



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

August 9, 2022 Edition

Note: There will be no ED newsletter next week, August 16.

Operations

ED Treatment Planning Updates and Opportunities

FAQs for EDMDs

People occasionally reach out to me with questions about how plans are developed, the impact of the Connect Care transition, for advice for patients who are unhappy with their Treatment Plans etc. Please see these attached FAQs for some info you can use to support your care of Treatment Plan patients, and info for referring patients for plan development.

Building an ED Treatment Planning Hub - Funding Available

To bolster the sustainability of this committee, I would like to build a "hub" of MDs interested in authorship. To date, more than 28 ED physicians have authored plans, and some have authored several or many plans. ED Treatment Plans improve patient care and help our system, and the process is interesting and rewarding. We also have some funding available - see below. This contribution is so appreciated by the committee, the Dept of EM, and your colleagues!

If you are interested in being added to our Hub, please let me know via email. I anticipate emailing members of the hub every 1-2 months with authorship opportunities. Hub members would take priority for honorarium funding (see below). There is no obligation to attend committee meetings.

PSF Funding

The PSF has again generously supplied funding for authoring ED treatment plans. **A \$500 honorarium is available for authorship of each plan** that has been approved by our committee, and will be distributed as equally as possible across the adult sites. This is a great opportunity to contribute to our department, use some different skills, and collaborate with a fantastic multidisciplinary team. We have an easy-to-use template and can provide lots of support for new authors. If you are interested in authoring a plan, please reach out to me and to Ken Mont and we will get you all the details! See below for contact info.

Insite webpage

Visit our new Insite webpage for our referral form, templates, patient info sheets, and other useful resources. The direct link is <https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/edc/Page26721.aspx>, or you can find the link on the Calgary ED insite page under Physician Resources.

Thanks!

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Shifts available for "pick-up" at Airdrie and South Calgary Urgent Cares for ConnectCare trained MDs:

The Airdrie and South UCCs are looking for immediate help covering shifts. We would be able to provide immediate cross-privileging to either site for anyone interested in working at a lower acuity/higher volume site. There will be **no commitment** apart from picking up available shifts that work for you, although future scheduled shifts can be considered. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let me know ASAP. Similar opportunities at other sites may soon also become available.

Charles Wong: charles.k.wong@AHS.ca

YYC ED Specific



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

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
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STAFF EXAMINERS FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2022

September 15 and December 08 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 7 staff examiners for the oral exams on the following dates:

- **September 15 from 1030 - 1300**
- **December 8 from 1030 – 1300**

These exams have returned to In-Person sessions.

Please check your availability and let me know If you are able to help on any of these dates and please send the responses to TriSurendra.Malasani@albertahealthservices.ca
Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed, I will send Calendar invites.

Thanks
Tris

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**

RAAPID LTC to ED Study Call for Participants

If you are an Emergency Department Physician who has used RAAPID or either one of the early intervention tools with LTC care residents within the last 24 months, you are invited to participate in a [45-60 minute online focus group](#) or one-on-one interview. The aim is to try to understand the barriers and facilitators faced by health practitioners in using the new care pathway. Participation is completely voluntary. A CDN \$50 gift card will be provided as reimbursement for a participant's time.

If you have any questions regarding this study or are interested in participating, please contact the study team at nuclear@ualberta.ca or 780-492-5026.

Study Title- Improving Acute Care for Long-Term Care Residents: A Better Way to Care for the Frail Elderly in Times of Medical Urgency.

Principal Investigator- Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc University of Calgary

The plan for this study has been reviewed for its adherence to ethical guidelines by the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB REB190106) at the University of Calgary and the Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta (Pro00090932). If you have questions about your rights or how research should be conducted, you can call the Research Services Office at University of Calgary at 403-220-2297 or the Research Ethics Office at University of Alberta reoffice@ualberta.ca. This office is independent of the researchers.

ED Staff Sim Sessions

Please sign up [here](#).

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

Journal Club: Looking for staff preceptors and hosts

Journal Club has long been an important social and professional connection point between the staff and residents in Calgary and we are excited to bring it back in a new and improved format this September.

