



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly <sup>email</sup>

Updates for ED Physicians

August 30, 2022 Edition

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## Operations

### PSF application is open

See attached PSF mandate and PSF Application guidelines.

- [PSF Application Guidelines](#)
- [PSF Mandate and Process](#)

**Deadline for PSF Application submission: September 30, 2022**

**EFT Next withdrawal: October 12, 2022**

*Note: April 2022 contribution receipts have been emailed in July – Aug 2022.*

### PSF Seeking new committee members

The PSF is looking for two more interested members to diversify our team. It's a great way to provide some of your service hours to the department, and requires only ~10 hours of virtual meeting/work per year.

Come help us disburse money to support the awesome projects our members contribute for!

Thanks everyone for your support.

If interested in becoming a member please email: [Maria.Petrosyants@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Maria.Petrosyants@albertahealthservices.ca)

Thank you!

Maria  
On behalf of the PSF Committee

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### Opportunity to interview new candidates in the Calgary Zone Department of Emergency Medicine Fall Hiring Cycle. Oct 12/13

**We will be hiring a number of new physicians this year and this is your chance to participate in the process of choosing your future colleagues.**

We are hoping to attract a motivated group of interviewers who can use their diverse backgrounds to help the CZDEM choose the candidates that are best suited to help us achieve our long-term goals. We are looking for 3 members-at-large who will join this year's hiring committee.

The commitment would be for applicant file review, and then interviews on Oct 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> (two partial days) and participation in a dinner event to rank the candidates.

This is volunteer work but the dinner event is on us! (well, the PSF anyway. Hopefully...)

Please send an expression of your interest to Maria Petrosyants  
[Maria.Petrosyants@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Maria.Petrosyants@albertahealthservices.ca)

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## YYC ED Specific

### CALL FOR PRESENTERS - Discovery Days in Health Sciences at UCalgary

In partnership with the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine, we are delighted to host our annual **Discovery Day in Health Sciences** once again in person on October 19!

This national program encourages young people to explore exciting career options in the sciences. Each event features informative displays, a captivating keynote lecture, interactive workshops, and a thought-provoking career panel discussion. Over 200 students from secondary schools in Calgary and area are expected to attend. **The objective of the day is to spark their interest in considering a future career in health care.**

Currently we are looking for dynamic presenters to host an engaging workshop in the morning and/or afternoon or to take part in our "Health Pros Tell All" panel discussion. We welcome anyone with a passion for their field of study and an interest in outreach (faculty, researchers, clinicians, technicians, or grad/undergrad students) to join us in this exciting initiative to educate and engage curious minds.

#### WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- Small interactive group sessions offer students the opportunity to learn more about a particular health care field from the presenters
- Workshops take place 10:00 – 11:30 AM and 12:30 – 2:00 PM
- Presenters can sign up for either or both time slots (same presentation with two different groups of high school students)
- Presenters are responsible for their own room and AV bookings (planning team can assist if requested)

#### "HEALTH PROS TELL ALL" CAREER PANEL DISCUSSION

- The moderated panel discussion comprises five health care academics/professionals from various fields who will each have three minutes to share with the entire audience their story of how they got to where they are today
- Q&A follows after all have spoken
- The panel runs 2:15 – 3:15 PM in the Libin Theatre

These events are very well received by participants and are an important part of how they explore their career options. We track and share all student feedback with presenters. Those interested in taking part will find more information, including the submission form, on our website at

<https://cdnmedhall.ca/ucalgary/presenters>

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, September 7**

Anyone with questions is welcome to contact me on my cell at 519-659-7625 or by email at [jmcnorgan@cdnmedhall.ca](mailto:jmcnorgan@cdnmedhall.ca).

**Janice McNorgan** | Information Systems and Program Manager  
Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

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### 2022 ED Staff Simulation sessions

[EM Physician Participants: 2022 ED Staff Simulation \(Sept- Dec 2022\) \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

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**Opportunity to be a Buddy for potential applicants in the Calgary Zone Department of Emergency Medicine Fall Hiring Cycle**



We will be conducting our fall hiring cycle Oct 12&13 and this is your chance to help a future colleague by being a resource to a candidate leading up to the fall interviews. This may include providing information about working in Calgary, insider tips about our city or other information the candidate may have questions about.

