

Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Nov 1, 2022 Edition

Operations

Urgent: ER Coverage Needed - Stettler HCC - NOV 4, 0800-0800

Stettler Hospital *urgently* requires Emergency Department coverage for Friday, November 4th, from 0800-0800 the following day.

Interested physicians may please contact Dr. Du Toit directly on his cell at: 403 741 9516.

Connect Care Update

As you are all no doubt aware, Connect Care will be going live at the FMC 0500 on November 6 (early Sunday morning). In preparation for this, I wanted to alert you all to a few extra resources that you will hopefully find useful in the coming weeks:

[Common Workflows Document](#)

This document can be a useful 'cheat sheet' for common tasks we use each day in the ED. It is relevant to anyone using ASAP, whether at the PLC or the FMC. Also includes a fresh new section on billing pointers for RMES members (many thanks to Hillary Ambrose and Peter Davids!!)

[FMC Outpatient Referral Workflows](#)

This document summarizes the various ways in which outpatient referrals can be made from the FMC ED, and provides specific examples / details for the commonest outpatient clinics we access on a regular basis. This is a living document, and will be updated continuously as new information becomes available so be sure to check back regularly in the early days after launch. A link will also be posted to the myED webpage, or better yet, you can embed your own link to the document from within Connect Care for quick access while on shift (see below).

[PLC Outpatient Referral Workflows - NEW LAUNCH 5 VERSION](#)

A new Launch 5 version of the PLC outpatient referral workflow document has been created with new processes for the various common clinics that will now be live within Connect Care (eg - urgent GIM, urgent neuro, stroke clinic, and more). Make sure to refresh any links you have built; a new link will also be posted to myED and the Launch 4 version will be retired as of Nov 6.

[How to Embed Your Own Links Within Connect Care](#)

This document describes how to create your own links to websites (using both Internet Explorer and Microsoft Edge) so that you can quickly access websites you use on a frequent basis. Super useful for linking to clinical resources that are not already included on the CMIO Resources List, as well as any online referral forms you like to use.

I also wanted to remind you that we have done our best to have at least one super user on shift any time there is a brand new user of Connect Care working at the FMC. I realize that shifts frequently get traded, and if you find yourself scheduled for a time when no super user is available, please remember that there will also be an online drop in help centre available, as well as a walk-in (in-person) help room - details will be posted around the department.

Finally, if at any time you have any questions and are looking to bounce questions off someone in real time, don't hesitate to reach out to me directly (email or cell - 403-863-6266) or post a message to our Slack discussion board to take advantage of the extensive experience our Launch 4 docs have acquired in the past 6 months (invitations have been sent out to all physicians in scope for Launch 5 - if you didn't get one please let me know!)

Looking forward to working together with all of you to get the system working for us,

Chris Hall

CPSA Sanction of Interest

Last week, an emergency MD was sanctioned by the CPSA for unprofessional conduct for failing to follow up on a radiology report. When I read the actual tribunal decision, I am struck by the fact that this could easily have been any of us at some point in our careers. I am also struck by the fact that it would seem that the patient physician interaction was challenging in other ways, and that the patient left AMA, but that neither of these things were considered mitigating factors.

I recognize that to many of you, this likely will appear to be a harsh punishment for what is clearly an oversight with no ill intent, but this is the standard that the public expects the profession to be held to. Although a professional sanction does not prevent one from practicing, the process is stressful, and expensive. I think it is also worth noting that the resolution involved the development of an airtight process for following up on DI reports. I thought this might serve as a well timed reminder to all of us, as we transition to Connect Care, of the importance of following up our investigations, and of documenting that process.

Please feel free to reach out with any concerns related to this or any other CPSA matter.
-Ian Walker

FMC Connect Care Pre-Launch Meeting

Topic: FMC Connect Care Pre-Launch Meeting

Time: Nov 4, 2022 09:00 Edmonton

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 624 5209 0880 Passcode: 596332

One tap mobile +15873281099,,62452090880# Canada

Dial in for audio only +1 587 328 1099 Canada Meeting ID: 624 5209 0880
-Drs Lendrum & Andruchow

Dr. Tania Principi - Section Chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine

We would like to welcome Dr. Tania Principi as the new Section Chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, effective December 1, 2022. Dr. Principi received her medical degree and pediatric training at the University of Western Ontario, and pursued her subspecialty training in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at SickKids. Dr. Principi is the former Director for Strategic Operations and the Director of Quality Improvement for the Pediatric Emergency Department at SickKids. In addition to completing her Masters in Health Research Methodology at McMaster University and a fellowship in Quality Improvement, she has recently completed her MBA at the Rotman School of Management.

