



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

## COVID-19 Updates

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### ED Virtual Grand Rounds & COVID-19 Update - May 7

**ER- Radiology Grand Rounds**  
**09:00 - 10:00**  
**Topic: "Emergency Radiology"**

- contrast associated acute kidney injury
- contrast reactions
- emergency radiology CT protocols
- interesting ER radiology cases

Presenter: Dr. Neil Kalra, Emergency & Trauma Imaging Fellow, University of Calgary

### **ED COVID clinical working group update #7** **10:00-10:45**

Leadership - Dr. Neil Collins

Clinical - Dr. Andrew McRae - Novel noninvasive oxygenation strategies for COVID patients (and creating new evidence to guide care)

Dr. Andrew Fagan - ED discharge pathway for COVID patients

Wellness - Dr. Huma Ali - Calgary Pandemic video

**Zoom Details for BOTH Grand Rounds and COVID Update:**

Please contact Judy at [judy.mackay@ahs.ca](mailto:judy.mackay@ahs.ca), Aaron Peterson @ [ajpeters@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ajpeters@ucalgary.ca) or your team lead to obtain the connection details.

#### **Evaluation form:**

Please fill out the [evaluation form](#) and email to [Judy.Mackay@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Judy.Mackay@albertahealthservices.ca)  
If you have watched any of our online grand rounds please ensure to fill out the evaluation form and submit it to Judy Mackay at [Judy.Mackay@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Judy.Mackay@albertahealthservices.ca) to receive credit for your respective college for MOC

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

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#### **SCM Updates!**

[Click here to read](#), including:

- ED COVID-19 and ED COVID-19 Peds Order Sets – Addition/Update

#### **-Eddy El-Haddad**

Senior Clinical Informatician

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#### **ASIS update**

The assisted self isolation site is a work in progress.

They are refining their acceptance criteria and we will update you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please consider this location for your patient who requires MOH-directed isolation, but does not need hospitalization for medical care.

Referrals can be accessed through RAAPID. Further details to follow.

- Neil

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#### **Grand Rounds & COVID Update recording links and supporting material:**

##### ***Bleeding Disorders***

Presenters: Dr. Anita Lai with Guest Speaker Dr. Adrienne Lee 2. COVID- 19 Update

Click [here](#) for recording

##### ***COVID 19 Update***

Leadership - Dr. Eddy Lang. Clinical - Panel - Drs. Bryan Weber, Andrea Boone, Gord McNeil, Kathryn Crowder, Andrew McRae. Wellness – Dr. Huma Ali

Click [here](#) for recording please find [Q & A document](#) and [support document](#).

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#### **Wellness CoVID Updates**

1. The Wellness Hub is looking for any ideas to make your work/life easier & better. Please fill out this [survey](#) to submit any ideas you would like us to consider
2. **Join the SLACK APP** – NEW LINK: [https://join.slack.com/t/calgaryemcovi-csu1961/shared\\_invite/zt-e0zy80k1-7JZv4jaJb4PRuYwvxasabg](https://join.slack.com/t/calgaryemcovi-csu1961/shared_invite/zt-e0zy80k1-7JZv4jaJb4PRuYwvxasabg)
3. **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). They will virtually meet with you once for a full session and can connect briefly a second time again.
4. **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. Your family members can call directly themselves to access counselling. You will speak to an intake physician who will direct you to a therapist if appropriate. They are offering therapy via phone and video.
5. **Nutrition and COVID** - [Let Food be Thy Medicine](#) by Dr. Eileen Kabaroff

Thanks,  
Your Wellness Hub

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#### **Psych care for family**

The University of Calgary Psychology Clinic will be prioritizing providing psychological counselling services to the children and youth of frontline healthcare providers within AHS during the COVID-19 pandemic via

telepsychology. Children, youth, and adolescence (age 6 to 17 years) who are experiencing stress, anxiety, or worry related to the pandemic and the well-being of their parents or family members are eligible for this short-term service. For concerns related to children under the age of 6 years, parent consultations can be provided. This service will be provided free of charge, via secure tele-health, and provided by doctoral trainees under the supervision of a licensed psychologists. No referral is required.

Parents or caregivers who are interested should contact the clinic coordinator by phone or email.

**Phone:** 403.220.7731

**Email:** [PsyClinic@ucalgary.ca](mailto:PsyClinic@ucalgary.ca)

Additional information about the clinic can be found here: <https://psyc.ucalgary.ca/clinic>

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### **Free laundry bags for ER physicians:**

A group of volunteers have kindly donated laundry bags to our ER physicians. For those at FMC please check your mailboxes on the 11th floor. A box of them has been placed at RGH and SHC. Thank you to our Calgary community for their support!

Thanks!