If this is something you are interested in, please send an expression of your interest to Maria Petrosyants:  
Maria.Petrosyants@albertahealthservices.ca

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### **Substance Use Disorders in the ED - Survey**

***Wondering how to appropriately treat your patient's acute pain if they're prescribed Methadone? Worried about starting Suboxone and precipitating withdrawal? Should you be prescribing a benzo taper, gabapentin, or nothing at all, for outpatient alcohol withdrawal management?***

I'm currently completing my Addiction Medicine Fellowship at the *British Columbia Centre on Substance Use* and want to create tools, that can be utilized on shift, to support you treating patients with substance use disorders.

*This survey will take <2 minutes and will be used to inform Emergency Department educational resources/handouts, and future rounds.*

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

-Zoe Polsky  
zoe.polsky2@ucalgary.ca

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### **New Faculty Orientation - In Person**

Are you new faculty this year? Are you 'not so new' faculty in the past few years who hasn't attended one of these?

***Not to be confused with AHS Orientation***, the Office of Faculty Development and Performance provides this session to all new faculty within CSM to introduce you to your roles and responsibilities, critical resources, mentorship, career development, meeting other new faculty and more!

There will be something for everyone, whether you're a basic scientist or physician, clinically appointed faculty or full-time academic staff!

\*Lunch will be provided\*

[Register now.](#)

**September 13, 2022**  
**12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**HSC Rm G500**

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### **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.

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## **Grand Rounds & Journal Club**

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**Welcome Back To the Department of Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds**

Grand Rounds will resume on **September 08<sup>th</sup>** from 0900 to 1015 and will continue to be in a hybrid format (Zoom & In-Person).

**Of special note:** There will be a new Zoom Link created which will be sent out in the **Sept 06<sup>th</sup>** edition of the Newsletter.

The evaluation Link will remain the same **2022 Eval:** <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

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## Opportunities

### Senior Associate Dean, Health Equity and Systems Transformation

The Cumming School of Medicine invites applications (Cumming School of Medicine, only) for the position of Senior Associate Dean Health Equity and Systems Transformation.

Please see the [complete terms of reference for the position](#).

The successful candidate will hold an MD or PhD; be a member of the CSM faculty; have leadership experience in health equity and administration; be a respected educator and scholar; and have proven ability to collaborate and sustain relationships within the Faculty and across the province with government and professional organizations.

The position is 0.5 FTE. The initial appointment will begin December 1, 2022 for a five-year term.

Please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae by September 30, 2022, to:

Dr. Todd Anderson  
Dean  
Cumming School of Medicine,

**c/o [sperry@ucalgary.ca](mailto:sperry@ucalgary.ca)**

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### World Cup Mens Ski Races in Lake Louise

I am still looking for 2 physicians to join the medical team for the World Cup Alpine Mens Ski races at the end of November. (Nov 20-27)

This is one of the premier ski races on the World Circuit and is a great opportunity to be exposed to this level of competition, as well as what is involved in providing medical coverage for an event at this level.

There are really only 2 requirements

- advanced skier
- available for the full week of the events (arriving evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> and leaving afternoon of the 27<sup>th</sup>)

The Nov 21 medical training day involves orientation to the race course, trauma packs, medications to be used and their indications, "racer down" protocol, and orientation to all the equipment we have onsite including the trauma bay set up at Lake Louise.

There are three World Cup skier training days (Nov 22-24), with the official Downhill race Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, and two Super G races Nov 26-27<sup>th</sup>.

The Medical Team is well experienced and a great group. Happy to have you join for the training runs or official races. Breakfast and lunch is provided, and most meals covered. Accommodations are provided.

I have already been in touch with several people who can do partial days and will continue to be in touch as the team gets finalized to fill in days as needed.

Thank you

Tom Rich

([goodpuppy@shaw.ca](mailto:goodpuppy@shaw.ca))

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## UME Simulation Lead for ED

Melanie (UME EM clerkship director) and I (electives clerkship director) would like to invite all interested candidates to apply for the position of UME simulation lead for the emergency department. We thank Kevin Haley for taking on this role and all of his great work in the past.

This position would involve creating, organizing and maintaining a simulation program for core and elective clerks that rotate through the ED (approximately 6-12 clerks per 2 week rotation). Our goal is to offer a 2-3 hour simulation session every 2 weeks (1 session per clerk block) covering commonly encountered EM topics (ACLS, trauma, toxicology, etc). The remuneration is \$125/hour.

