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Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

January 26, 2021

COVID-19 Updates

Calgary Zone COVID-19 Daily Situation Report - Jan 25, 2021

[Click here to read.](#)

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.

Opportunity for physician volunteers to assist in on-site Covid-19 immunization clinics for Hospital-Affiliated Physicians

Alberta Health Services has fielded a large number of inquiries from physicians eager to contribute to the effort to immunize hospital staff against Covid-19 as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

AHS is grateful for the willingness and enthusiasm of physicians to support this important initiative, and would like to welcome interested hospital-associated physicians to volunteer at vaccination clinics at upcoming in-hospital clinics.

Several points to emphasize:

First: This will be on a volunteer basis: there are no AHS funds available to allocate to physician remuneration for this effort. That said, this is a tremendous opportunity for physicians to contribute further

to the fight to end this pandemic. Physician volunteers will be provided with a \$1 contract; the contract will address any issues related to liability and health information confidentiality.

Second: For those who volunteer, some materials and a training module will need to be reviewed/completed — this will require a total time commitment of about four hours.

Third: Volunteer time blocks will be about four hours per session. Once a roster of volunteer physicians is established for each site, physicians will be matched, according to availability, to open slots in the vaccination clinic schedule.

Dr. Edward Les has been tasked by Provincial Medical Affairs to coordinate this initiative in Calgary. Interested physicians can email him directly at **Edward Les** ([PLEASE INCLUDE THE SITE WITH WHICH YOU ARE AFFILIATED](#)).

Dr. Les will compile physician rosters for each site, and will distribute contracts and direct volunteer physicians to training materials to review in advance of being deployed to vaccination clinics.

Any questions regarding the above should be directed via email to Dr. Les.

Thank you in advance for contributing to this effort.

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

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

SCM Updates!

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

- EDRN Abdominal Pain Protocol order set changes

Joshua Vejprava RN BSc BN MBA
Clinical Informatician

Physician Participation Needed!

Recruitment: C8 Block Teaching Feb-Apr

For our new class of clerks we will be offering C8 in a two-week "block" at the beginning of clerkship instead of every second Friday. These blocks will run from Feb-Apr 2021.

We need preceptors for **Standardized Patient (SP)** based cases on Zoom and **SIM / Proskill** sessions in person at the Health Sciences Centre - Room G820.

Signup will be closed at the end of the day Monday, Feb 1 and preceptors will be sent confirmation emails on Tuesday, Feb 2.

Click the link to see available dates:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4CAFAD2FA7F85-course83>

If you want more info on how any of these sessions run please let me know.

- Kelsey O'Donnell, course8@ucalgary.ca

The 2021 Multiple Mini-Interview for applicants to the University of Calgary

The Cumming School of Medicine Admissions Committee is currently reviewing applications for the MD class beginning July 2021. Approximately 624 applicants will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be held on four days this year; we hope you will consider participating on one of the following dates:

- **Saturday, February 20** (7:45am-4:45pm)
- **Sunday, February 21** (7:45am-4:45pm)
- **Saturday, March 6** (7:45am-4:45pm)
- **Sunday, March 7** (7:45am-4:45pm)

[See full details here](#). We hope you will complete the RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MMI2021> as soon as possible as some dates will fill up quickly. If you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please let Shannon Cayer know so that we may approach them as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Cayer

INFO Debriefing study

Have you been part of an INFO debriefing? We are looking for participants to take part in a study titled "Attitudes of Emergency Department Staff at the Foothills Medical Centre on the INFO Sessions Debriefing Technique." Participants will be asked to commit 30 minutes for a one-on-one interview via Zoom audio.

Participants will receive a \$10 coffee card (and an INFO pen) as a thank you for their participation.

[Read more..](#)

Thank you
Stuart

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 calgaryelectives@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

ED Staff Simulation – a few spots available. To sign up, please click [Signup Genius](#)

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.



Please contact Jill if you had trouble making the submission deadline or have extenuating circumstances

Jillian.vandenbrand@ahs.ca

Education. CME. Rounds.

ACH Emerg Rnds - Jan 28 - Trauma, City-Wide & POCUS

You are invited to the following Zoom Webinars.

Of Special Note:

- 1) There are 3 individual sessions which each require a separate evaluation form.
- 2) Also each session has its own unique Zoom link.

Event: ACH Emergency Medicine Rnds - Trauma, City-Wide & POCUS

Date: January 28th, 2021

Time: 0800 – 1130

Session #1: Trauma Rnds (0800 – 0900)

Speaker: Dr. Paul Doughty

Topic: *Updates on Brain Injury Management*

Session #2: City-Wide Rnds (0900 – 1000)

Speakers: Dr. Gloria Yoo & Dr. TJ Kodeeswaran

Topic: *The Epidemic We Aren't Taking About:
Pediatric Mental Health in the Time of COVID 19*

Session #3: POCUS Rnds (1030 – 1130)

Speakers: Dr. Anne-Josée Cote & Dr. Mel Willimann

Topic: *Not available at time of posting*

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/szfmBrmxiesiuGfg8>.

