



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly ^{email}

Updates for ED Physicians

February 1, 2022 Edition

Operations

Reminder - PRC Survey

A reminder to please fill out the survey from the PRC that was sent on Jan 28 from Lilian (subject line was "Important Survey from PRC – response required" if you need to look in your junk folder.)

The link will only be open for another 10 days or so.

Thanks

Neil

PAXLOVID Info for Calgary Zone

Please [see this memo from Alberta Health Services](#) regarding Paxlovid use in the Calgary Zone.

Summary points:

-oral med for treating COVID infection, contains nirmatrelvir and ritonavir

-obtained free from selected pharmacies in the Calgary Zone

-need to have positive PCR and be within 5 days of illness start

see eligibility criteria:

- Unvax + >65,
- Unvax + >18 with cormorbidities
- any vax and pregnant (if benefits outweigh risks)
- any vax and immunocompromised

-ONLY prescribed by on call "Monoclonal antibody MD" accessed by patients thru healthlink – we won't be prescribing this yet.

Thanks

Neil

N95 Fit Testing – Update Your Card!

A gentle reminder that your N95 fit testing should be renewed every two years, and we are now approaching the 2-year point of the pandemic. [Available fit testing opportunities are listed here.](#)

Please email me at Judy.Mackay@AlbertaHealthServices.ca with your "Mask Type" and "Date of Test" for the Departmental Records.

SCM Updates!

No updates for the week of Jan 31 - Feb 4, 2022.

Josh Vejprava
Clinical Informatician, IT Clinical Systems User Support

CSM Dean - Search & Selection Update

As a result of the extensive work done by the CSM Advisory Decanal Selection Committee and Janet Soles & Associates Executive Search, we had a strong applicant pool for the position of Dean. The committee has identified three candidates for second-round interviews. During the townhall meetings there was discussion about the potential for an open versus closed process. We are indeed moving forward with an open process. This means that each of the three candidates that are coming back for a second interview will also make a public presentation. During their public presentation (virtual), each candidate will present followed by a question and answer session.

This is a key stage to the search and selection process for the next CSM Dean.

We ask you to save the below dates which are the scheduled times for the public presentations:

- **Monday February 7, 10:30am-12:00pm – Candidate 1**
- **Tuesday February 8, 9:00am-10:30am – Candidate 2**
- **Wednesday February 9, 9:00am-10:30am – Candidate 3**

The [Cumming School of Medicine Decanal Search](#) page on the Provost website also includes this information and further details on the search.

YYC ED Specific

Opportunity: Clerkship Director - Emergency Medicine UME

This is a position for a three (3) year term with the possibility of renewal, subject to satisfactory review and is expected to be filled by a candidate internally to the Faculty/Department.

The anticipated start date is March 1, 2022 or upon a date to be mutually agreed. The successful candidate will report to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education with accountabilities to the Assistant Dean, Clerkship. The Clerkship Director will provide specific operational leadership for the Undergraduate Medical Program in the Emergency Medicine Clerkship and will be responsible for ensuring a cohesive, integrated and sustainable undergraduate curriculum.

This position will be expected to lead change initiatives and strategies in within an evolving curriculum, to act as a faculty contact for faculty expressing interest in teaching, and collaborate with the Undergraduate Medical Education office, Course and Clerkship Directors as well as education leaders at all sites across the curriculum.

Note:

1. **The posting will close Feb 4, 2022**
2. **The annual remuneration is \$25000**
3. **If anyone would like more information, they can contact Gavin Greenfield, ggreenfi@ucalgary.ca any time.**

[See full description and application info.](#)

Through my lens: An Albertan physician-photographer's COVID experience presented by Dr. Heather Patterson

Feb 7, 2022 05:30 PM

With Alberta Health Services approvals and individual consent, Heather has photographed the in-hospital pandemic experience of frontline workers, patients, and families. From this unique vantage point she documents the story of COVID-19 and the people it has directly impacted. Narrated by her

personal experiences as a physician-photographer, she highlights struggles and successes with images that are simultaneously heartwarming and heart breaking.

[Register here.](#)

Preceptors needed for Academic Day

We are once again recruiting preceptors for our Academic Day for the last quarter of the year. As a preceptor, your job is to guide the assigned resident as they prepare their teaching session & attend the session to help facilitate discussion and answer questions. Preceptors are remunerated for their time at the standard PGME hourly-rate.