Kenneth Chan

## **Operations**

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### **Diabetes Hotline**

[C-Endo has launched a province-wide Diabetes support line](#). Our Certified Diabetes Educators will provide nutrition advice, general diabetes advice, and will send high risk patients to HealthLink / AHS endo emergency resources / or have one of our own specialists engage. This is a community service effort. There is no fee for this service. <https://albertadiabeteslink.ca/> is also an online resource for patients with Diabetes.

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[Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Program](#), also known as RAAM, provides quick evaluation for addiction concerns within an outpatient setting while providing an intervention, initiating treatment, and supporting recovery for both individuals accessing the program and the community as a whole. RAAM clinicians provide assessment and recommendations for treatment for clients with substance use issues. Most RAAM physicians are trained and certified addiction specialists that have the ability to prescribe medications that address substance use, cravings, and withdrawal, as well as provide complex psychosocial and medical interventions for clients including home detoxification. [We accept referrals from all physicians in the community including the Emergency Departments](#). The RAAM is part of Adult Addiction Services Calgary, which for years has accepted walk-ins and accepted patients being sent from the ED. We are now adding RAAM and formalizing the process.

## **Education & CME**

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### **May 14 Journal Club**

Hi all! We are looking forward to virtually *re-zoom-ing* journal club [May 14th from 1830 - 2000](#) with two PEM themed articles. Details and questions can be found in the attached PDF.

#### **Zoom meeting ID**

#### **Article #1 - Should we be using US for all difficult pediatric IV starts?**

Vinograd A., Chen, A., Woodford, A. et al. (2019) Ultrasonographic guidance to improve first-attempt success in children with predicted difficult intravenous access in the emergency department: A randomized controlled trial. *Ann Emerg Med*; 74(1): 19-27; doi: 10.1016/j.annemergmed.2019.02.019

#### **Article #2 – Should we be prescribing antibiotics for pediatric CAP discharged from ED?**

Lipshaw M., Eckerle M., Florin, T. et al. (2020) Antibiotic use and outcomes in children in the emergency department with suspected pneumonia. *Pediatrics*; 14 (4) e20193138; doi: 10.1542/peds.2019-3138

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/145/4/e20193138.full.pdf>

Log in with your favourite pandemic beverage in hand for some spirited discussion and learning! Any questions please feel free to reach out to us.

Kelsey & Omar

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## Grand Rounds Summary: Pediatric Myocarditis

See Katie Anker's [Presentation here](#), and a [summary document here](#).

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## Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week:

[Restarting a medication after an adverse drug event](#)

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### **i4 Launchpad Virtual Pitch Competition**

[i4 is a virtual conference happening on October 6 and 7, 2020](#). I4 (formerly known as Quality Summit) is a flagship conference led by Alberta Health Services and numerous partners that aims to explore the future of health and care through ideation, incubation, invigoration and implementation. In its 5th year, this event is striving to be Canada's most forward thinking health and care conference that has experiential sessions and inspirational thought leaders from across the globe.

The realities of a pandemic require a virtual solution, and i4 is rising to the challenge.

One significant change for this year is that instead of abstracts and posters, we are hosting LAUNCHPAD: a platform to showcase and catapult bold ideas tackling health and care problems. We would like to invite you to submit your projects and ideas to be showcased at this virtual event.

LAUNCHPAD will focus on supporting outstanding innovations to reach a wider audience and recognize change-makers for solutions that are already making a community impact. The top 10 projects/ideas will be profiled at the Launchpad event on the evening of October 6th. This virtual event, open to public and community members, is where the top three ideas will be named and awarded mentorship, exposure and maybe even some grant money.

This year i4 is exploring how to enhance care in the community and is looking for ideas or solutions that have a strong community service/social impact focus. Within this theme, each idea should align with one or more of these areas:

- Aging
- Mental Health
- Primary Care and Public Health
- Indigenous Health and Care

It doesn't matter if your idea is big or small we want to hear from you! This means that your innovative idea could be:

- a project you have already implemented
- a solution you are currently developing
- or an idea yet to be realized

### **Application Deadline: June 22nd, 2020 11:59 MT**

For more details and to submit your application: <https://forms.gle/TKKAC4Te8G5DqSh46>

### **Launchpad Information Sessions**

May 6, 2020 12-1pm MDT

May 27, 2020 12-1pm MDT

June 17, 2020 12-1pm MDT

Register for the information session: <https://d4ahs.wufoo.com/forms/m1k519zq01278b9/>

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### **UME Leadership opportunities**

UME has some exciting leadership opportunities posted if you are interested in joining our team and have an interest in Medical Education. Below is the link of all current opportunities as well as the job profiles for the roles.

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/faculty/job-opportunities>

If you are interested, please submit your application to our Associate Dean, Dr. Chris Naugler to the following email: [associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca](mailto:associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca)

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## ED Highlights

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[Click here to read](#) a Patient Commendation for Dr. Veitch. Well done!