



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

February 16, 2021 Edition

COVID-19 Updates

Are You Up To Date on Your N95 Fit Test?

Due to supply challenges with existing N95 respirator models, AHS has secured alternate N95 respirators in order to keep staff and physicians safe.

As a result, any worker who requires a respirator according to the [Who Needs an N95 Respirator Algorithm](#) and is currently fit tested to the **1870**, **8110s**, **9105**, or **9105s** (or does not have a current fit test within 24 months) should be fit tested to an alternate model.

The **Fit test clinic schedule** is available on the [Respiratory Protection](#) Insite page. It is critical to ensure that physicians are fit tested on alternate models as inventory of other models decreases.

For our Department's records, please email me at: Judy.Mackay@AlbertaHealthServices.ca with your mask type and the date on which you were tested.

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.

YYCEM Happiness Challenge - February Challenge!

It's February and that means it's month two of the YYCEM Happiness Challenge! This month's challenge is learning to incorporate gratefulness into our daily lives. Gratitude is about recognizing good things in our lives and acknowledging that the source of goodness lies at least partially outside of ourselves. It takes some effort, intention and thought to maintain but **in gratitude we say YES TO LIFE!!!!** Gratitude is a key ingredient to living a happy and meaningful life and because of that this month has the first **MONTHLY PRIZE**. Check out the website and the February video to learn more.

Click here to discover more: www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com

Click here to watch the February video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_GLCHkfe30

Operations

Disaster Communication Systems - UPDATE

Hey everyone,

We will begin regular testing of our DCS system for the Calgary region starting March 1, 2021. Tests of the system will ALWAYS begin with a notice of "TEST TEST TEST". Please answer the questions as if it were real event.

This system is a one of a kind in Alberta with significant potential to streamline our ED MD fan-out processes. You may be required (in consultation with our leadership) to use this system in the event of an MCI/CODE ORANGE.

With the ongoing pandemic we have put much of the disaster training on hold, but will be looking to start additional education in the coming months. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Brad Granberg

Netcare Inactivity Timeout Limit

If you're tired of having to log into Netcare each time you look up a patient, you can increase your timeout limit to 2 hours.

Do this by clicking the down arrow next to your name in the upper right-hand corner of any Netcare screen. Click on User Settings then on the following screen, look for the Inactivity Timeout dropdown and set it to the maximum of 2 hours.

Please let me know if you experience any trouble with this process.

Dr. Matt Grabove
Medical Informatics Lead - Calgary zone ED

Alberta Netcare Portal Scheduled Outages for February 2021

- February 18, 2021 from 8:30pm to 5:00am

Alberta Netcare Portal will be unavailable during the above noted period in order to accommodate system upgrades.

- February 25, 2021 from 9:00pm to 3:00am
Alberta Netcare Portal will be unavailable for up to two 45 minute durations during the noted period in order to accommodate system maintenance and upgrades.
Users who are logged in during this time will be disconnected and will need to re-authenticate following each outage period. If you anticipate urgent access to results, please refer to and complete the [ANP Downtime Contingency Kit](#) in advance of the maintenance. For any questions or concerns, AHS employees please contact 1-877-311-4300, while Community Alberta Netcare users (outside AHS) can contact the Provincial Helpdesk at 1-877-931-1638.
Dr. Matthew Grabove

New in the MyED App

[Click here to read](#) about:

- Reporting Staff Safety Concerns
- New OBGYN specialist link documents
- Hypothermia/Frostbite management

-Shawn Dowling

2021 AIVA Process

Your 2021 Annual Information Verification and Attestation (AIVA) for AHS Medical Staff is now available for your review and completion. This year's AIVA is completed online. We expect the average practitioner will need less than 5 minutes to complete it. Please complete your AIVA at your earliest convenience.

The deadline to complete your AIVA is **February 20, 2021**.

To complete your AIVA, please log in using your AHS username and associated password using the link to the new AIVA Portal embedded in the email sent to you from AIVA@albertahealthservices.ca. If you need to reset your AHS password please contact AHS IT Support at 1-877-311-4300.