Below are the sessions we need preceptors for:

- April 14, 2022 13:00-13:30 Topic- Approach to Atraumatic Joint Pain/Swelling
- April 14, 2022 13:30-15:00 Topic- Rheumatologic Emergencies/Vasculitis
- April 14, 2022 15:00-17:00 Topic- ED Approach to Derm Emergencies
- April 21, 2022 15:00-17:00 Topic- Peds GI & Hydration
- April 28, 2022 14:30-16:00 Topic- Neuromuscular Disorders & Peripheral Neuropathies
- April 28, 2022 16:00-17:00 Topic- Headache and SAH
- May 19, 2022 13:00-15:00 Topic- Hand Injuries
- May 19, 2022 15:00-17:00 Topic- Ortho Lower Extremity
- June 2, 2022 13:00-14:00 Topic- Managing the Agitated Patient
- June 16, 2022 13:00-14:00 Topic- Procedural Sedation
- June 16, 2022 14:00-15:00 Topic- Back Pain
- June 16, 2022 15:00-16:00 Topic- GI Bleeds
- June 16, 2022 16:00-17:00 Topic- Diabetic Emergencies
- June 30, 2022 15:00-16:00 Topic- Liver Disease & Jaundice
- June 30, 2022 16:00-17:00 Topic- Ortho Upper Extremity

As usual, we will run this notice for two-weeks to allow everyone an opportunity to respond prior to making final assignments.

Please email Anjali at anjali.pandya@gmail.com if you are available to preceptor any of these sessions.

We know everyone is exhausted and very busy and we really appreciate everything each and everyone of you does to keep supporting residency education!

-Catherine, Jason & Anjali

STAFF EXAMINERS FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2022

March 10 and June 09

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 9 staff examiners for the oral exams on the following dates:

- **March 10 from 1030 - 1300**
- **June 9th from 1030 – 1300**

These exams will be virtual by Zoom

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.

2022 AIVA

2022 AIVA (Annual Information Verification & Attestation) email notifications have been sent out. Like last year, please log into ServiceNow to complete this year's AIVA (the link is provided in the email). **The deadline to complete is February 19**, weekly automated reminder emails will be sent to the practitioner on Mondays.

-Department of Emergency Medicine

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

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds - Thurs Feb 3

Time: 0900 – 1030 (1.5 Education Credits)

Room: Zoom ONLY

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98848048571>

Eval: <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

Session 1: (0900 – 0945)

Moderator: Dr. Erik Saude - Emergency Medicine Physician - Calgary Zone

Moderator: Ms. Abigail Turner – Harper Grey Legal Services (Bio Attached)

Speaker: Dr. Brendan Kelliher R3 CCFP-EM Resident - University of Calgary

Topic: Medicolegal Pitfalls in Emergency Medicine

Description: An exploration of practices that reduce Emergency doctors' vulnerability to lawsuits and improve patient care.

Session 2: (0945 – 1030)

Speaker: Dr. Colleen Jackson - R3 CCFP-EM Resident - University of Calgary

Guest Panelist: Dr. Deon Louw – Neurosurgeon, Caleo Clinic - Calgary

Topic: Beyond the Bolus: Nerve Blocks for Treatment of Headaches in the ED

Description: Dr. Jackson will be conducting a brief review of primary headaches. She will then be discussing the evidence behind the use of and the technique for how to perform greater occipital nerve blocks and sphenopalatine ganglion blocks for a variety of headache conditions.

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

Please don't share ZOOM links on social media or any website.

Opportunities

Teaching Opportunities - Osler

We are looking for examiners for the year 1 medical skills OSCE. Examiners must have a faculty appointment. If there are residents interested in being an examiner, they need to be at least PGY 2. The OSCE will take place in the Medical Skills Centre, HSC.

Wed 16th of Mar 2022

- 7:30 - 11:40am <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 1 (Morning - Pro Skills)
- 7:30 - 11:40am <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 1 (Back up: Morning - Pro Skills)
- 11:40 - 3:45pm <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 1 (Afternoon - Pro Skills)
- 11:40 - 3:45pm <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 1 (Back up: Afternoon - Pro Skills)

Wed 17th of Mar 2022

- 7:30 - 12:10pm <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 2 (Morning - Communication)
- 7:30 - 12:10pm <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 2 (Back up: Morning - Communication)
- 12:10 - 4:05pm <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 2 (Afternoon(short) - Communication)
- 12:10 - 4:45pm <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 2 (Afternoon(long) - Communication)
- 12:10 - 4:45pm <OSCE> MS | OSCE Day 2 (Back up: Afternoon - Communication)

As a current user in Osler, you can view and subscribe to any 'teaching or OSCE opportunities' that are available:

Log in to Osler, <https://osler.ucalgary.ca>.

