

Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly ^{email}

Updates for ED Physicians

Jan 3, 2023 Edition

Operations

Policy for transport of patients via private vehicle

Hi Group. There has a new policy that clarifies the issue of transporting patients between AHS facilities by private vehicle. [See the attached algorithm](#). The bottom line is that if your patient is competent, stable and doesn't require special care, they can be transported by private vehicle.

Neil

CSM Strategic Plan survey

The Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) believes a strong strategy grows out of diverse perspectives and we encourage a range of voices in planning for the future. The Strategic Plan Working Group and facilitation team at [J5 Design](#) have developed a three to five minute survey to get to know you better and help guide future facilitation and communications about the CSM Strategic Plan.

Thanks for your interest in shaping our future! This survey will remain open until **Jan. 27, 2023**.

[Complete 'pulse check' survey](#)

2023 deadlines for the Clinical/Adjunct promotion process

- **February 17, 2023:** Recommendations for promotion to Professor ([Clinical/Adjunct/Research only](#))
- **March 3, 2023:** Recommendations for promotion to Clinical/Adjunct/Research Associate or Assistant Professor

[See this document for full details of requirements.](#)

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STAFF EXAMINERS FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : March 9 and June 8, 2023 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 5 staff examiners for the oral exams on the following dates:

March 9th and June 8th from 1000 – 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.

Survey to help inform the optimization of Home Care for patient's discharged from the ED

We have been advocating for a rapid response home care team for appropriate discharges from the ED. Home Care has recently reached out and is hoping to partner with the ED to support the reduction of acute care admissions.

We are in the initial planning stages of developing a pilot program for a rapid response home care team for the ED. This would be narrow in scope initially with a goal to expand across the zone and into the inpatient realms as soon as feasible. The main focus of this program would be patients whose only reason for admission is inability to access timely homecare. Such cases would include those patients requiring ADL support or those that require urgent equipment needs.

Home Care is hoping to hear from us regarding some case examples that would illustrate the most important services to focus on. I have created a survey and your feedback and thoughts would be very helpful to fully realize the potential of this pilot program.

[Please click here to complete a short survey.](#)

-Margaret McGillivray

Resident Retreat - February 24-26 in Canmore - BOOK NOW!

*****RETREAT CHILDMINDING*****

In an effort to make the Resident retreat more accessible for staff, we will be organizing some group childcare with toys, games, crafts, videos and activities for Saturday morning. If you are

hoping to come to retreat, we don't want childcare to be a barrier!

(if you want childcare at other times during the weekend we can also provide contact info/details for the service).

Please let Madhavi know if you are interested (and provide details about # of children and age)!

Catherine

You are all invited to the upcoming resident retreat being held from **February 24-26, 2023 at the Malcolm Hotel in Canmore**. We are looking forward to another fantastic weekend.

All staff are welcome (and encouraged) to attend this family-friendly weekend, but even if you can just make it to one day or part of the day, the residents would love to see you and get a chance to interact with you.

The main events include:

- **Friday Evening reception at Malcolm hotel in Canmore (cash bar) 1900-2100**
- **Saturday morning - small group sessions with the residents**
- **Saturday afternoon – Pool Party at Malcolm**
- **Saturday Dinner: 1800-2100** Group Dinner at The Malcolm Hotel
- **2100-midnight at least** Group Party at The Malcolm Hotel – DJ and Costume themes TBA
- **Sunday - free time**

You are welcome to join us in staying at the Malcolm Hotel or you can find other accommodation in Canmore if preferred.

Please see the instructions below to make a reservation.

Please [Click Here](#) to make a reservation. Full website details are:

- Enter Promotional/Booking Code: **CM0224**
- Click Apply
- Select your check in and check out dates.
- Click Check Availability – if this is not clicked, it will state no rooms are available
- Select preferred room category
- Click Book Now
- Enter all information required.

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided.

Any other pre-pay special or promos running at that time will also populate; but cannot be combined with any other booking code. Please note, the booking link above must be clicked, as this code does not work on our direct website.

If you will be coming to the resident retreat we will need you to **RSVP Madhavi at Madhavi.talasila@ahs.ca by Monday December 12th** to any events you will be joining in Canmore so that we can ensure we have the space and meals booked.

