

Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Nov 22, 2022 Edition

Operations

Calgary Zone Capacity Memo

There has been much discussion about the current situation and capacity issues with meetings involving your ED medical and nursing Zone Leadership.

[Please see attached memo outlining these efforts for your interest and information.](#)

Happy to elaborate and respond to questions.

Eddy

CPSA Healthy Albertans Grant

The CPSA is looking for people to help it determine who the recipients of its 5 million dollar “Healthy Albertans” grant fund should be. Unlike most involvement opportunities, this one is nicely time-limited. If anyone thinks they might be interested in hearing more, let me know.

This is the quick summary from the CPSA itself:

At CPSA, several committees made up of physicians, Albertans and other partners help guide our work with their expertise and advice. If you would like to take on an active role in profession-led regulation while gaining experience in governance and leadership, consider applying!

Building Fund Initiatives Working Group

We are currently seeking at least one member to join the CPSA Building Fund Initiatives Working Group, to support the implementation of the [CPSA Healthier Albertan Grant](#), and the evaluation and reporting of the proposals.

How to apply

To learn more about this opportunity and other CPSA committees with open vacancies, and to apply for the position you're interested in, [visit the Committees page on CPSA's website](#).

Ian Walker

ED Staff POCUS Hands-On Session!

We're proud to provide Calgary ED staff physicians with another hands-on ultrasound training session supported by the PSF. Past sessions were well received by the participants. We will focus on advanced cardiac applications for the next session but we're always happy to practice anything the participants want. This is your time to learn and practice POCUS techniques with local experts.

The session will be **Dec 1st from 1100-1300** at the ATSSL. The session will accommodate 20 participants. Please RSVP to myself (dannypeterson36@gmail.com) to sign up for the session.

The sessions are supported by the PSF and thus PSF members will have priority sign up. Non-PSF will be required to pay a fee to attend the session if room allows.

YYC ED Specific

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

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

Dr. Sean Grondin - Celebration of Life

Friday, Nov 25, 7:30-9am. [See details.](#)

PLC Christmas Party

Tickets will be going on sale very soon!

Feel free to direct anyone to me with any questions!!

Party will start at 1900 Sunday, December 18

- @ Greta Bar
- 213 10 AVE SW
- gretabar.com

Ticket includes food, 1 drink & a gaming card to spend on the games in the bar!

Thanks again! Hope to see you there!

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Foothills ER Christmas Party

Dec 21 starts at 1900 to 0200 at the Bank and Baron 125 8 Ave SW.

Features cocktails, turkey dinner, DJ & Dancing. [More info here.](#)

If any doctors want to donate to some door prizes for the nurses for the Xmas party, they can e-transfer Peter Furlong at the address included in the event info.

Preceptors Needed

We are still recruiting preceptors for the next quarter of the academic year. As a preceptor for Academic Day Rounds, your job is to guide the resident assigned to the topic as they generate their presentation and to then be present during the session to help answer questions and guide discussion. We have returned to in-person Academic Day sessions. You will be remunerated at the standard PGME hourly-teaching rate.

We know how busy everyone is, and truly appreciate all of the support you all show to the residency program! If you are able to preceptor any of the following sessions, please email Anjali directly at anjali.pandya@gmail.com.

- **January 5th 14:00-15:00 Peds Cardiac Disorders**
- **March 16th 16:00-17:00 Non-DM Endo Emergencies**

Thank you for your consideration!

Catherine, Charles & Anjali

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 \(updated Nov 2022\)](#). 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.

Grand Rounds & Journal Club

City-Wide Grand Rounds

ACH trauma rounds are **cancelled** until January 2023

Questions/concerns regarding these ACH rounds can be directed to Heather Numrich
Heather.Numrich@albertahealthservices.ca

Nov 24 - 0900-1000 - City Wide Emergency Rounds

The Topic: *S. anginosus and its role in pediatric brain abscess.*

The Title: *"Yet another Strep... Streptococcus anginosus and its role in pediatric brain abscess"*

Presenter: Dr. Alex St-Onge-St Hilaire Dr. Mark Bromley

Zoom Link: <https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/97552310142?pwd=MVZ6QnBhUm1SRVJFeEdiL25CZ1lCQT09>

Meeting ID: 975 5231 0142

Passcode: 425364

Link to eval Survey: https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_9t0aPB63t8Km8gS

Nov 24- 1030-1130 - PEM Division Rounds

Senior Fellow Case Rounds

Presenter: Omar Damji

Zoom Link: <https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/93310774453?pwd=K1NTdklhVE1lR1lqc3pmM1VNMVRjdz09>

Meeting ID: 933 1077 4453

Passcode: 350750

Link to eval Survey: https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_7ZBmPH9IJoakIKi

In-person Journal Club - Dec 1

You are invited to attend the [In-Person Emergency Medicine Journal Club](#) on Thursday, December 1st, 2022.

- **Date:** December 1, 2022
- **Time:** 18:00 to 21:00
- **Presenters:** Drs. Omar Damji, Dana Stewart and Alexandra St-Onge-St-Hilaire
- **Preceptor:** Dr. Mike Pierse
- **Hosted by:** Dr. Jason Fedwick
- **Topic:** [Dexamethasone Duration in Pediatric Asthma Exacerbations](#)

Please RSVP to Tris TrisSurendra.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca by Monday November 28th, if you would to attend this Journal Club.

Opportunities

Emergency SCN QI & Innovation Forum Call for Presentation Proposals

The Emergency Strategic Clinical Network™ is pleased to announce our 2023 Quality Improvement and Innovation Forum will be held in person and virtually on February 22, 2023. This Forum is devoted to sharing methods and results of patient care projects in Alberta among those working in emergency care. In 2022, this forum was attended virtually by approximately 120 patients, educators, managers, nurses, physicians, and researchers from across Alberta and British Columbia.

We are now seeking presentations on research, innovation, and quality improvement being conducted for emergency patient care. Please submit your presentation proposals to Emergency.SCN@albertahealthservices.ca by **Friday, November 25, 2022**, form is located [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 \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/jobs/careers/MD-Wellness-Lead-Doctor-Jobs-Careers)

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 \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](http://albertahealthservices.ca)

Thanks,
Scott Banks

CME & Learning

ED Quality Improvement Certification in Florence, Harvard Faculty

Join Harvard Faculty in Florence, Italy April 24-26 for the [Emergency Department Quality Improvement Certification Course](#). EPI subscriber discount.

[Register here.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)


[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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CME & Learning

Kudos to Dr. Niloofar Taghizadeh on her cross appointment as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in our Department. Dr. Taghizadeh is a PhD biostatistician and epidemiologist with the AHS Emergency SCN.