



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

April 19, 2022 Edition

Operations

Update from the Physician's Resource Committee

The "preferences" for the Fall A schedule (Sept/Oct) are opening. Many people are looking for confirmation that their line change requests have been approved.

We will try to get notices about line changes out to everyone in time to meet the deadline. If we need to, we can extend the deadline.

Background

As you all know, we hire once a year based on our projections for the following year. 8 new ED MDs and 6 summer locums start on July 1, 2022.

For the Fall schedule, we are aiming for an FTE of 12 shifts per 28 days, including the newly scheduled Back Up MD shifts.

We are working on approving as many requests for line change, LOA and FTE change as possible.

We currently have 20 outstanding requests for FTE reduction for the Fall schedule and zero requests for FTE increase.

There are many reasons for physicians wanting to reduce their FTE. The PRC would like to accommodate as many as possible. Unfortunately, it will be impossible to work all of the outstanding requests into the Fall schedule. There are no established criteria for choosing between applicants. We will be using some combination of seniority, non-clinical contributions and time in the "queue". We may approve partial reductions in FTE as well.

A reminder that the PRC would like you to pick your %FTE based on what you plan on actually working (within 0.2).—ie. You can't take a 0.5 FTE off the index schedule and then pick up to a 1.0. Also please note that we will be hiring to drop the FTE down to 12 per 28 days.

The PRC will be examining our policies regarding full and part time work. The shift trading environment goes in cycles, and we recognize that it is currently very difficult to trade out of shifts. We may have to consider some kind of incentive for taking a 1.0.

We would welcome any ideas (preference for holiday block, more “red-out” days in Meticaid for example).

Please respond back to me with comments.

Thanks for your patience.

Neil Collins, for the PRC.

Update on Paxlovid

As a reminder, [here is the criteria for qualifying for Paxlovid](#).

Quick summary of patients who qualify

- unvaccinated or partially vaccinated patients with risk factors (older, first nations, pregnant, comorbidities)
- anyone from LTC facilities
- immunocompromised

Patients who might qualify should get a PCR test during their ED visit.

The result is automatically followed up by Public Health; they also provide patients with the number to call (1-844-343-0971) to get a prescribing MD.

The prescribing of this drug is going to be transitioned to primary care MD's in the future, but currently we refer the patients to the above dedicated health link line (811 also works).

Neil

A reminder about keeping patients “under your name” in SCM (From the Patient Safety Group)

Background

Nurses and other allied care colleagues need to know who the accountable MD is for all patient at all times.

All ED patients have a designated “Most Responsible Healthcare Practitioner” (MRHP). The MRHP is reflected in the “MD” column in SCM.

Stable patients who have been admitted on-site may have their MRHP status updated to “in patient” in SCM. These patients will come off your MD list, and the admitting physician becomes the MRHP.

The following three groups of patients benefit from staying on your list until they leave the ED

1. **admitted to another site and awaiting transfer**
2. **unstable patients**
3. **admitted to a service that has yet to see the patient (ie. Gyne Onc)**

It is safe and prudent practice to keep these patients on your list and to hand them over to the next ED MD.

The rationale for keeping them on your list is that while they remain in the ED — and especially if they have not been seen by the admitting service — we remain a knowledgeable and accessible — and in some instances accountable MD — who can positively impact their care as required.

Thanks from the Patient Safety Group and ED Operations.

Neil Collins, MD

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Connect Care (Wave 4) – EUPA registration

A friendly reminder to register & complete the **EPIC-CMIO Emergency Medicine EUPA** (end user proficiency assessment) course after completion of your basic training. To register, please log in to your [MyLearningLink](#) and search the course under Course & Registration tab.

Thank you!
Chris Hall

New Benson Concussion Institute Performance Medicine Clinic

New Concussion referral clinic for both adults and paediatrics open at Winsport.

See [information page attached](#).

Referral form and Clinical overview information on my ED App, by searching "Concussion Clinic".