1. Journal Club has been revamped to give it a more clinical focus. The majority of statistical analysis teaching will now take place in other resident teaching sessions. With this change, we are hoping to expand our list of preceptors. If you are interested in being a preceptor or co-preceptor, please reach out to Dr. Kelsey Ragan and Dr. Dave Mainprize. kmragan@gmail.com, davegmainprize@gmail.com

2. We are moving Journal Club back to staff physician homes in the fall. As a host, you will receive \$750 for food purchases (this does not include alcohol purchases). If you are willing to host a Journal Club in your home, please reach out to Sean Crooks (smcrooks@ucalgary.ca)

Please see [Google Sheet for Journal Club dates](#), hosts, resident leaders and preceptors.

Thank you,

Sean, Kelsey and Dave

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds - On hiatus until September

Opportunities

MD Wellness Lead

Dr. Sarah McPherson will be departing on a sabbatical starting September 1, 2022, and as a result the MD Wellness Lead role is available for a term period of time from September 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023. We would like to thank Sarah for her ground-breaking work & contributions to the role this past year.

About the Position:

The MD Wellness Lead is considered a **0.1FTE** position, compensated at the rate of **\$23,199 annually**. 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 21, 2022**.

The occupational wellbeing of physicians is recognized as an important factor in professional fulfillment and growth, and directly impacts the provision of care to patients. This is especially relevant in the COVID era and applicable to emergency physicians as they report the highest rates of burnout within all physician groups:

[29 physician specialties ranked by 2021 burnout rates \(beckershospitalreview.com\)](#)

This position will focus on the importance of emergency physician health, and will ensure that there is protected and supported time to advocate for physician wellbeing on important department decisions, to innovate and incorporate change into the Emergency Department, and to strive to become a center of excellence for physician wellbeing within our province. Multiple MDs in our department have specialized training in MD wellness and have been engaged in wellness projects.

This role will work collaboratively with the members of the Department of Emergency Medicine community to foster a culture of physician wellness and lead the planning, development, implementation, evaluation and continuous monitoring of department well-being initiatives and to make physician wellbeing a department priority and address issues on system level.

For further details about the role, please feel free to call or email me or Neil/Eddy or contact Sarah directly at sjmcpher@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Connect Care Physician Builder Lead

After serving for two successful years as the Connect Care Physician Builder Lead, Chris Hall has decided to step down effective August 31, 2022. Chris has done a very good job in this role. We would like to thank him for his work & contributions to make the Connect Care transition successful for the Calgary Zone Emergency Department. We are now in the process of recruiting a new Connect Care Physician Builder Lead.

About the Position:

The Connect Care Physician Builder Lead is considered a **0.1FTE** position, compensated at the rate of **\$23,199 annually**. 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 22, 2022**.

The Connect Care & Physician Builder Lead promotes clinical improvement through hands on involvement during the Connect Care launches. This role trains for Epic Physician or Content Builder Certification and builds organizational capacity for CIS customization, optimization, content development, testing and analytics. Clinician Builders bridge clinical and technical domains by improving characterization of user needs while easing pathways to solutions. In short, Clinician Builders help organize the CIS user population, improve communication between the IT team and users, generate CIS content, and promote meaningful use of the CIS.

A key part of an effective clinician engagement strategy, clinician builders promote end-user organization, empowerment and accountability. Key to empowerment is building capacity to customize and shape the CIS to better address clinical, quality improvement, safety, and innovation and education goals. Connect Care & Physician Builders gain the understanding, tools and relationships needed to be effective change agents.

This role acts as liaison between departmental leadership and the Connect Care team / office of the Chief Medical Information Officer on issues related to Connect Care implementation; develops detailed understanding of the Epic / Connect Care platform as it related to ED operations; provides educational sessions to ED physicians prior to and around the time of Connect Care launch in Calgary if a need for such sessions (over and above the standard training sessions provided by the CMIO's office) is identified.

This position plays a lead role in the development and modification of order sets relevant to the ED and integration of evidence based decision support tools in the Connect Care order sets; prioritizes the implementation of Calgary specific customizations, develops site & zone-based level dashboards and other reporting tools relevant to the operational needs of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

For further details about the role, please feel free to call or email me or Neil or contact Chris directly at chall99@gmail.com

[See job post here.](#)

Thanks! Scott Banks, scott.banks@ahs.ca

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

-Scott Banks

CME & Learning

Virtual conference: Connecting Research and Practice in Post-Secondary Mental Health

Program, details and registration [here](#)

- August 12 & 13
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St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update

Sep 22-25 (Thu-Sat) | Whistler Conference Centre | Conference

Audience: family physicians, emergency physicians, hospitalists, internists, pediatricians, rural physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, paramedics, residents and students.