If you have any questions regarding the role, please feel free to email Melanie ([Melanie.Sohn@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Melanie.Sohn@albertahealthservices.ca)) and I ([calgaryelectives@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryelectives@gmail.com)), or Kevin ([khaley@ualberta.ca](mailto:khaley@ualberta.ca)) as the outgoing UME sim lead for more information.

For interested candidates, please email your CV and a letter of interest to both Melanie and I by September 30.

- Claire Acton and Melanie Sohn

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## Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator

After seven and one half years as the ED Effectiveness Coordinator, Shawn decided to step down from this role. We would like to thank him for his work and many contributions in this role, while he simultaneously collaborated on various research projects for the improvement of our department. We are now in the process of recruiting a new Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator.

### About the Position:

The Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator is considered a **0.2FTE** position, compensated at the rate of **\$46,398 annually**. If you're interested in applying for this great opportunity, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV **on or before August 31, 2022**. The start date will be as soon as possible.

This position allows for improved resource stewardship in the Emergency Medicine Department, as well as, improvement in the quality of care we deliver and continuous work to increase physician engagement by utilizing feedback with physician performance measures.

The EM Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator is responsible for optimizing clinical decision support and quality improvement audit and feedback activities within ConnectCare. In addition, the Coordinator reviews/changes/updates the EM Order Set for EM users. This role develops and creates reports on quality indicators of clinical effectiveness at the provider level in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Medicine Data Analyst reflecting optimal care, i.e. % of hemodynamically stable upper GI bleed patients receiving transfusion for Hgb >80, use of expensive antibiotics when less costly alternative is available.

This position is essential to continue and lead innovation & quality improvement projects/activities in the department. The Effectiveness Coordinator identifies areas of need for clinical effectiveness or quality improvement support, training and education for ED physicians.

For further details about the role, please feel free to call or email me or Neil/Eddy or contact Shawn directly at [skdowling@gmail.com](mailto:skdowling@gmail.com)

Thanks!

Scott Banks

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## Associate Research Director

After serving for two successful years as the Associate Research Director, Katie Lin has decided to step down and focus on other things effective September 30, 2022. Katie has done an exceptional job in this role, and has helped to make the research area very successful. We would like to thank her for

the many contributions to research within the Calgary Zone Emergency Department. We are now in the process of recruiting a new Associate Research Director.

**About the Position:** The Associate Research Director is considered a **0.2FTE** position and is paid from the University of Calgary. It is compensated at the rate of **\$41,790.50 annually** inclusive of vacation pay and there are no benefits associated with it. If you're interested in applying for this exceptional opportunity, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV **on or before August 31, 2022**.

Innovation in emergency care and development of new evidence is critical to informing process and operational improvements, and in improving patient outcomes. This position is essential for the development of new evidence using local Calgary data. The Associate Research Director Scientist will also act as a scholarly mentor for graduate and postgraduate trainees, and participate in Calgary Zone ED quality improvement activities. They will also act as a collaborator with researchers from outside of the Department of Emergency Medicine whose research will impact the care of ED patients.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Primary research/evidence generation leading to operational and practice change in Calgary Zone EDs.
- Mentoring graduate, postgraduate and undergraduate medical trainees engaged in research and/or quality improvement projects.
- Coordinating with the Calgary Zone Emergency Medicine Division Chief of Research regarding research projects involving collaborators outside of the Department of Emergency Medicine.
- Attend meetings as required and the departmental annual retreat.
- The Associate Research Director scientist will be expected to compete for additional peer-reviewed salary support.
- Assisting the Division Chief of Emergency Medicine Research in organizing the annual EM Research Day.
- Supervision for our Research Coordinator.
- Co-chairing the EM Research Advisory Committee.
- Developing original research ideas and leading in the performance and publication of these research ideas.
- Assisting with other collaborative research that occurs in the department.
- Teaching EM residents and other trainees about research methodology, abstract submission, poster design and oral presentation skills.

The selected candidate will work closely with EM Research Section Chief. For further details about the role, please feel free to call or email me, Eddy or speak directly to Stephanie and Katie at [katielinmd@gmail.com](mailto:katielinmd@gmail.com)

-Scott Banks

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### **Leadership Opportunities - UME**

UME has posted new leadership, committee and teaching opportunities. 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>

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### **Office of Faculty Development September Offerings:**

- **From Bystander to Upstander: Intervention Training**
- PLUS 3E: Educational Leadership
- Effective Strategies for providing feedback
- Pathways to Healing Circles

See [OFDP Event Calendar](#) for dates, info and registration.