If teaching opportunities are available you will see the 'Teaching Opportunities' tab on your dashboard. Select this tab to view the available teaching events.

Anyone with further questions or who wishes to sign up can email me at ume.exams@ucalgary.ca

2022 Multiple Mini-Interviews for applications to UCalgary

The Cumming School of Medicine Admissions Committee is currently reviewing applications for the MD class beginning July 2022. Approximately 576 applicants will be invited for an interview.

[Full info here.](#)

Interviews will be held on four days this year; we hope you will consider participating on one of the following dates:

- **Saturday, March 5** (9:00am-5:00pm)
- **Sunday, March 6** (7:30am-5:00pm)
- **Saturday, March 12** (7:30am-5:00pm)
- **Sunday, March 13** (9:00am-5:00pm)

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the current pandemic and associated restrictions, this year's interviews will be conducted in real time, however **online using a video platform**. We hope you will complete the RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MMI2022> as soon as possible as some dates will fill up quickly. If you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please let Shannon Cayer cayer@ucalgary.ca know so that we may approach them as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Cayer cayer@ucalgary.ca.

Summer Locum Opportunity- spread the word

The Physicians Resource Committee would like to remind everyone to encourage qualified MDs to consider a summer locum in the Calgary Zone EDs.

As a reminder, hiring into the zone for permanent positions happens once a year in the fall, but locums of 2 months (sometimes extending to a year) start in the summer.

We are processing applications now.

Applications can be sent to Scott Banks (scott.banks@ahs.ca).

Any questions can be directed to me. (neil.collins@ahs.ca).

Thanks
-Neil

CME

R2C2 Evidence - Informed Facilitated Feedback Workshop 2022

PGME is pleased to announce that we will be offering a [R2C2 Evidence-Informed Facilitated Feedback Workshop](#) on the following date:

March 3rd , 2022
9:00 - 11:00 am

This session will be held over zoom.

For those individuals that are interested in attending the session, this workshop is accredited and participants will be able to claim 2.0 hours of section 1 credits with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

As programs prepare for the transition to CBD, programs will be encouraged to adopt academic advisors (or coaches) to meet with residents at regular intervals to review all of their assessments,

provide feedback and assist the resident to develop a personal learning plan. This workshop will teach participants how to use an evidence informed facilitated feedback model and learning change plan that will optimize the effectiveness of the feedback and provide coaching for change for residents.

The workshop is targeted towards educators who are or will be performing the following roles:

- Academic advisors (or coaches) in CBD
- Longitudinal preceptors
- Program directors
- Rotation coordinators who are responsible for synthesizing multiple assessments and providing residents with summative feedback

To register for this session please email emily.fortini@ucalgary.ca by February 24th, 2022 as there is limited spots.

2022 Emergency Quality Improvement and Innovation Forum - Registration

The Emergency Strategic Clinical Network™ of Alberta Health Services is pleased to invite you to attend the virtual 2022 Emergency Quality Improvement and Innovation Forum which is scheduled to take place **Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 0800-1200hrs via Zoom.**

Along with a number of great presentations from our colleagues in emergency medicine from around the province that highlight data-driven and evidence-based research and quality improvement work, we are pleased to welcome our key-note speaker, Dr. Kendall Ho. Dr. Ho leads HEiDi , the Real-Time Virtual Support service in British Columbia launched during COVID-19 to safely divert COVID-19 related visits.

Share with your entire team and register early as virtual space is limited!

[Register now here.](#)

Kudos Corner

Kudos to Dr. Gudrun Reay on the publication *Mass casualty triage for the Emergency Department using the RATE protocol: Validation and results of a quasi-experiment.* [Read here.](#)

We are beyond thrilled to welcome Emmett Jamie Jo-Sun Nobbee to our family - born December 27th 2021 with exceptional care from the Rockyview OB and neonatal teams. Thanks to all the wonderful EM colleagues who helped us navigate pregnancy in a pandemic safely to get to this point!

-Patty, Dorian, Emmett & Revy

