



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

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September 15, 2020

Notes from Eddy

[Click here to read](#) "Important Strategic Planning" edition of notes from Eddy.

COVID-19 Updates

N95 Fit Testing

Please ensure that you are fit-tested for a model of N95 that is available in your ED. (Site chiefs have information on testing availability)

Background

AHS's N95 procurement strategy has resulted in the Emergency Departments having a continuous supply of this scarce resource. Unfortunately, the models keep changing and we are responsible for updating the fit testing process.

Currently available models include the 8210, 1860s, 1804 and the Dasheng DT3CZ.

Please ensure that you are fit-tested for a model of N95 that is in your ED. (Site chiefs have information on testing availability)

It would be best if you carried proof of fit-testing as well. If you are not fit tested, you should not be doing AGMP's (such as intubation).

Thanks,
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.

Operations

SCM Updates

There are currently no scheduled ED SCM changes for the week of September 14-18, 2020.

Eddy El-Haddad

Senior Clinical Informatician

Calgary Emergency Physician Support Fund (PSF)

A very readable report and survey is forthcoming this fall to help guide the PSF to ensure its priorities represent those that contribute. In the meantime, the [PSF mandate](#) and [application review process](#) are available.

Deadline for submission: October 15, 2020

Comments are very welcome!

- PSF Committee

Emergency referrals Calgary Kids Hand rule

Thank you for your ongoing involvement with the Calgary Kids' Hand Rule (CKHR) project and to update you on our progress to-date.

As you are aware, the CKHR is a prediction model we developed for pediatric hand fracture triage, and it is currently undergoing a prospective QI trial for internal validation. So far, we have achieved promising results. Of the 330 patients with hand fractures referred to the ACH Plastic Surgery team using the CKHR form, 57 were identified as "complex" and 54/57 of these "complex" fractures were accurately predicted by the CKHR (95% specificity). Unfortunately many sites are still not using the CKHR form when referring the patient. Emergency doctors at **all acute care sites (including Adult sites)** are asked to complete the form when referring a patient.

I have also asked the administrative assistants for Pediatric Plastic Surgery, Heather Ludlow and Dawne Bourassa, to fax back to the referring place (ER or Urgent care centre) the attached documents, when the CKHR referring form is not used.

1. Administrative Assistant Fax sheet (when CKHR not completed)
2. Referral form Plastic Surgery Consultation Fax Sheet
3. CKHR
4. The original referring sheets they sent us. (Not attached here obviously.)

[Click here to download.](#)

Please note that this additional process will not prevent the admin assistants from booking the patient into the clinic. We will continue to evaluate all referred pediatric hand fracture referrals.

- Frankie O.G. Fraulin

Deputy Head, Department of Surgery
Calgary Zone, AHS

Physician Participation Needed!

ACLS/PALS Course - ER Group - Nov 3/4

ACLS - November 3 - \$275

PALS - November 4 - \$325

South Health Campus

Includes BLS

Contact Dawn McKeVitt if interested.

Invitation to Bystander Intervention Training

Have you ever witnessed interactions that made you feel uncomfortable? Are you unsure about how to address microaggressions or racialized comments?

Bystander intervention is recognizing a potentially harmful situation or interaction and responding in a way that could positively influence the outcome. Bystander Intervention Training is an opportunity to learn about the bystander effect and equip participants with options for intervening in situations of abusive, isolating, or stigmatizing behaviour. We have collaborated to try to ensure this session's relevancy to our medical community.

We are offering the same session on 2 different dates - Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. Please find the invitations below.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bystander-intervention-training-tickets-119294612397>

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bystander-intervention-training-tickets-120056100027>

Please direct any questions to Kelsey MacLeod (kmacleod@ualberta.ca). Thanks and hope to see you there.

Education. CME. Rounds

Emergency Grand Rounds

Update: We have a new on-line evaluation form for Emerg Grand Rounds. Please see the link below.

You are invited to the following Zoom Webinar.

Date: September 17th, 2020

Time: 0900 – 1000

Moderator: Dr. Jams Andruchow

Guest: Dr. Emily L. Aaronson ([Bio Attached](#))

Speaker: Associate Chief Quality Officer – Massachusetts General Hospital
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine – Harvard Medical School

**Topic: Palliative Care in Times of Crisis:
“A Call to Action for Emergency Medicine”**

Dr. Aaronson will be speaking with us about Palliative Care in Emergency Medicine reviewing some core concepts in this space, the literature to support it, providing an overview of different models of care delivery, and sharing some of the lessons learned about palliative care integration in the ED during COVID.

Wellness Dr. Huma Ali (1000-1010)

Update: “The Pause – Holding a Moment of Silence after Death”

Evaluation form:

Please fill out the evaluation form at <https://forms.gle/szfmBrmxiesjuGfg8> to receive credit for your respective college for MOC.