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### **Opportunities, Facility Medical Director (Banff Mineral Springs Covenant Health)**

- See [Banff Mineral Springs](#) posting

- See [FMD Roles & Responsibilities](#)

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## CME & Learning

### An Introduction to Mindfulness for Healthcare Professionals

Well Doc Alberta is collaborating with Dr. Ward Flemons to offer a 6-week introductory course on mindfulness for healthcare professionals. The course is designed to introduce participants to the basics of mindfulness including 'what it is' and why people in the healing professions would want to learn about it, both in terms of what it can offer patients and their 'carers'. The course focuses on the physician experience.

The course will be held September 21 to October 26 from 1830-2000 and is open to physicians and medical residents within the CSM. The course will run in a hybrid format where participants can attend in-person or via Zoom.

Space is limited and registration is required.

Additional information about the course and the link to register are provided [in the attached poster](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Alicia Polachek, Co-Director of Well Doc Alberta, at [welldocalberta@ucalgary.ca](mailto:welldocalberta@ucalgary.ca)

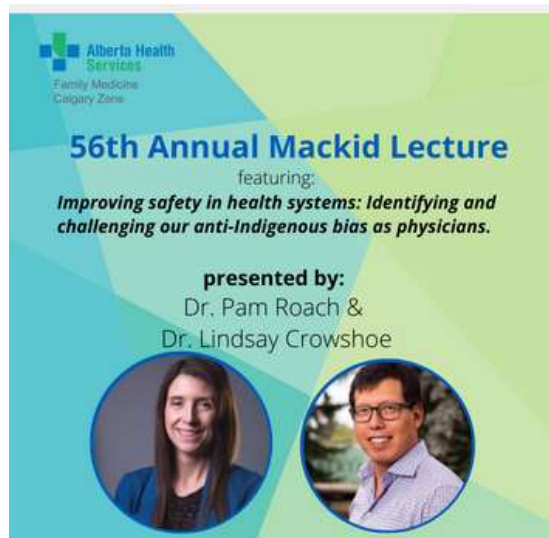
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### International Conference on Physician Health

Looking for a conference this fall?

The International Conference on Physician Health is being held in Orlando Florida Oct 13-15, 2022. This conference is a collaborative meeting of the AMA, CMA and BMA.

The cut off date for reservations is Sept 22, 2022 and [can be found on the conference website](#).



### Dept of Family Medicine: 56th Mackid Lecture

ED Physicians are invited to the 56th Mackid Lecture on Sept 27, 5-9pm.

*Improving safety in health systems: Identifying and challenging our anti-Indigenous bias as physicians.*  
presented by: Dr. Pamela Roach & Dr. Lindsay Crowshoe

[More info and agenda here.](#)

Email [family.medicine@ahs.ca](mailto:family.medicine@ahs.ca) to register.

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### The Alberta SimPosium

eSIM Provincial Simulation is proud to host the inaugural Alberta SimPosium on October 25th & 26th, 2022.

The Alberta SimPosium is an interprofessional simulation education conference which targets simulation educators, researchers and healthcare professionals, and students engaged in the field of simulation.

With options to attend in-person in Calgary, Edmonton, and/or virtually, eSIM aims to offer a unique opportunity for simulation expertise to be shared broadly with healthcare professionals across the province.

[Click here to register.](#)

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## Kudos Corner

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**Kudos to Dr. Stephen Freedman:** [featured in Scientific American on Long COVID.](#)

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**Kudos to Dr. Chris Bond - guest skeptic on the DSGEM:** [SGEM#374: Bad Habits – Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in the Emergency Department | The Skeptics Guide to Emergency Medicine \(thesgem.com\)](#)

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The AHS Section of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology is very pleased to announce that we have a record number of applicants (7) for our fellowship program in Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at the U of C. This will be for a start date of July 1, 2023.

This is a fantastic accomplishment for our young program, which was approved in 2017 and accepted our first fellow in 2018. Two of our graduating fellows (Steve Liu and Riley Hartmann) are now taking call for PADIS.

A big thanks to our program director, Eric McGillis, for helping market the program across the country!

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