Up to 18.0 Mainpro+/MOC Section 1 Credits

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Highlights:

- Find out about managing medical issues seen at ANY type of practice, not just in the emergency room
- Get some new practice management skills like billing, financial management, CMPA, and ethics
- Reconnect with colleagues at our welcome reception on Sep 22 and our conference reception on Sep 24 – families welcome!
- Get a refresher or learn a new technique with our hands-on skills workshops on Saturday provided by our expert instructors
- Update your casting and airway skills at our pre-conference CASTED: Emergency Workshop and one of our two CAEP: AIME Roadshows

- Interactive group discussions, case-based workshops and lots of opportunities to socialize and network with colleagues
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Upcoming EDI-related Conferences & Events:

Aug. 3, 10:00 – 11:00am: Join the next Mount Sinai National Chats for Change for the next webinar in the series, **Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say** with the focus on **Allyship**. Details and registration [here](#)

Aug. 11, 11:45am – 1:00pm MT: The UCalgary community is invited to attend an online webinar, **Embedding Well-Being into Post-Secondary Organizational Culture**, as part of the Taylor Institute's Summer Wellness Series. Details and registration [here](#)

July 29-31: The **National Black Canadians Summit** is being held in Halifax, NS. This conference is inspired by the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024): Recognition, Justice and Development, as proclaimed by the United Nations. More details and registration [here](#)

Aug. 12 & 13: Join a 1.5 day virtual conference on **Connecting Research and Practice in Post-Secondary Mental Health**. Program, details and registration [here](#)

Aug. 24-26: The AAMC is offering in-person **Restorative Justice in Academic Medicine Facilitator Training** in Washington, DC. The program will help participants to effectively incorporate restorative justice, gain the tools to address the impact of harms, deter recidivism, and facilitate collaborative solutions within medical schools, teaching hospitals, and allied health professional institutions. Details [here](#).

Aug. 31, 6:00 – 7:30pm MT: The Olympic Oval is presenting its first **Pride Skate**, open to the public (Admission \$7). More details [here](#).

Sept. 7, 10:00am MT: The AAMC is hosting a **Color of Care Panel Discussion**, exploring how the US academic medicine community is addressing and eradicating systemic racism in health care. Participants will gain access to the documentary, *The Color of Care*, a film that chronicles how people of color suffer from systemically substandard health care in the US, prior to the event. The panel discussion will focus on lessons learned from the film, how medical education is changing and continuing to improve, and the AAMC's new medical education competencies on diversity, equity, and inclusion. More details and registration [here](#).

Sept. 8 (11:00am – 3:30pm MT) & Sept. 9 (9:00 – 11:00am MT): The **2022 symposium of CSM's Wellness Innovation Scholarship for Health Professions Education and Health Sciences (WISHES)** is taking place in-person. This free symposium includes a keynote address on *Discourses of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Health Professions Education: Implications for Wellness* by Dr. Ayelet Kuper, a workshop on *The Hidden Curriculum and Learner Wellness*, and presentations from local learner and health professional wellness researchers and innovators. Information and registration [here](#).

Sept. 14, 9:00am – 12:00pm MT: The CSM Office of Faculty Development and Performance is offering a 3-hour online workshop **From Bystander to Upstander: Intervention Training**, open to the CSM community. Learn how to intervene when you witness discrimination and harassment. Registration [here](#).

Sept. 14, 10:30am – 12:00pm MT: UCalgary's Faculty of Social Work is presenting their virtual Grand Rounds on **Intergenerational Trauma: Considerations in Working with Indigenous Populations**. Learn to recognize indicators of intergenerational trauma with Indigenous individuals, families, and communities and best practices in providing supports from a culturally sensitive trauma informed approach. Details and registration [here](#).

March 10-12, 2023 + follow-up webinars: CSM's CMS&PD Office is pleased to host the **Mindful Practice in Medicine Core Workshop** over two days at the Banff Centre. This retreat-like workshop, designed for medical practitioners and educators, provides an experiential and interactive learning environment to help energize participants find joy and resilience. Details and registration [here](#).

Kudos Corner

Kudos to Drs. Crooks, Shaw, Walker and Andruchow on this important practice-changing paper on frostbite, just published:

Effectiveness of intravenous prostaglandin to reduce digital amputations from frostbite: an observational study.
