual-report-physician-wellness>

**Employee Pulse Survey**

<https://www.qualtrics.com/experience-management/employee/what-is-employee-pulse-survey/>

With sincerest thanks,  
Eddy

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## COVID-19 Updates

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### Wellness COVID Updates

1. **Call your Peer Support Team.** The Peer Support Team member can provide an empathetic ear, screen for safety and guide you to resources that exist in our community (i.e PFSP).
2. **Call Physician and Family Services (PFSP) – 1877SOS4MDS. THIS LINE IS AVAILABLE 24/7.** You have 6 free hours of counselling for yourself and 6 free for your family members.
3. **Gratitude Video -**

We have so much to be grateful for in this year 2020. At the top of this list is our amazing emergency physician colleagues who stepped up and showed up every day, no matter how difficult things have gotten. The Wellness Hub is putting together a gratitude video and is asking for your help.

**Can you send us photos or videos of you and/or our colleagues at work? Do you have any screenshots from your zoom meetings? Photos from sims?** Please send them to Huma Ali by Wednesday, Dec 16th and we will present a short thank you video at GR Dec 17th. Let's celebrate the good.

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## Operations

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### SCM Updates!

[Click here to read summary for:](#)

- MD Progress Note - new
- ED Overdose Acetaminophen and ED Overdose Acetaminophen Peds Order Sets – Updates
- Frailty Modifier to Adult and Pediatric Triage Notes – Updates
- SEC Board Communication for Unit Clerk to RN – Updates

**Joshua Vejprava RN BSc BN MBA**

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## **Lymphoma Diagnosis Program – Tom Baker Cancer Centre**

To address issues Emergency Department and primary care providers face when encountering possible lymphoma diagnosis such as difficulty in arranging investigations to get tissue diagnosis before referral, a new pathway has been established based on the successful ATOP model. This program has been discussed with Emergency Medicine and Primary Care leadership.

The **Lymphoma Diagnosis Program** at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre is now accepting referrals. This program has defined criteria for referral for highly suspicious clinical findings with lymphadenopathy. For patients with suspicious CT or ultrasound findings, the Lymphoma Diagnosis Program will be co-notified of the results and will then send details to ordering providers for initiating referrals to the program. Diagnostic work-up will be facilitated through the program including arranging appropriate biopsy investigations. Information on the program and how to refer is posted on [www.albertareferraldirectory.ca](http://www.albertareferraldirectory.ca) (search: "lymphoma").

This program has been discussed with Emergency Medicine leadership. Any questions about the program can be directed to Adam Elwi, Senior Project Manager, Cancer Strategic Clinical Network |

**Adam Elwi**

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## **Physician Participation Needed!**

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### **Looking for ED physician participation in CIHR funded study:**

Surgical masks have similar efficacy to N95 respirators for protecting healthcare workers against influenza and other respiratory viral infections. It is important to assess whether the same is true for COVID-19. This study is a randomized controlled trial in which healthcare workers are randomized to either medical masks or N95 respirators when providing care to patients with COVID-19 for non-aerosol generating procedures. The primary outcome is RT-PCR confirmed COVID-19. Healthcare workers who provide direct care to COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 patients are eligible. Follow up is for 10 weeks, where 1 or 2 brief text messages per week are sent about symptoms and exposures. A blood test at the start and at the end of the study is obtained to test for antibodies. The study is funded by CIHR and WHO and has been endorsed by public health leaders in Canada.

Please contact [jillian.vandenbrand@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:jillian.vandenbrand@albertahealthservices.ca) to be connected to the research assistants working on this project with Dr. John Conly, Infectious Disease

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## Present at Research Day 2021 - April 15

The University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services Department of Emergency Medicine is looking for presenters for our annual Emergency Medicine Research Day being held on April 15th, 2021 hosted via Zoom.

Presenters for the event should have either completed or have an ongoing research project in any of the Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Centers, Pre-hospital services or other clinical areas that would be of interest to those who work in Emergency Medicine.

Attached are the Abstract Submission Forms for either completed or work in progress projects.  
Instructions for Submission:

1. Complete either the [COMPLETED](#) or [WORK IN PROGRESS](#) Abstract Submission Form.
2. Send complete abstract form back to Jill Vandenbrand ([jillian.vandenbrand@ahs.ca](mailto:jillian.vandenbrand@ahs.ca)) via email by Monday January 25, 2020 at 16:00.