If you have difficulties accessing your AIVA please contact AHS IT Support. Please direct any other questions to your local Medical Affairs Office.

Thank you in advance for completing your AIVA.

Scott Banks

Geriatric Referral from Emergency Department

Hi Group,

[This referral resources document](#) will be available on the department's app and [website](#) and will be printed in hard copy at each site in the Geriatrics file folder at each unit clerks' station as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Dr. Margaret McGillivray

Emergency Physician, Calgary Zone

Physician Participation Needed!

INFO Debriefing Study

Hi,

Thank you to those who have signed up for the INFO study. Your participation is much appreciated. See [the attached flyer](#) for details of the study. We are still looking for participants so if you have been part of an INFO debriefing and would like to share what you think of the process or have any ideas on how to improve the process, please contact

me (rosesc@ucalgary.ca) or Jill Vandenbrand (Jill.Vandenbrand@albertahealthservices.ca).

Thank you
Stuart Rose

CAEP Gender Equity Survey

Please consider taking the following important survey (should take you about 10 minutes to do):

A survey by the CAEP Gender Equity Working Group in preparation for the 2021 CAEP Academic Symposium on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is being collected. The goal is to help prioritize problems and develop recommendations to address issues related to gender equity in Emergency Medicine in Canada.

Results from this survey will be kept in an anonymized aggregate form and are intended for use in future research publication.

Please go to <https://caep.ca/wem-women-in-emergency-medicine/gender-equity-survey/> for more info.

The survey can be filled out using this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9LG5H6>

Thanks,
Fareen

Save the Date! RMES AGM - March 8

the AGM for RMES will occur March 8 from 10 am- noon via zoom.

- Dr. Eileen Kabaroff

Education. CME. Rounds.

The Hodsman Legacy Lecture 2021 - March 11

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Mark your calendars!

[See poster for more further details.](#)

This year will look a bit different (virtual/Zoom) than previous years, but we look forward to continuing the tradition of honouring our late colleague, as well as starting new traditions of honouring other dedicated faculty members.

If you plan on attending, please use the link below to reserve your spot.

Registration is required prior to attendance.

We hope to be back to our in-person lecture come 2022.

Hope to see you March 11th!

The Hodsman Legacy Lecture Planning Committee,

Colleen Carey, Haley Cochrane, Bretton Hari, Aaron Johnston, Bobby Johnston, Eddy Lang, Marcie Veitch, Ashlea Willmot and Fareen Zaver

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xU0s6XG-RmmXpek2vO8CHA

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds-QAER & 2 additional sessions

Date: February 18th, 2021
Time: 0900 – 1030 (1 Education Credit)
ATCH: [Bios](#) & [NORS Provider Toolkit](#)

Session 1) QAER: (0900-1000)

Moderators:

Dr. Adam Oster & Dr. Jen Nicol

Speaker:

Dr. Meaghan Mackenzie
R3 EM Resident - FRCPC

Topic: “A Storied Mind”

Description:

Looking at the care of our mental health and disadvantaged populations in the ED.

Note: Due to the sensitive content this QAER session will not be recorded for future viewing on our website

Session 2) (1000-1015)

Speaker:

Dr. Monty Ghosh & Dr. Stephanie Vandenberg

Topic: (See Attached NORS Toolkit & Bio)

“Meet our ED Recovery Coaches!”

Description:

Dr. Monty Ghosh and Dr. Stephanie Vandenberg will take a few minutes to introduce our 4 wonderful Recovery Coaches, available virtually to ED patients with addictions presentations or addictions related concerns

Session 3) (1015-1030) Bio Attached

Speaker:

Dr. Nicholas Mitchell

Provincial Medical Director - AMH Provincial Team Senior Medical Director - AMH Strategic Clinical Network

Topic:

Changes to the Definition of Mental Disorder in the Mental Health Act

Evaluation form:

Procedure:

Complete a separate form for each session: <https://forms.gle/szfmBrmxiesjuGfg8>.