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

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

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.

For advanced questions (to the speakers), email Dr. Charles Wong

Recording Link for January 21, 2021 ED Grand Rounds

Session #1:

Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Bradley MD FRCPC ([Bio Attached](#)), Emergency Physician - Calgary Health Zone

Topic: "PR or ER; Medical Emergencies in Endurance Sports"

Click [here](#) for recording.

Building the Equity Bridge Symposium

Hosted by the Office of Professionalism, Equity and Diversity at the Cumming School of Medicine

Wednesday January 27: 9:00-10:30 am MST:

Confronting Medical Colonialism & Health Disparities in Indigenous Peoples

Speakers:

- *Dr. Samir Shaheen-Hussain*, author of [Fighting for A Hand to Hold: Confronting Medical Colonialism against Indigenous Children in Canada](#), social-justice activist and Montreal pediatric emergency physician
- *Dr. Alike Lafontaine*, Indigenous physician of Cree and Anishinaabe heritage, based in Grande Prairie, brings a provincial perspective to this topic

Register for Wednesday January 27 session [here](#)

Thursday, January 28: 8:30-10:00am MST:

Health Equity in the COVID Era

Speaker:

- *Dr. Esther Choo*, is a practicing physician and Professor of Emergency Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University. She is a vocal advocate for more multiculturalism, gender parity and diversity in medicine and co-founder of [Equity Quotient](#), and organization which monitors and addresses equity culture in healthcare organizations.

Register for Thursday January 28 session [here](#)

Webinar Wednesday: COVID-19 and Beyond. What Has Happened to Virtual Care in Alberta? - Digital Health Canada

January 27, 2021 – COVID-19 and Beyond. What Has Happened to Virtual Care in Alberta?

– *Jonathan Choy, Provincial Medical Director – Virtual Health at Alberta Health Services*

While telehealth care delivery has been operational in Alberta for well over 20 years, the Covid pandemic accelerated the need and urgency in all healthcare jurisdictions across Canada. The growth of virtual care delivery has led to some interesting observations in practice patterns and given us thoughts on what the future of integrated virtual care means for patients and providers. Dr. Jonathan Choy (provincial medical director for Virtual Health, AHS) and his colleagues will be sharing some insights and lead a thought-provoking discussion on what the future might look like for Canadians in the next decade.

[REGISTER](#)

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.](#)

Office of Faculty Development Workshops

HANDS-ON TEACHING WITH ZOOM – TECHNICAL AND PEDAGOGICAL TIPS

This interactive workshop lets you apply cognitive psychology principles to Zoom teaching, and provide hands-on training to test out multiple Zoom functions from screen –sharing to breakout rooms to managing polls.....

Friday, March 12, 2021
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM MDT

LIMITED SEATING DUE TO INTERACTIVE COMPONENTS OF WORKSHOP

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

R2C2 EVIDENCE INFORMED FACILITATED FEEDBACK WORKSHOPS

As programs prepare for the transition to CBD, programs will be encouraged to adopt academic advisors (or coaches) to meet with residents at regular intervals to review all of their assessments, provide feedback and assist the resident in developing a personal learning plan.

This workshop will teach participants how to use a evidence informed facilitated feedback model and learning change plan to optimize the effectiveness of the feedback and provide coaching for change for residents.

Thursday, February 11, 2021
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM MST

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM MDT

[SIGN UP BEFORE February 4!](#)

NCER Conference

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. It is geared to staff physicians, although residents are invited to attend, and is usually held at a nice ski local (changes between East and West every year) however with the online format, I thought it might be a neat opportunity for people who don't typically attend to log in and see what it is all about.

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

It does come with a fee: I believe it's \$50 for physicians who are already CAEP members with an addition \$20 fee to "attend" the conference. The virtual conference takes place between 10am - 3pm Feb 23 - 24th.

If you have any questions about it or want to know more, feel free to send me an email.

Stephanie Vandenberg

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.ualgary.ca/obrien/#!/view/event/event_id/238738

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>

Opportunities

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

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ED Highlights

PERT Website

The Pediatric Emergency Research Team (PERT) website is live:
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/research/pediatric-emergency-research-team>

Please check it out and share the website link with colleagues, friends, and/or whoever might be interested.

Kudos Corner

Clerkship Awards - Class of 2020

Congratulations to our ED faculty award winners for Clerkship Teaching for the Class of 2020, 2019-2020 academic year. Students are given the opportunity to nominate faculty who they would like to be recognized for their outstanding teaching at the end of each of their mandatory rotations in the MD Program.

- Goerdon Avery-Cooper
- Joline Bohne
- Sean Fair
- Chase Krook
- Meaghan Mackenzie
- Ping-Wei Chen

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