Thanks to Dr. Naminder Sandhu

We would like to recognize our outgoing interim Section Chief for Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Dr. Naminder Sandhu, for her incredible support and leadership in this role.

On behalf of the Department, thank you Dr. Sandhu!

YYC ED Specific

ACLS/PALS - Jan 31, Feb 1

That time of year again....We will be doing an ACLS/PALS course with BLS for those that need it.

Details:

- ACLS: January 31 0900-1530
- PALS: February 1 0900-1630
- BLS: Offered both mornings at 0745 (only need to attend 1 day)

All courses will be provider level.

Cost:

- ACLS: \$275

- PALS: \$325
- BLS: \$0

Please contact Dawn McKeivitt at dawn.mckeivitt@me.com if you are interested.

ED Simulation Facilitation Opportunities

The Calgary Emerg Sim Hub would like to introduce themselves and let you know about opportunities to become involved within simulation facilitation.

- Staff SIM (Gord McNeil, gordandlori@shaw.ca)
- Junior Resident SIM (Patty Lee, patriciazlee@gmail.com)
- Senior Resident SIM (Lorissa Mews, mews@ualberta.ca)
- EM resident SIM (Margriet Greidanus, mgreidanus@me.com)
- UME SIM (Ryan Wilkie, rdwilkie@ucalgary.ca)

If you are interested in facilitating UME or Resident sim please [add your name to the spreadsheet](#). If you are interested in facilitating staff simulation, please email Gord directly.

Adding your name just lets us know that you are interested - it doesn't commit you or tie you to a particular sim group. We will send out emails with further information and session sign-up.

Each SIM group may have slightly different requirements for facilitators. Facilitation and debriefing training is recommended but don't let this be a deterrent. If you are interested, please sign up/reach out! Two debriefing courses we recommend are ASSET (<https://www.kidsim.ca/faculty-development>) and WISE (currently undergoing a revamp and should be available soon).

Simulation facilitating is remunerated at the PGME teaching rate.

Feel free to scan the QR code and join the WhatsApp SIM hub group for sim collaboration, news and conferences.



STAFF EXAMINERS FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2022

December 08 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 2 staff examiners for the oral exams on the following dates:

December 8th 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.

DAM workshop Instructor Recruitment - Can you help?

The Difficult Airway Management Workshop is back again! The workshop is planned for Dec 1. We are in need of attending physician instructors for the day. We would be very thankful if you are able to support the workshop by lending your airway management expertise. For those of you who have not yet taught the workshop, the day runs from 9:00 until 15:00 at the ATSSL with faculty instructors from various disciplines.

Participants, including a large group of EM residents this iteration, are guided by experienced faculty as they rotate in small groups to practice key airway management skills. As instructors you are compensated PGME hours for teaching and lunch, coffee and snacks are provided. Most importantly, it's a fun day to be involved with and a good opportunity to foster linkages with other Departments and trainees. All appropriate COVID protocols will be followed. We are REALLY in need of your support. Please consider helping out if you're able. Please notify Stephon (stephon.anderson@albertahealthservices.ca) as soon as possible if you can assist. We will share instructor details with you prior to the workshop.

Thank you in advance, sincerely,
Jonathan Gaudet

ED Trauma Sims:

[EM Physician Participants: Level 1 Trauma Process Sims \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

EM Physician Staff Simulations List for 2023 – January to June is now published. Please sign up!

[EM Physician Participants: 2023 ED Staff Simulations \(Jan-June 2023\) \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

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

Toxicology Rounds Topics Survey

One of our local toxicology experts Dr. Scott Lucyk will be giving a Grand Rounds talk on Dec 8th, 2022 and was hoping to poll the group on what topics you would like him to discuss.