MainPro credits for EM physicians in the Calgary Zone will automatically populate on the forms after submission

ZOOM session

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

Evaluation form:

Procedure:

Complete a separate form for each session: <https://forms.gle/szfmBrmxiesjuGfg8>.

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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>

Recording Link and Material, Feb 11. 2021 ED Grand Rounds

Session #1: Speaker: Dr. Hilary Ambrose – Adult & Peds Emergency Physician

Moderator: Dr. Neil Collins – Deputy Department Head, Emergency Medicine

Topic: " Pediatric Procedural Sedation in the ED: SCM Order Set coming to an ED near you!"

Pediatric Procedural Sedation Review

Thanks to those who attended rounds on Pediatric Procedural Sedation. [Here](#) is a review of the content covered.

For any questions about the content or the "ED Procedural Sedation Peds" Order Set, please contact **Hilary Ambrose**

This document and all sedation policies can also be found on the My ED App.

Dr. Hilary Ambrose

Session #2: Speaker: Dr. Cheryl Barnabe. Canada Research Chair, Rheumatoid Arthritis & Autoimmune Diseases Associate Professor, Departments of Medicine & Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary. Rheumatologist, Alberta Health Services

Topic: " Emergency Department Use by Patients with Inflammatory Arthritis Conditions: Health System Impact and Solutions for Ensuring Appropriate Care Access."

Material for ER Arthritis project in the ED

Please find attached [bookmark](#) that may be used as a participant distribution, as well as a [summary letter for physicians](#).

Potential participants are encouraged to contact arthritis@ucalgary.ca for further information.

The survey can also be found on the Alberta Rheumatology

website: <https://albertarheumatology.com/arthritis-in-the-emergency-department-research-study/>

If a patient agrees, physicians may also provide the name, contact information and email for the patient by faxing this information to the number below.

Research Coordinator: arthritis@ucalgary.ca

ph. 403-210-9305

Session #3: Speakers: Dr. Kelsey MacLeod. Emergency Physician – South Health Campus
Dr. Shannon Ruzycski. Clinical Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences. General Internist at the Foothills Medical Center and Rockyview General Hospital

Topic: "Perceptions and Experiences of Discrimination and Harassment in the Cumming School of Medicine"

Dr. Shannon Ruzycski's reference material:

Implicit Association Test

<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/canada/takeatest.html>

Anti-Racism Newsletter

<https://www.antiracismdaily.com/>

Learning about Indigenous history

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada>

Take bystander intervention training (and as a side note we are working to develop and run an MD specific bystander intervention training course)

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-conduct/training>

Click [here](#) for Grand Rounds Recording.

Journal Club - February 18, 2021

Time: 1800 hrs

Presenters: Drs. Jason Elzinga and Cara McCulloch

Preceptor: Dr. Nadim Lalani

Topic: Understanding drug safety research and the COVID-19 vaccines”

Article 1 :Safety and Efficacy of the BNT162b2 mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine. (Polack et al., 2020)

Article 2 : Safety and efficacy of the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine (AZD1222) against SARS-CoV-2: an interim analysis of four randomised controlled trials in Brazil, South Africa, and the UK. (Voysey et al., 2021)

Join JC by Zoom

Topic: Journal Club Feb 18 @ 1800

Time: Feb 18, 2021 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/94504839032>

Meeting ID: 945 0483 9032

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This program meets the accreditation criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been accredited for 1.5 MainPro-M1 credits.

This program is approved as an accredited group learning activity as defined by the maintenance of certification program

Best Regards

Jason Elzinga and Cara McCulloch

SEMAC 2021 Virtual Annual Conference | Registration is OPEN!

- March 26 & 27, 2021
- 8:00 AM – 12:35 PM each day
- Hosted by Webex – virtual conference
- Conference recordings will be shared with PAID participants only (whether you attend live or not).
- [View program here](#)

REGISTER NOW – click [HERE](#)

PLUS PROGRAM - CSM Fac Dev Workshops!

By popular demand we have scheduled a full line up of sessions from our Practical Leadership for University Scholars Program!