RSVP for Friday February 24th Reception: Number of people attending reception /allergies

RSVP for Saturday February 25th events and dinner: number of people attending the dinner/allergies

Cost for Saturday dinner: \$100/person (no charge for children)

Looking forward to a fun weekend with you

Catherine, Anj, Charles and all the residents

Wellness

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

Wellness Supports

1. Call your Peer Support Team. [HERE are their phone numbers \(updated Nov 2022\)](#). 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

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

- **Date:** Thurs, Jan 05, 2023
- **Time:** 0900 – 1000 (1.00 Education Credits)
- **Room:** [Clara Christie Theatre - HSC](#)
- **Zoom:** <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/66383702969>
- **Passcode:** 037024
- **Eval:** <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

QAER (0900 – 1000) Session will not be recorded

Moderator: Dr. Adam Oster, Emergency Physician, AHS Calgary Zone

Speaker: Dr. Scott Wakeham, R3 Resident – FRCPC, Emergency Medicine

Topic: Lost at S.E.A. – Spinal Infections in our EDs

Description: *This QAER Rounds will be discussing a case of Spinal Epidural Abscess (SEA). We will examine the ED diagnosis and management of SEA and exploring the systems factors contributing to a patient outcome*

**** Recording Link:** Archived Rounds Recordings & Rounds Pearls can be [found on our website](#)

Please don't share the zoom link and connection details on social media or any website.

Opportunities

Leadership Opportunities - Physician Learning Program, Continuing medical Education and Professional Development - DEADLINE EXTENDED

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO: Joe MacGillivray (joseph.macgillivray@ucalgary.ca) Or Dr. Thomas Raedler (tjraedle@ucalgary.ca)

Background

The world of continuing professional development in medicine is shifting to a new paradigm integrating high quality medical knowledge with quality improvement strategies like data informed reflective practice to improve patient outcomes. The medical leadership opportunities described below will join the leadership team at CMEP&PD and PLP to build capacity to support physicians as they become engaged in data informed peer to peer reflective practice opportunities with their healthcare teams.

Collaborating with stakeholders and fostering positive strategic relationships with partners will be critical in advancing the future of QI-informed CPD. Stakeholders include:

- Choosing Wisely Alberta
- Continuing Professional Development Network
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta
- Alberta Medical Association
- Alberta Health Services
- Health Quality council of Alberta

Other key capacity builders in this milieu are the My Practice Improvement (MyPI) online tool to record and receive CME-credit for reflective practice activities and the Peer Coaching program.

The three medical leadership opportunities below will work in concert with one another.

- [Assistant Dean - PLP](#)
- [Managing Director - PLP](#)
- [Medical Director of Quality & Practice Improvement - PLP](#)

To express interest in these opportunities please reply to the Associate Dean, by January 15, 2023:

Thomas J Raedler, MD tjraedle@ucalgary.ca

Associate Dean, CME & PD

Co-Lead, Physician Learning Program (PLP)

Office of Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development

EM Clerkship Evaluation Coordinator position

Dave Fu is stepping down from this role. Contact him directly to discuss the role if you are interested. (davezfu@gmail.com)

[See posting here.](#)

MD Wellness Lead

The MD Wellness Lead is considered a **0.1FTE** position, compensated at the rate of **\$24,000 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.

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.

See posting: [MD Wellness Lead - Doctor Jobs Careers \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)

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!

Scott Banks

Associate Research Director

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.

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

Thanks,

Scott Banks

EM Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator

The Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator is considered a **0.2FTE** position, compensated at the rate of **\$48,000 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. 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.

See posting: [EM Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator - Doctor Jobs Careers \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca)

Thanks,
Scott Banks

CME & Learning

PEM REVIEW early bird deadline - Nov 30/22!

[Itinerary here.](#)

Jan 26-28, Banff AB

Register Here: [ANNUAL CANADIAN PEM REVIEW COURSE](#)

39th Annual Emergency Medicine for Rural Hospitals (EMRH)
January 20th-22nd, 2023

This course provides updates on clinical topics relevant for physicians, nurses and other health professionals who practice in rural communities. Through a combination of plenary lectures, small group interactive sessions and workshops, participants will review current best practices, guidelines, tools and techniques for investigating and managing emergent patients – from pre-hospital, to the rural emergency department.

[Info and registration here.](#)


Mindful Practice in Medicine Workshop


March 10-12th, 2023

[In-Person Schedule](#) - Subject to change


[Info and Registration Here.](#)

Registration Open!


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Kudos

Congrats to Cara, Miles and Chris for this publication: [Management of Lateral Epicondylitis Using Transdermal Nitroglycerin: A Systematic Review](#)