[Please fill out the one question on this survey.](#)

thanks, Fareen.

Emergency Department Grand Rounds

- **Date:** Thurs, November 03, 2022
- **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>

Moderators: Dr. Jacqui Hiob & Dr. Eric McGillis

Speaker: Dr. Mary Fremont R2 Emerg Resident, FRCPS

Topic: Bupropion Toxicity: The TCA of Millennials?

Bupropion is a commonly prescribed medication with increasing rates of overdose. It has a narrow therapeutic window that can lead to devastating and delayed consequences, even accidental double dosing can require prolonged monitoring.

** Recording Link: [Archived recordings can be found on our website.](#)

MetricAid Info Rounds

This session is only open to the Calgary Zone Emergency Physicians only. **Judy Mackay will email you with the “Special Event Link” on Wednesday, November 03. Please do not share the link.**

Event: Emergency Medicine - MetricAid Info Rounds

Date: Thurs, November 03, 2022

Time: 1015 – 1115 Note Start Time

Speakers: Ms. Amanda Schreiner,

Amanda is currently an emergency physician who works at FMC and PLC.

She works as a scheduling lead along with Dr. Tash Wright (RGH) and Dr. Nick Pompa (SHC) to advise the Physician Resource Committee on scheduling, FTE and hiring needs in the Calgary Zone Emergency Departments.

Ms. Annie Peach, Ms. Alex Black, Mr. Matthew Roberson

Representatives from MetricAid

Topic: MetricAid - Physician Scheduling Update for the Calgary Zone

***Description:** We will discuss targets for scheduling Calgary zone physicians in the 2023 year and answer any schedule-related questions or find the answers if they are not immediately available.*

In person Journal Club - Nov 10

You are invited to attend the [In-Person Emergency Medicine Journal Club](#) on Thursday, November 10th, 2022.

- **Date:** November 10, 2022
- **Time:** 18:00 to 21:00
- **Presenters:** Drs. Rukaiyah Lakkadghatwala and Meg Mackenzie
- **Preceptor:** Dr. Colin Bell
- **Hosted by:** Dr. Colin Bell (rsvp for address)

ARTICLE 1: [Acetazolamide in Acute Decompensated Heart Failure with Volume Overload](#)

Attendings are encouraged to come - we've had great participation lately!

Please RSVP to Tris TrisSurendra.Malasan@albertahealthservices.ca by this Monday November 7th, if you want to attend this Journal Club (Tris will provide the address).

Opportunities

Call for Expression of Interest: CZ Medical Leadership Positions

[Chair, Zone Medical Administrative Committee \(ZMAC\)](#) - Interested parties should apply no later than November 4, 2022

[Medical Leader, System Integration](#) - Interested parties should apply no later than November 4, 2022

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.

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 job posting.](#)

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

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.

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

EM Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator

ED Physicians

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. 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 job posting.](#)

Applicants are to submit curriculum vitae & cover letter (in pdf format) to Scott Banks at ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca

-Scott Banks

CME & Learning

NOV 2 - Organ Donation Symposium - NEW - Accredited Section 1 Group Learning Activity -REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

The virtual Organ Donation Symposium on Nov. 2 is now an Accredited Section 1 Group Learning Activity. Attendees are eligible for a maximum of 5.5 credit hours.

[Register here.](#)

ORGAN DONATION SYMPOSIUM

HOSTED BY THE SPECIALIST IN END-OF-LIFE CARE, NEUROPROGNOSTICATION & DONATION (SEND) PHYSICIAN PROGRAM

November 2, 2022

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3g1IT1x>

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Cost: Free

Time: 09:00-16:00

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe the benefits of providing the option of organ donation
- Improve collaboration among health care professionals that participate in organ donation
- Apply learnings to improve clinical practice
- Examine current complexities in organ donation
- Identify quality improvement opportunities in Alberta and beyond

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Organ Donation Organizations
- Critical Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Pediatrics & Neonatology
- Cardiac Sciences
- Neurosurgery/Neurology
- Transplantation Medicine

TOPIC HIGHLIGHTS



Overview of the role of an Organ Donor Coordinator



Pathways to Organ Donation; NDD vs DCD



New Canadian Brain-Based Death Determination Guidelines



Organ Donation Eligibility



Patient Infection and Organ Donation



Case Studies and Small Group Discussion

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Organ Donation Symposium is for health care professionals from across Alberta to share practical experiences, explore current practices and identify barriers to organ donation. The symposium will provide a platform for ongoing quality improvement and multidisciplinary collaboration amongst health care providers involved in end-of-life care and organ donation.