- Available to CSM full-time and clinical faculty. Select places available to residents, fellows, students, and community partners.
- All programs are being offered virtually at this time.
- Courses build on one another, but can still be taken out of order.
- PLUS 1 and 2 are recommended for those looking to develop their leadership skills.
- PLUS 3s are recommended for those with leadership responsibilities in specific and relevant areas (education, budgeting, administration, etc.).
- PLUS 4s are for advanced, complex, and specialized topics within leadership.

[Full info here.](#)

EDI Lunch & Learn – Moving Beyond Celebrating Diversity And Towards Anti-Racist Teaching

Effective teaching is Anti-Racist Teaching!

Dr. Fouzia Usman, Educational Development Consultant with the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, will be speaking about inclusive teaching at the next EDI Lunch & Learn on **February 26th**. In this interactive session, you will learn strategies to move towards **anti-racist practices in teaching**.

**** Please come prepared to talk in small groups - we kindly ask that cameras are "ON" during these exchanges so we can connect with the people we're interacting with****

WHO: Hosted by **OPED**, **OFDP** & presented by the **Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning**
WHAT: EDI Lunch & Learn – Moving Beyond Celebrating Diversity and Towards Anti-Racist Teaching
WHEN: February 26th, 2021 12:30 – 1:30 PM
WHERE: ZOOM (*Note: this session will be recorded*)
HOW: Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/138847040235>

Register now for documentary "Black Men in White Coats" - Feb 21-23

In celebration of **Black History Month** and in a joint effort to eliminate racism in health care, the Office of Professionalism, Equity and Diversity at the Cumming School of Medicine has partnered with the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta and the Black Physicians Association of Alberta to bring you an inspiring and thought-provoking film screening event. *Black Men in White Coats* raises awareness of the systematic barriers preventing Black men from becoming medical doctors and the consequences on society at large. View the trailer [here](#). See [attached poster](#) for registration and screening details.

WISHES Symposium 2021

Lived Experience

Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:00am-4:00pm

Which way to justice? Medical training and learners with disabilities Dr. Neera Jain University of Auckland
[See poster.](#)

NCER Conference - Feb 23-24, 10am-3pm

Are you interested in attending the NCER conference, happening virtually this year!

NCER is a research group at arms length from CAEP, which receives some funding from CAEP. Its mandate is to provide feedback and support for emerg researchers by reviewing protocols and providing endorsements/peer review for larger national funding opportunities.

<https://ncer.ca/2021-meeting/>

Reminder to Register - SCN's virtual Quality Improvement and Innovation Forum

ESCN's virtual Quality Improvement and Innovation Forum will be held the morning of February 17, 2021. You may now register for the event here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/escn-virtual-quality-improvement-and-innovation-forum-tickets-130792476819>

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week: [Part 5- Hypertension Series: Alpha-2 adrenergic receptor agonists](#)

Opportunities

Applications Open - Director of Fellowship Programs, Postgraduate Medical Education

Applications are invited for the position of Director of Fellowship Programs, Postgraduate Medical Education

This is a 0.4 FTE position open to full-time faculty as well as clinical faculty members of the University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine. The Director will support fellowship program directors, review applications for new programs, regularly update fellowship policies and procedures, and chair the PGME Fellowship Committee. The Director will work collaboratively with the PGME Fellowship Coordinator and will be a member of the PGME Strategic Advisory Committee. This position will report to the Associate Dean, PGME.

A full job description is [attached](#).

Please forward a one-page letter of interest and curriculum vitae to Crystal Boisselle, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Welikovitch.

Deadline for receipt of applications is February 26, 2021

Clinical/Adjunct Promotions and Awards Deadlines

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

Department of Emergency Medicine.

Kudos Corner

Over the past few weeks, the FRCPC and CCFP-EM residents joined forces to donate over \$1000.00 of their hard-earned money to the DOAP team to help give back to a service that supports us all greatly. We are very humbled by their initiative and generosity, and hope this might inspire more of us to give back to our community, no matter the cause. If you're interested in donating to the DOAP team specifically, information on how to do so can be found on the Alpha House website: <https://alphahousecalgary.com/donate/>

-Catherine, Jason and Anjali"

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