



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

Jan 12, 2021

Notes from Neil and Eddy

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COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 Vaccinations - Appointments Mandatory

Dear colleagues

If you have not already received a first dose, please remember that to get your COVID-19 immunization, you are required to book an appointment directly with Health Link or online via an invitation you received to your AHS email address from AHS booking. The immunization clinic sites are not staffed to accommodate drop-in appointments.

Eddy and Neil

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 2021

Happy New Year everyone! I've got an exciting opportunity as we start the new year of 2021. Is there anyone out there who wants to live a life with more JOY, more MEANING, more ENGAGEMENT? Do you want your immune system to function better? Do you want to work smarter? Do you want to win a trip for 2 to the Post Hotel in Lake Louise for 2 nights? If you answer yes to any of these questions, I invite you to the **YYCEM Happiness Challenge 2021**.

Click here to discover more: www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com

Click here to watch Sarah's intro video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2s0k8oQLxSQ>

-Sarah McPherson

Operations

SCM Updates!

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

- Tetanus-Diphtheria Toxoids Inj order removed ([Special Notice](#))
 - Viral Respiratory Testing Order Set ([Special Notice](#))
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Milk River Coverage

Milk River is looking for help with ED coverage as of Jan 7.

Shift Breakdowns:

Day Shift: 08:00 – 17:00

Evening Shift: 17:00 – 08:00

Full Shift: 08:00 – 08:00 the next morning.

The dates listed below will need to be covered at this point in Milk River:

Jan. 18 – Full shift or Day/Evening Shifts.

Jan. 19 – Evening Shift.

Jan. 20 – 21 – Full shifts or Day/Evening Shifts.

Jan. 22 – Day Shift.

Jan. 26 – 28 – Full or Day/Evening Shifts.

Contact Liesel Hann if interested and for details about compensation.

Physician Participation Needed!

Academic Day Sessions - Preceptors Needed

We are looking for preceptors for a few academic-day sessions in our final quarter of this academic year. As a preceptor, you will guide the assigned resident in developing their talk, and be present during their presentation to help facilitate discussion and questions. Please email Anjali Pandya directly if you are able to help with one

of these sessions, and thank you very much for taking the time to consider our request in these extraordinarily busy times!

May 13 2021	13:00-14:00	Topic: Antibiotic Primer
May 20 2021	15:00-16:00	Topic: Tetanus, Bites and Rabies

Medical Student Preceptors Needed!

Students are currently looking for preceptors willing to take them on for pre-clerkship electives at the medical school. There are students at the middle of first year who are interested in exploring Emergency Medicine as a career prospect. They are looking for a total of **4 shifts** of clinical exposure between the dates of **March 22 - 28, 2021**.

**** If you are willing to take on a student we can help connect you.** Please email:

Meira calgaryerelectives@gmail.com or

Judy cgyemergelectives@albertahealthservices.ca

We have already had several student requests that we do not have preceptors for!

To Clarify the Elective/Shadowing Policy and Opportunities:

1. **Med440:** U of C students in second year. 24h over 4 months. Matches are arranged by Judy and myself. Once shifts are arranged they get sent to Judy for IP&C tracking.
2. **Pre-clerkship Electives:** U of C students in first and early second year.
1 week electives, 4 shifts per week. Students find their own preceptors & can be split between two preceptors if needed.
Once shifts are arranged the date/time/site needs to be sent to Judy for IP&C tracking.
3. **Shadowing (ON HOLD DUE TO COVID): U of C Students only.**
Students have a list of preceptors that have agreed to be contacted for shadowing. If you want to be added to the list, please email Meira. Once shifts are arranged the date/time/site needs to be sent to Judy for IP&C tracking. Clerks CANNOT shadow due to UME rules, so it should only be pre-clerks asking to shadow.
4. **Elective Students:** Official electives are applied for through Meira and scheduled on MetricAid.
These are all clerkship students.