-Adam Oster

SCM Updates

The only SCM ED Update to is an FYI about a change to the COVID-19 Screening in Triage Notes & Communicable Disease Screening Rapid, to be implemented April 21. The changes are to match the revisions to Form 21615 from April 2022. See Special Notice to be released Weds.

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YYC ED Specific

Dr. Melanie Sohn – New ED Clerkship Director

We would like to thank Dr. Gavin Greenfield on his many great contributions and accomplishments as the ED Clerkship Director these past five years. We wish him all the best as he moves on to new challenges.

Congratulations to Dr. Melanie Sohn on being the successful applicant for the position of ED Clerkship Director in Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) at the Cumming School of Medicine.

Dr. Sohn received her medical training all over Canada completing a special competence in Emergency Medicine from the University of Ottawa, and a Masters in Health Professional Education from the University of Toronto in 2013.

Melanie joined the Calgary Zone Emergency Department in 2013, and works at the South Health Campus. She is an essential contributor not just to the South Health Campus Emergency Department but also to the CSM undergraduate medical education program. She has also served as one of our department's peer support members and has spoken at the much anticipated Schwartz rounds offered at the South Health Campus. She is a seasoned professional and a highly appreciated provider of excellent patient care. She possesses a remarkable ability to connect with patients as well as the other members of the healthcare team.

R5 Graduation Gifts

Hello! We are getting ready to celebrate the upcoming graduation of our R5s: Brett Shaw, Omar Damji, Miles Hunter and Tyson Savage. To send them off in style we would love to continue the tradition of giving graduation gifts. If they have ever brightened your day, kept you sharp on shift, lifted your overnight morale or stolen your procedures please consider donating to their send-off!

We will collect the funds and purchase the gifts, ideally to be distributed at the grad BBQ in June. As always your support is much appreciated, and please reach out with any questions.

E-transfer can be directed to: kmragan@gmail.com. We also accept cash, cheques, bitcoin and trades for our 0500 shifts.

Thanks!

- Kelsey, Katie and Ryan (the R6s)

Call for Abstracts - The Alberta SIMPOSIUM

eSIM Provincial Simulation Program is seeking abstracts for **Oral and Poster** presentations to be considered for our inaugural Alberta SIMPosium Conference **October 25 and 26th, 2022**.

The abstract review committee is pursuing submissions that present rigorous scholarly work, and advance knowledge of simulation-based education and innovations. Abstracts will be submitted under one of the following categories: **Frontline Simulation, Projects, Faculty Development, Innovation**. Both original and previously presented abstracts are welcome.

The abstract submission deadline is 11:59 pm (MST) on **Monday, May 30th, 2022**. Authors are encouraged to submit one or more abstracts. All abstracts will be peer reviewed by the eSIM

Provincial Simulation Program Conference Committee, and acceptance will be determined based on content, relevance, and encouragement of collaboration. Abstracts received by the deadline will be considered for presentation as an oral or poster presentation. Authors of all accepted abstracts will be notified by **Friday June 30th, 2022**.

-Sue Barnes, sue.barnes@ahs.ca/ eSIM.facdev@ahs.ca

Geriatrics Topics for Grand Rounds Survey

The Geriatric EM working group is planning to host Grand Rounds with the support of our Geriatrics colleagues in the fall of 2022. We are looking for feedback from the group with regards to preferred topics to cover in a Short Snapper 10 min presentation type format.

Please complete this [needs assessment survey](#) that that will allow us to better meet your learning needs.

Available slots for Staff Sim Sessions:

[Sign up here](#)

- May 4 – FMC (1)
 - May 25 – SHC (1)
 - June 28 – SHC (1)
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CRISP Preceptors Needed

I am once again recruiting preceptors for the annual Calgary Resident Introductory Sonography Program (CRISP) foundational course.

The course will run on July 14th from 8 am to 4pm.

