



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly <sup>email</sup>

Updates for ED Physicians

December 21, 2021 Edition

**Please note: The ED Newsletter will be on hiatus until January 11, 2022.  
Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!**

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## Operations

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### Process for administering COVID19 outpatient treatment: sotrovimab

Please have a look at the [attached information on the administration of Sotrovimab for COVID](#).

While most of the medication will be administered under the supervision a dedicated MD on call for monoclonal antibodies (MAPP MD) and EMS mobile units, there may be patients who are not being admitted who meet eligibility in the ED. The MAPP physician should be paged when treatment is being considered for patients meeting discharge criteria. See also [Master List of Infusion Sites](#).

Thanks  
Eddy and Neil

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### SCM Updates!

We are presently in a change freeze for SCM, lasting through to January 5. We do have one change that is going in on December 23, with a communication that has already been included in our monthly notice that was sent on December 16. As this change is COVID-19 related and impacts the Adult and Pediatric Triage Notes, I have included [a copy of the notice here](#) as an FYI.

Josh Vejprava  
Clinical Informatician, IT Clinical Systems User Support

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### Surge Call Notice

Please note that the \$300 payment for surge call in will be discontinued by Alberta Health effective December 31, 2021. No further extensions will occur.

Please feel free to email or call me or Neil, if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Scott Banks

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### Difficult Airway Management (DAM) cart Feedback

The DAM carts in the Calgary zone adult sites were revised in the fall of 2019. We are following up with a feedback survey to determine if the changes have been positive and if any further revisions need to be made to improve usability. Your feedback is invaluable. Please complete this 5-10 minute survey at your earliest convenience. The survey will be open until September 10, 2021. Your responses will be kept anonymous, however, if you wish to provide feedback directly or discuss anything related to the DAM carts, please contact [Tona.Laerz@AHS.ca](mailto:Tona.Laerz@AHS.ca) or Dr. Jonathan Gaudet at [jgaudet@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jgaudet@ucalgary.ca). The survey will be open until January 31, 2022.

Click the link to access the survey:

[DAM Cart Physician Feedback Survey](#)

*[Please see attached a pdf with images of the cart with equipment lists.](#) This information is also at the end of the survey.*

The carts have been audited to determine if there have been any changes made to layout or equipment stocking since implementation.

We will also be looking for RLS reports related to the DAM cart. The RLS system enables staff and physicians to report adverse events, close calls and hazards to help make patient care safer by sharing learnings and improvements made. You should report any event, close call or hazard as this provides valuable information that brings attention to any areas of concern and helps us improve patient safety.

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## YYC ED Specific

### PSF Seeking new 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.

Dr. Arun Abbi

Treasurer / Chair

On behalf of PSF Committee

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### EMBER Study Recruitment

Foothills Medical Centre Emergency Department has agreed to participate in the EMBER Study (Exploring Mental health Barriers in Emergency Rooms). As staff of the emergency department at FMC, we play an important role in the care of patients with mental illness. We also bring in our own experiences with mental health.

The EMBER study is looking at mental illness-related stigma and the barriers to accessing care in the emergency department at FMC. The aim of the study is to mitigate the negative experiences and consequences of mental illness-related stigma for patients, their families, healthcare providers, and protective services staff in the FMC ER, and beyond.

The EMBER study is looking for research participants from FMC ER staff. Your experiences and your voice are important.

If you are interested in participating, please visit the following link to find out more and complete our online consent to be contacted form: [https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV\\_7R4tmMsumXe72xU](https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_7R4tmMsumXe72xU)  
If you would like to speak to a research team member for more information about the study or what your involvement would look like you can reach them by email at: [EMBER.Study@ucalgary.ca](mailto:EMBER.Study@ucalgary.ca) or by phone at 403-441-3520.

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### Clinical/Adjunct Promotions and Awards Deadline

The 2022 deadlines and application requirements for the Clinical/Adjunct promotion process can [be found here](#).

For questions, please contact Supreet Saroha at [Supreet.Saroha@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Supreet.Saroha@albertahealthservices.ca)

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### Call out for abstracts for Research Day May 05, 2022!

1) Send complete abstract form back to **Kamalpreet Kaur** ([Kamalpreet.kaur2@ahs.ca](mailto:Kamalpreet.kaur2@ahs.ca)) or **Dr. Stephanie Vandenberg** ([stephanie.vandenberg@ucalgary.ca](mailto:stephanie.vandenberg@ucalgary.ca)) via email by **Friday January 14, 2022 at 16:00**.

2)

- [Click here for the Abstract Submission Form for Complete Work](#)
- [Click here for Abstract Submission Form for Work in Progress](#)

**Deadline for Abstract Submissions is Friday January 14, 2022 at 16:00.**

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### Ortho vs. EM Cycling Challenge Update

In a surprising turn of events after our early lead, Ortho has won the challenge. They rode an impressive number of kilometres in the final days. Well done Ortho! We had a great turnout on the EM side, thank you to everyone who participated.

Final Counts:

Emerg

Total Distance: 4243.7 km

Total Elevation: 24,423 m

Ortho

Total Distance: 5394.7 km

Total Elevation: 42,536 m

Looking forward to doing it again next year.

Ride on!

Sean

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### Happiness challenge Dec edition

December is here and that means that 2021 is coming to a close. I hope you've enjoyed the Happiness Challenge of 2021. Happy holidays and all the best for 2022!

[Click here to watch](#) the December video

[Click here to watch](#) the video for entering the grand prize.

Click here to discover more: [www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com](http://www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com)

## Wellness

### 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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**Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week:** [Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Part 1](#)

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## Opportunities

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### ER coverage required - Camrose

Camrose is in need of ER coverage in March - May and beyond (family practice or CCFP-EM). We have a busy single physician coverage ER located about an hour SE of edmonton. Any coverage would be helpful but we will have full time work available as early as March 2022 (CCFP-EM preferred).

We have 3 shifts/day (0800-1700, 1500-midnight, 2200-0800) and there is always a backup on call physician available. Lots of local specialist support (anesthesia, gen surg, ortho, plastics, ob/gyn, peds, psych), 24/7 CT on call and admissions are completed by hospitalists.

We can accommodate any shift schedule that would work for a locum (single shifts or blocks of back to back shifts). If you have any availability or questions, please feel free to contact me.

-Dr Amber Jorgensen  
jorgensen.a.l@gmail.com

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**Ponoka Hospital & Care Centre requires Emergency Department coverage for the following dates in December:**

- Thursday 23: 8am-5pm
- Saturday 25: 8am-5pm
- Sunday 26: 8am-5pm
- Monday 27: 8am-5pm and 5pm-8am
- Tuesday 28: 5pm-8am
- Thursday 30: 5pm-8am
- Friday 31: 8am-5pm and 5pm-8am

If you are available to cover any shift, please contact Dr. Gregory

Sawisky: [Gregory.sawisky@gmail.com](mailto:Gregory.sawisky@gmail.com)

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## **Kudos Corner**

Send your Kudos messages for colleagues to [supreet.saroha@ahs.ca](mailto:supreet.saroha@ahs.ca) for inclusion in the newsletter!

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