CPD/CME ACCREDITATION

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and approved by the University of Calgary, Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development. You may claim a maximum of **5.5 hours** (credits are automatically calculated).

This program was developed by the Specialist in End-of-Life Care, Neuroprognostication and Donation Physician Program and co-developed with the Human Organ Procurement & Exchange (HOPE) Program and the Southern Alberta Organ & Tissue Donation Program (SAOTDP) and was planned to achieve scientific integrity, objectivity and balance



The O'Brien Institute for Public Health invites you to: *Setting the Stage for Successful Mentorship Workshop with Dr. Lorelli Nowell*

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In-person only: Rose Room, 3rd floor of the Cal Wenzel Precision Health Building, 3280 Hospital Drive NW

Light refreshments will be served.

[Register.](#)

Upcoming EDI events, webinars, funding & resources

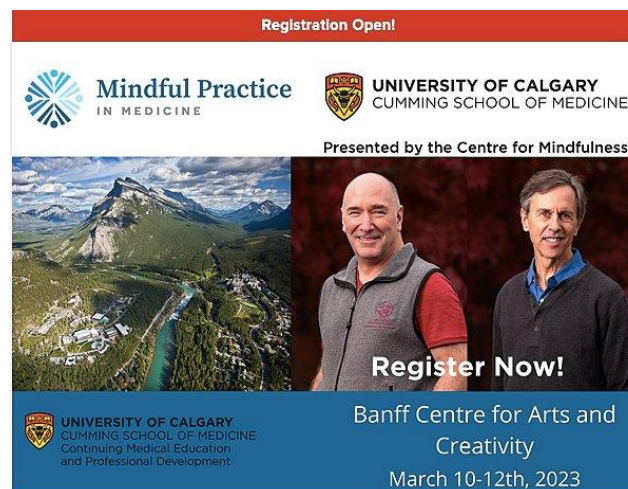
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Mindful Practice in Medicine Workshop


March 10-12th, 2023


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

[Info and Registration Here.](#)

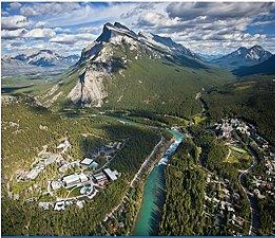



Registration Open!


 **Mindful Practice**
IN MEDICINE

 **UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Presented by the Centre for Mindfulness

Register Now!

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CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Continuing Medical Education
and Professional Development

Banff Centre for Arts and
Creativity
March 10-12th, 2023

Let's Talk SoTL - Lunch & Learn, Nov 9, 12pm

This introductory session will describe the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) and distinguish it from other types of research.

[Info and registration here.](#)

SkiBEEM 2023 Jan 29-21

Presented by an international faculty of emergency physicians, the BEEM Course is an interactive update of emergency medicine practice approved for 12 hours of CME and up to 36 Mainpro+ credits.

[See flyer.](#)

NEW from OFDP - Sexual Violence Education

We are pleased to present two new, and very important, workshops being offered by our own Dr. Kiara Mikita. Dr. Kiara Mikita has been appointed as Sexual Violence Educator in the Office of Faculty Development and Performance (OFDP) as of August 15, 2022.

The Sexual Violence Educator role, split between CSM and AHS, works with faculty, staff, students, and AHS professionals to grow and build awareness about sexualized violence in healthcare settings and educational environments.

This specialized role is the first of its kind, and the OFDP is proud to pave the way and create space for Dr. Mikita to lead faculty development in this important area.

Tue, 22 November 2022, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM MST

[Register here.](#)

Kudos

Congrats to Dr. Vandenberg for leading this important project published in CJEM this month.

[Electric scooter related injuries in Calgary emergency departments - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