To teach you must be IP certified (or equivalent) and be comfortable teaching residents ultrasound scanning for the following indications:

- Aorta for AAA
- Cardiac: for pericardial effusion and presence of contractility
- Lung: for pneumothorax and effusion
- FAST
- OB: 1st trimester pregnancy

You are not required to lecture, just supervise bedside scanning. However, if you would like to present a pre-made 5 minute lecture on any of the above topics, please let me know as the opportunity is there.

Your time will be compensated at the standard hourly PGME rate.

I would love to have you join us on this day. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please email me at lenz.kasia@gmail.com

EMERGENCY MEDICINE RESEARCH DAY

When: May 5, 2022 08:00 AM Mountain Time

[See poster.](#)

[Register in advance for this meeting here.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please note: Registration deadline is April 28, 2022.

Staff Examiners for FR Oral Exams - June 9th

The FR Residency Program is in need of staff examiners for virtual FR oral exams on **June 9th from 1300 – 1700 for PGY1 - 3.**

The practice oral exams will be **virtual.**

Please check your availability and let Madhavi know Madhavi.talasila@ahs.ca if you are able to help. Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!!

Key Concept Preceptors Needed for Thursday, April 21st

The Undergraduate Medical Education Hub is looking for a preceptor for our upcoming Key Concept Rounds on (1) Altered Mental Status and (2) Shock for the clerks who are rotating through their mandatory two-week rotation. The rounds are scheduled to occur Thursday, April 21st at 1300h (following the Hodsman Legacy Lecture).

You can sign up for one or both sessions. Each session is paid \$150. They will be delivered via Zoom and each session should take about 60-75 minutes. Students will have reviewed relevant material prior to the session and a preceptor package which contains cases and discussion points will be e-mailed to you in advance.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please e-mail me: melanie.sohn@ahs.ca

ROYAL COLLEGE ORAL EXAMS

We are looking for examiners for our R4/5s for their upcoming Royal College oral examination (June 9 + 10). Our resident's have given us a number of dates that they will be available and we do will our best to fill these spots with either 1 or 2 residents per "room" depending on how many staff examiners we have. These sessions will be hosted either in person and/or on zoom, depending on the date.

Please sign up on [this google document](#). We will confirm your session within 1 week of the date. Chase has an oral exam bank if you would like cases for your sessions.

Thank you in advance,
Brit + Chase

Wellness

Parenting & working as a physician during COVID - [resources from CSM](#)

Wellness Supports

1. Call your Peer Support Team. [HERE are their phone numbers \(updated October 2021\)](#). 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 free hours of counselling for yourself and for your family members.

Grand Rounds & Journal Club

Hodsman Legacy Lecture - April 21, 2022

You are invited to the following [In-Person & Zoom presentation](#).

This is a special annual event and replaces our regular EM Grand Rounds.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QQgVmcVzQ_qiyHu0Z9Kkjw

Please don't share the ZOOM link online.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. **If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Kamal Kaur** Kamalpreet.Kaur2@albertahealthservices.ca

In-Person Journal Club - April 21

- **Date:** April 21, 2022
- **Time:** 15:00 to 17:00
- **Location:** Clara Christie Theatre
- **Presenters:** Drs. Hannah Duyvewaardt and Colleen Jackson
- **Preceptors:** Dr. Chris Hall

Topic: Necessity for CT head imaging in the ED

Evaluating the incidence of intracranial hemorrhage among adults sustaining head injuries, to compare and determine the necessity for CT head imaging in the ED as part of the initial assessment

Articles: Intracranial hemorrhage after head injury among older patients on anticoagulation seen in the emergency department: a population-based cohort study. CMAJ. 2021 Oct 12;193(40):E1561-E1567

-Drs. Hannah Duyvewaardt and Colleen Jackson

Opportunities

Preceptors needed for OSCE Events

UME is in need of some preceptors to do Course 8 SP cases the morning of Wed, April 27. These are mock OSCE style sessions where the clerk will interact with an SP. Each preceptor would be

responsible for the two cases noted below.

Session Format

Clerks are divided into groups, one clerk from each group will perform the case while the rest of the group and preceptor observe.