Thanks

Meira Louis

Virtual Oral Exam Prep for R5s

We are looking to recruit staff for virtual oral exam prep sessions for our R5s. The first 3 sessions will be held from 10:30am-12:00pm virtually with three half hour sessions (20 minutes for 2 cases, 10 minutes for review). The dates we are recruiting for right now are February 18, March 4, and April 1 with more dates to come after they complete their written exam. Thank you in advance and please email me with any questions!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19avqRan0BaMqfu6HMazeh8peSd644ah4jIF8Q09ewmA/edit?usp=sharing>

Brit Sunderani

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 to be connected to the research assistants working on this project with Dr. John Conly, Infectious Disease

Present at Research Day 2021 - April 1, 2021

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 1st, 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) 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 20th 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
Mateusz Sobczak

Education. CME. Rounds.

Emergency Grand Rounds

January 14th, 2021

Time: 0900 – 1015 ([1.25 Education Credits](#))

Session #1: (0900 – 1000)

Dr. Cody Dunne

R2 EM Resident - FRCPC

Topic:

Pulseless Electrical Activity & Pseudo-PEA: Exploring practices beyond ACLS

Description:

Despite being recognized as a form of cardiac arrest since the 1960's, Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA) has received significantly less attention in research compared to its shockable rhythm counterparts. Point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) has identified two distinct entities presenting as PEA: those with cardiac activity (pseudo-PEA) and those without (true PEA). Emerging data suggests that pseudo-PEA represents a significant portion of PEA cardiac arrests and may have improved survival compared to true-PEA. This session will discuss an update to the evidence for various diagnostic approaches and therapeutic interventions used in PEA with the aim of providing practical take-a-ways that providers can implement on their next shift.

Session #2: (1000 – 1015) - Wellness Update

Dr. Sarah McPherson
EM Physician

Topic:

“Happiness Challenge 2021”

ZOOM session

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

Evaluation form:

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

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>

Jan 28 Research in Development session

Dr. Stuart Rose – the Info Study
Dr. Andrew McRae - COVID Lung POCUS study

January 28, 2021

Presentation start: 10:15 am

ZOOM session

Online Journal Club - Jan 21

Date: January 21, 2021

Time: 1800 hrs

Presenters: Drs. Ryan Chadwick, Emily Quick & Kyle Ricord

Preceptor: Dr. James Andruchow

Topic 1: Identification of very low- risk acute chest pain patients without troponin testing

Topic 2 : Wellness Topic.

Join JC by Zoom

Topic: Journal Club Jan 21 @ 1800

Time: Jan 21, 2021 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Best Regards
Ryan Chadwick, Emily Quick & Kyle Ricord

Special Grand Rounds Announcement: “Physician Financial Health”, with special guest speakers Drs Jane and Paul Healey

Please join us on **February 4 @ 9:00 to 10:30am** for a unique Grand Rounds presentation. Many of you will already know Drs Jane and Paul Healey as moderators of the popular “Physician Financial Independence (Canada)” FaceBook group which has over 23,000 MD and MD-spouse members. They will be presenting core principles of “Physician Financial Health”, followed by a Q&A period. Thank you to the Physician Support Fund (PSF) committee for their support of this initiative. This session will also be recorded for later viewing.

CME Credits

Attn: All Adult Emergency Medicine Physicians

Your CME Credits for 2020 have been sent to your mailboxes at your primary site.

Thank you

Judy Mackay

ED Grand Rounds Recording - Jan 7, 2021

Session #1:

Speaker: Dr. Adrienne Stedford, CCFP-EM Resident - U of C

Topic: “Agitation in Older Adults in the Emergency Department”

Session #2:

Speaker: Dr. Jamie Keess, CCFP-EM Resident - U of C

Topic: “Both Sides of the Mask: PPE in the ED”

Click [here](#) for recording.

