



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

August 3, 2021 Edition

## COVID-19 Update

See [Brief admissions and occupancy summary up to Aug 2nd](#).

## Operations

### Animal Bite/Exposure Rabies Risk Reporting Reminder

There is a new document for reporting animal bites. See the [attached memo](#) and [animal bites/exposure reporting form](#). Both of which can be found by searching "bites" in the myEDapp. The summary is:

- don't CALL after hours for anything except bat or other wild animal bites (coyote etc)
- other animal exposures of concern can be communicated to the MOH via the Animal Exposure Referral form. They will follow up. (give the patient the phone number – found on the form- to ensure a closed loop)

## YYC ED Specific

### Arthritis in the ED Study: Recruiting Info

We're partnering with our Rheumatologists to better understand ED utilization by patients with inflammatory arthritis and gout. The hope is to improve outpatient resources to minimize avoidable ED visits for patients with inflammatory rheumatological conditions. **We are asking for your help in identifying patients with inflammatory arthritis conditions and/or gout presenting to the ED.** The attached handouts "[Study Info for MDs](#)" and "[Arthritis Study Patient Handout](#)" are available on the MyED App to share with patients for follow-up (search for "arthritis").

Patients can also self-refer for follow-up with the study team by emailing [arthritis@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arthritis@ucalgary.ca) or visit the Alberta Rheumatology website: <https://albertarheumatology.com/arthritis-in-the-emergency-department-research-study/>.

This study recruits patients (or parents of pediatric patients) presenting to ED due to any of the following conditions: **rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and gout.**

Feel free to contact Dr. Katie Lin or the study coordinator ([arthritis@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arthritis@ucalgary.ca)) with any questions.

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### ATTN: POCUS NERDS

On August 12th the second instalment of the ACEP/SAEM Ultrasound Journal Club: **Probing the Literature** will feature some Calgary EM content! Dr. Conor McKaigney and Dr. Colin Bell did a study correlating where a POCUS operator looks on screen with your FAST experience level. The target audience is anyone who loves ultrasound, emergency medicine, or both!

This session will be on **Thursday, August 12th at 1pm MST.**

**ACEP/SAEM is asking all attendees to register in advance. This will be important to ensure we can create balanced groups for the breakout discussions. Only Conor will call on you directly.**

**Registration Link:** [https://buffalo.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsd-GqrDirG9dN02tDPWshBw-pUI5mvU\\_3](https://buffalo.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsd-GqrDirG9dN02tDPWshBw-pUI5mvU_3)

This session will consist of three components. The first component will be a discussion with the authors regarding their article entitled "Differences in Gaze Fixation Location and Duration Between Resident and Fellowship Sonographers Interpreting a Focused Assessment With Sonography in Trauma". After this, we will break out into small groups and discuss the second article entitled "The focused assessment with sonography in trauma (FAST) in hypotensive injured patients frequently fails to identify the need for laparotomy: a multi-institutional pragmatic study". Article links are included below. Finally, at the end we will have a methodology consultation session, where attendees can discuss their planned, current, or completed studies and received targeted feedback from researchers and journal editors.

**Article #1:** Bell CR, Szulewski A, Walker M, McKaigney C, Ross G, Rang L, Newbigging J, Kendall J. Differences in Gaze Fixation Location and Duration Between Resident and Fellowship Sonographers Interpreting a Focused Assessment With Sonography in Trauma. *AEM Educ Train*. 2020 Feb 28;5(1):28-36. doi: 10.1002/aet2.10439. PMID: 33521488; PMCID: PMC7821074. Link: [onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/aet2.10439](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/aet2.10439)

**Article #2:** Rowell SE, Barbosa RR, Holcomb JB, Fox EE, Barton CA, Schreiber MA. The focused assessment with sonography in trauma (FAST) in hypotensive injured patients frequently fails to identify the need for laparotomy: a multi-institutional pragmatic study. *Trauma Surg Acute Care Open*. 2019 Jan 24;4(1):e000207. doi: 10.1136/tsaco-2018-000207. PMID: 30793035; PMCID: PMC6350755. Link: [tsaco.bmj.com/content/4/1/e000207](https://tsaco.bmj.com/content/4/1/e000207)

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### ED Staff Simulation (September – December 2021)

Please [click here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

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### Wellness Update!

#### Wellness Supports

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
  3. 24/7. You have 6 free hours of counselling for yourself and 6 free for your family members.
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## CME

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### **CSM New Faculty Orientation – September 14, 2021**

Are you new Faculty who has started with Cumming School of Medicine within the last three years?

Have you been with Cumming School of Medicine for awhile but have NOT attended the Office of Faculty Development and Performance New Faculty Orientation?

Not to be confused with AHS Orientation, Faculty Development and Performance provides all new faculty within CSM with the low down on roles and responsibilities, critical resources, mentorship, career development, and more!

[Claim your space!](#)

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## Opportunities

### **Locum Opportunities in BC**

See attached for info on Locums in [Lillooet, BC](#) and [100 Mile House, BC](#).

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### **UME Job Opportunities**

The Undergraduate Medical Education Office has leadership opportunities for your consideration. They are:

- Evaluation Rep - Course 3 (Cardiovascular) Preclerkship
- Mentor for International Students, Student Advising and Wellness (SAW)

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please click the link below for the posting and job profiles.

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

**Applications can be sent to Dr. Chris Naugler, Associate Dean (UME) at:**  
[associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca](mailto:associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca)

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