Once the clerk has completed the case they return to the group for feedback & discussion. Then the next clerk will perform the second case. This will then repeat with a new group of clerks.

There will be a coordinator announcing the timing of each case, students have 2min to read the scenario and 10min to complete it, preceptors are there to facilitate ~15min feedback and discussion.

If you are available for one or both of the time slots below please let me know.

Wed Apr 27 from 8:30-10:15:

- SP Cases Set #1: (1)Peds Diarrhea & (2)Contraception (1 preceptor needed)

Wed Apr 27 from 10:30-12:15:

- SP Cases Set #2: (1)Knee Pain & (2)Pregnancy (1 preceptor needed)
- SP Cases Set #2: (3)Psychosis & (4)Weakness (1 preceptor needed)

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

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

Contact: Kelsey O'Donnell, course8@ucalgary.ca

Urgent Care Centres (UCCs) Hiring:

- [Airdrie](#),
- [Cochrane](#), and
- [Sheldon Chumir](#).

Details in links above.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Charles Wong (charles.k.wong@ahs.ca)

UME Leadership Opportunities

UME has a few faculty leadership opportunities posted. If you are interested in Medical Education, leading change and teaching in the MD Program, you will find posted some interesting and challenging positions.

Here is the link to the website where all the postings and job profiles are located:

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

All resumes can be directed to our Associate Dean, Dr. Chris Naugler at associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca.

Applications Welcome - Director, Centre for Health Informatics

The CSM invites applications for the position of Director, Centre for Health Informatics.

The successful candidate will hold an MD or PhD; be a full-time member of the CSM faculty; and have a track record of internationally respected scholarship in health informatics. Please see [attached for the complete terms of reference](#) for the position.

The position is a 0.3 FTE and has a four-year term. The start date is July 1, 2022.

Please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae by April 28, 2022, to:

Marcello Tonelli

Senior Associate Dean (Clinical Research)
Cumming School of Medicine
cello@ucalgary.ca

CME

EDI Lunch & Learn - Mentoring Inclusive Practices SEXUAL & GENDER DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Please join our next EDI Lunch & Learn on **April 27, 1:2:30-1:30pm** – Evan Westfal and Alex Marshall from the **Institute for Sexual and Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS)** at the University of Alberta will guide health care professionals towards practices that embrace inclusivity in the workplace.

Participants will gain an understanding of **sexual and gender diverse terminology**, learn the details of **sex assigned at birth/gender identity/gender expression**, discern **best practices** for supporting queer and trans colleagues and patients, and identify opportunities to **mentor inclusive behaviour**. [Register here.](#)

PLUS 4 - Reconciliation Leadership Foundations

This four part virtual course will run **October 6, 13, 27, Nov 10 from 9 AM - 12 PM.**

Are you a leader interested in incorporating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action into your work? Are you willing to commit four mornings to learning about Indigenous Ways of Knowing, practical applications of the Influencer model, and how to challenge racism in different forms?

[Info and Register here.](#)

TEC Vancouver 2022 conference on innovations in Emergency Medicine

Virtual Conference, May 13-14, 2022. This conference will explore how clinicians, technology innovators, policy makers, patients/caregivers, and industry partners can work together to accelerate technology uptake to benefit our patients and our health systems. [See PDF for info.](#)

Our **early bird registration is open until April 14th**.
[Please visit our website](#) to find out details if you are interested.

Kudos Corner



Retirement Highlights: Bruce Mcleod

Bruce served in the Calgary Emergency Department from 1991-2021. He was a committed leader, empathetic clinician and systems builder. [Click here to read](#) more about Bruce's remarkable career and what he is up to now.

Thanks to Sarah McPherson for her contribution collating the highlight of Bruce.

In Memoriam

The Calgary Zone Department of Emergency Medicine mourns the passing of long time Calgary Neurologist and colleague Dr. David Patry.

[Please see here](#) for an inspiring obituary.