SkiBEEM 2021 - Virtualized. Online Feb 8-10

feat. Eddy Lang, Catherine Patocka, Katie Lin

[Details here.](#)

Anti-Racism in Emergency Care: Reflecting on Results of an Ongoing Mixed Methods Project

Jan 29, 12pm-1pm presentation by Patrick McLane (ESCN) and Bonnie Healy

This presentation shares results of an ongoing mixed methods research project titled “Understanding and Defining Quality of Care in the Emergency Department with First Nations Members in Alberta” from the perspectives of the Principal Investigator Patrick McLane and Principal Knowledge User Bonnie Healy. The presenters will reflect on why emergency medicine is a particularly important health services area in which to address racism, and the place of emergency medicine within public health. The importance of community engaged research partnerships will be highlighted.

Info here: https://events.ucalgary.ca/obrien/#/view/event/event_id/238738

Opportunities

Teaching Invite for Procedural Skills

We are still looking for preceptors for upcoming Procedural Skills teaching for Year 1 Medical Students.

Session Dates are:

- Feb. 26th; 1:30-5:30pm – Airway Management
- April 30th; 1:30-5:30pm – Lumbar Puncture
- May 7th; 1:30-5:30pm – Lumbar Puncture

These sessions will be taught in person but student numbers in each group are lower than our usual size to allow for as much physical distancing as possible.

Remuneration for this teaching is \$125 per hour and preceptors must have a faculty appointment or be an R2 of higher.

If you are interested please email me back and let me know which ones you would like to teach.

Shauna Bonnett

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.

Teaching Opportunities - Osler

As a faculty member in UME at the University of Calgary, we thought that you would be interested in helping out at some of our teaching or OSCE events:

Latest posted opportunities:

- Tue 26th of Jan 2021
1:00 - 5:00pm <Small Group> Class of 2022 Clerkship Bootcamp integrated case based session - (groups TBD) Location - TBA
- Thu 28th of Jan 2021
1:00 - 5:00pm <Small Group> Class of 2022 Clerkship Bootcamp integrated case based session - (groups TBD) Location - TBA
- Tue 2nd of Feb 2021
1:00 - 5:00pm <Small Group> Class of 2022 Clerkship Bootcamp integrated case based session - (groups TBD) Location - TBA
- Thu 4th of Feb 2021
1:00 - 5:00pm <Small Group> Class of 2022 Clerkship Bootcamp integrated case based session - (groups TBD) Location - TBA

As a current user in Osler, you can view and subscribe to any 'teaching or OSCE opportunities' that are available:

Log in to Osler, <https://osler.ucalgary.ca>.

If teaching opportunities are available you will see the 'Teaching Opportunities' tab on your dashboard. Select this tab to view the available teaching events.

To access our faculty resources with information that will help your teaching, including our school's philosophy and graduation objectives, please use the following link: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/ofd>

If you believe there has been an error, please forward this message along with a description of the problem to: osler@ucalgary.ca

ED Highlights

RGH ED New Assistant Site Chief- Dr. David Fu

We are pleased to announce that Dr. David Fu is the successful applicant for the Calgary Zone Department of Emergency Medicine RGH ED Assistant Site Chief position. Dave started his new role on January 1, 2021. We'd also like to thank Dr. Grant Kennedy for his excellence in doing this role over the past three years. Dave joined the Emergency Department RGH Team in 2017, and in addition to providing excellent clinical services, he has developed many meaningful professional relationships with the RGH team. Dave completed his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees at the University of Alberta, his FR residency at Western University, and his Master of Science in Community Health at the University of Toronto. Please join us in welcoming Dave to the ED RGH Assistant Site Chief role.

Congrats to Dr. Dave Choi on the new bundle of joy, Amelia!



Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Marcie Veitch the chair of the Hodsman Legacy Lecture Committee for securing an engagement grant from the FMC Medical Staff Association in support of the 2021 online lecture. Kudos as well to the entire committee for securing the renowned and inspiring Dr. Esther Choo as the guest speaker.