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 will be available the following Tuesday on our website: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/professional-development/grand-rounds/grand-rounds-archive>

Grand Rounds Recording Link and Q & A Document- September 10 .2020

Topic: Urology Rnds: All Your Burning Questions Answered

Moderator: Dr. Neil Collins

Presenters: Dr. Natasha Wright, Dr. Chris Hall, Dr. Andrew Fagan, Dr. Geordan Avery-Cooper, Dr. Grant Innes

Panel: Dr. Kevin Carlson, Dr. Kam Kaler, Dr. Richard Baverstock, Dr. Nancy Zuzic

Click [here](#) for recording.

You can find [here](#) the session's Q&A document

ONLINE Journal Club Sept 17th @1800

While we had hoped to restart in person journal clubs this fall, we feel the current COVID-19 situation is unfavourable for this and will be reverting to an online format. We very much value staff attendance at journal club, but are limited in the spaces that can safely accommodate these numbers. We also recognize many of you may not wish to or be able to attend in-person events in light of the overall situation with the added complications of your children returning to school. We recognize that an online format is not what we all would prefer, however on balance feel it is the best decision moving forwards for the fall, and the one that will allow us to include the most participants in what has historically been very rich and beneficial discussion. We look forward to seeing you at our virtual journal club this month, and thank you for your understanding!

Anjali and Catherine

Article :

Effects of a high-dose 24-h infusion of tranexamic acid on death and thromboembolic events in patients with acute gastrointestinal bleeding (HALT-IT): an international randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)30848-5/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30848-5/fulltext)

Date: September 17, 2020

Time: 1800 hrs

Presenters: Dr. Zoe Polsky & Dr. Omar Damji

Preceptor: Dr. Chris Bond

ZOOM Session

Research in Development Rounds

Sept 24, 2020
10:15- 11:00 am

Zahara Goodarzi - Presenting

"A Proposal: A Collaborative Care Model to Improve Care for Older Adults Seeking Emergency Care; Implementation of Geriatric Emergency Nurses in Alberta Emergency Departments"

ZOOM Session

Please do not hesitate to let me know any questions or concerns you might have.

Kindest regards, Jill Vandenbrand

Opportunities

Applications Welcome - Assistant Dean, Physician Learning Program

The Cumming School of Medicine invites applications for the position of Assistant Dean, Physician Learning Program (PLP): Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development (CME&PD).

The Office of CME&PD at the Cumming School of Medicine supports the continuing professional development of physicians and allied health professionals. The Physician Learning Program (PLP) began 10 years ago as an Alberta Medical Association (AMA) program at the University of Calgary, with a sister site at the University of Alberta, and is now funded directly from Alberta Health. The PLP uses administrative health data to support physician learning, quality improvement and knowledge translation in Alberta.

- **PLP Vision:** *By 2025, all Alberta physicians will care for patients in a supportive culture driven by evidence-informed, reflective practice improvement*
- **PLP Mission :** *PLP creates actionable clinical information and engages with physicians, teams, partners, and patients to co-create sustainable solutions to advance practice.*

The Assistant Dean Physician Learning Program will have the following major responsibilities:

- Oversee and/or design of new health services quality improvement and research projects
- Collaborate with health services leaders to build joint projects to improve patient care using audit & feedback and other knowledge translation strategies
- Develop strategic partnerships with data custodians and provincial organizations to use data to inform quality improvement initiatives and knowledge translation practices
- Work with the PLP leadership team (managing director and medical directors), the University of Alberta PLP leadership team, and the Associate Dean of CME&PD to prioritize PLP projects and identify future direction for the program
- Identify and develop approaches for capturing metrics on evaluation and performance of the PLP
- Take leadership role in the PLP support of the Choosing Wisely Alberta campaign

[See attachment for complete job description.](#)

The Assistant Deans for CME&PD reports to the Associate Dean, Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development.

The successful candidate must have an MD; must have leadership experience; be a respected educator and scholar; and have proven ability to collaborate and sustain relationships within the Faculty.

The position is 0.2 – 0.3 FTE with a start date of October 01 , 2020. Contingent on ongoing funding of PLP, the term of office is three years, renewable once.

Deadline for receipt of applications is September 13, 2020.

Please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae to:

Kelly W. Burak, MD, FRCPC, MSc (Epid)
Associate Dean, Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development
Co-Lead, Physician Learning Program (PLP)
Professor, Departments of Medicine and Oncology
Cumming School of Medicine
University of Calgary

OHMES Funding Competition 2020-21

The 2020-21 Health Science and Medical Education Research and Innovation Funding Competition is now open! The competition begins with a Letter of Intent process, with applications **due 28 September 2020**. Award funding provided by OHMES is to a maximum of \$10,000 per project, and will be made according to scientific merit, relevance and originality of the project, and its contribution to developing individual and collective capacity in educational scholarship in the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary.

Visit <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/office/ohmes/funding/ohmes-funding/health-medical-education-research-funding-competition> for documents plus the Funding Request & Expense Policies and the forms used for LOI Evaluations. Contact ohmes@ucalgary.ca if you have questions.