**Deadline for Abstract Submissions is Monday January 25, 2020 at 16:00.**



## OSCE Examiners need for Procedural Skills - JAN 20, 2021

Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) is recruiting examiners for Year 2 OSCE (Procedural Skills – suturing) for Wed, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 2021. We are using our new recruitment tool. You should have received an invitation to OSLER where you can sign-up for this OSCE. There are AM and PM slots available. If you wish to examine for the entire day, please select both AM and PM. Otherwise, select only half a day if that works better for your schedule. There will be a boxed lunch provided by the UME for examiners working entire day.

I will send more details to those who sign up and are confirmed to the exam.  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Regards

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**Mateusz Sobczak**

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## MD Spotlight

Hello ED physicians,

We add the “MD Spot Light” section to the first edition of ED newsletter each month. The goal of this section is to introduce yourself to other ED members and learn more about your academic, professional and personal interests. If your bio hasn't been added to the newsletter, please send it with a head shot to Judy Mackay ([judy.mackay@ahs.ca](mailto:judy.mackay@ahs.ca)). Length is approximately 250 words. Here are some key concept examples:

1. A short biography of your educational, research, or personal background with a “head shot photo”
2. What kind of extra clinical activities are you involved in, and why?
3. What motivates your passion for Emergency Medicine?
4. Do you have any future goals, activities, research projects not yet announced?

Also, if you would be so kind as to **nominate** one or two of the staff for our next MD Spotlight, just send Judy the name and she will take care of the rest!

Thank you.

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## Education. CME. Rounds.

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### Emergency Grand Rounds

You are invited to the following Zoom Webinar.

Note: For **Session #4** please download the “AHS EMS” App to your phone through the app store,

Computer Link : <https://www.ahsems.com/public/protocols/templates/desktop/#home>

Event: Emergency Grand Rounds – QAER & COVID Update

Date: December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 0900 – 1030 (1.5 Education Credits)

Session 1) QAER Speaker: (0900-0945)

Dr. Sean Crooks

Topic: “Behind the Mask: When Institutional Policies Cause Harm”

Session 2) Wellness Hub: (0945-0950)

Topic: “Emergency Medicine Physician Gratitude Video”

Session 3) COVID Update: (0950 -1005)

Dr. Eddy Lang & Dr. Neil Collins

Session 4) Speaker: (1005-1030)

Dr. Paul Tourigny

Topic: “Post Intubation Care in the ED”

*To facilitate this session please Download the “AHS EMS” App to your phone through the app store,*

Computer Link: <https://www.ahsems.com/public/protocols/templates/desktop/#home>

Evaluation form:

Please fill out the evaluation form at <https://forms.gle/szfmBrmxiesjuGfg8>

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

ZOOM Session

Please don't share the zoom link and connection details on social media or any website.

Recording Link:

Recordings of this Thursday's Grand Rounds (Except QAER Rnds) will be available the following Tuesday on our website:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/professional-development/grand-rounds/grand-rounds-archive>

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**ED Grand Rounds Recording - Dec 10 2020**

Part 1:

**Speakers:** Drs. Eddy Lang & Neil Collins

**Topic:** COVID Update

**Part 2:**

**1. Speakers:** Drs. Jen Nicol & Rachel Grimminck

**Topic #1:** "Assessing Medical Stability in the Psychiatric Patient"

**2. Speaker:** Deborah Prowse

**Topic #2:** "Form 1s: Five Points to Consider"

Click [here](#) for recording.

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## CSM Faculty Development Workshops

Browse upcoming workshops here: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/office/ofdp/workshops>

Coming soon:

- Plus 4: Reconciliation Leadership Foundations
  - EDI Lunch & Learn: Promoting Trustworthy Research - Do we need to modify current perverse incentives and rewards when assessing researchers?
  - Intro to physician wellness
  - Difficult conversations
  - and more
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## Opportunities

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### Clinical/Adjunct Promotions and Awards Deadlines

Hello ED physicians,

The 2021 deadlines and application requirements for the Clinical/Adjunct promotion process can be [found in the attached document](#).

For any question, please contact Amani at [amani.otoom@ahs.ca](mailto:amani.otoom@ahs.ca)

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## Kudos Corner

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- Congratulations to Dr. Cody Dunne, current FR PGY-2, on his acceptance into the Clinician Investigator Program at the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine. Cody is one of a few successful applicants to this competitive program, and we can't wait to see what he accomplishes.
  - Kudos to Dr. Zoe Polsky (PGY-3 FRCPC) and Dr. Mark Scott for their fabulous work on consolidating local addictions resources and clinics into a streamlined document now available on the MyED app/site. An especially big thanks to Zoe who took the time to call each and every clinic and confirm their referral processes!
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