



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly <sup>email</sup>

Updates for ED Physicians

January 11, 2022 Edition

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## Operations

### COVID Capacity Update

This is setting up to be a challenging wave with admissions rising quickly and a combination of factors conspiring to test our ED flow.

While ED visits are steady, Emergency Inpatients (EIPs) are rising due to reduced inpatient capacity (staff illness, bed closures for isolation) and increased inpatient demand (rapidly increasing admission rates and inability to discharge to continuing care facilities that are on outbreak).

This decreased ED “output” combined increased ED “Throughput” times (with our own inability to staff our departments fully with RNs/ MDs due to illness/COVID positive status) is making for prolonged ED waits.

EMS is seeing large increases in 911 calls and have been in “Red Alert” many times in the past few weeks with unacceptably high response times for calls. They have recently instituted triaging their lower acuity calls and are placing patients in a queue. Please work within your site protocols to prioritize patients in EMS park.

We appreciate everyone’s flexibility in covering open shifts and keeping up to date with policy changes. (see today’s newsletter for update on new PCR testing guidelines).

Neil and Eddy

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### New Guidance for PCR Testing

A major change to PCR testing for COVID was announced yesterday by the Government Of Alberta. [Please see here](#). Please note that the eligibility requirements for COVID PCR testing are now quite limited. Formal lab PCR testing is only required if it is going to change the patient's treatment (ie. Monoclonal Ab therapy) or if the person is being admitted or is part of a special community at risk. I would still recommend early testing for patients that might require admission. Please consider PCR testing for symptomatic pregnant patients and recall that the [admission and follow-up criteria are different for this population](#).

Neil

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### Return to work Algorithm

As we are all no doubt aware, there are many physicians off work due to positive COVID status or pending test results because of symptoms.

Click to see the very complicated [AHS algorithm for returning to work](#).

We appreciate everyone's flexibility in changing shifts or picking up to accommodate open shifts. On behalf of the group I would like to thank the site leadership for their extraordinary efforts in managing the unprecedented physician resource challenges. Many late-night emails, texts and phone calls have been required!

Neil

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### **Sotrovimab FAQs - Healthcare providers and Patients/Public**

See below for updated Sotrovimab FAQs for healthcare providers and patients/public:

- [Sotrovimab FAQs- Healthcare Providers](#)
  - [Sotrovimab FAQs- Patients/Public](#)
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### **Frostbite wound care**

Just a reminder that wound care services can be arranged through consulting transition services through SCM.

They will arrange appropriate wound care for frostbite at Chumir, or other sites around the city.

Neil

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### **SCM Updates!**

Please see the [SCM ED Updates](#) for the week of January 10-14, 2022:

- ED Overdose ASA Order Set – Updated
- Common IV Fluids Peds Order Set – Updated
- ED COVID-19 Order Set – Updated

Josh Vejprava  
Clinical Informatician, IT Clinical Systems User Support

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## **YYC ED Specific**

### **Interim Dept Manager - CNS & Psychiatry**

It's with mixed feelings that we announce that Leena Norman will fill the role of Interim Department Manager for the Departments of Clinical Neurosciences and Psychiatry, effective February 11, 2022. Leena will be filling in for Dolly Kim who is going to be on an 18-month maternity leave. (please see [attached memo](#)).

We will miss Leena, and we're very proud of her. We're looking forward to her returning to her Team Lead role in Critical Care and Emergency Medicine in 18 months!

Recruitment to fill Leena's 18-month interim Team Lead role will begin shortly.

Thanks

Scott H. Banks

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## Resident Winter Retreat Cancellation

Due to the current omicron wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions from PGME we have had to make the difficult decision to **CANCEL** the Winter retreat which was scheduled for Jan 14-16, 2022. The restrictions at the hotel would have made the event very limited and the risks of compromising our workforce too high. We hope that the residents can still engage in some small group wellness activities over the weekend.

We apologize for the ongoing inconvenience of this pesky pandemic.

Catherine, Anj and Jason

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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:TriSurendra.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca)  
Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed I will send Calendar invites.

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## Sim Sessions

**Please sign up here: [2022 ED Staff Simulation \(Jan - Jun 2022\)](#)**

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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)

-Department of Emergency Medicine.

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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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## 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.

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## Grand Rounds & Journal Club

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### Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds - Jan 13

- **Date:** Thurs, Jan 13, 2022
- **Time:** 0900 – 1000 ([1.0 Education Credits](#))
- **Room:** Zoom ONLY
- **Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/98848048571>
- **Eval:** <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH> (Replaces the 2021 form)

**Moderator:** Dr. Peter Davids, Emergency Medicine Physician, Calgary Zone – AHS

**Speakers:** ([Bios attached](#))

**Dr. Gregory Samis, BSc Med, FRCPS**

Division Chief Vascular Surgery, Calgary Zone – AHS

Assist Professor, Dept. of Surgery - U of C

**Dr. Kenton Rommens FRCSC, FACS**

Program Director, Clinical Assistant Professor

Vascular Surgery Residency Program – U of C

**Topic: Vascular Surgery: “Three Current Topics for the ED”**

**Description:**

*TIA “Pathway to Care”*

*ED triaging for the Acute and Chronic Limb Ischemia, How can we help each other*

*Update on Complex Aortic Clinic and ED Management of Acute Aortic Syndromes*

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

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### Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week:

[Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Part 2](#)

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### Emerg Med Journal Club - Thurs, January 20 @ 1800 VIRTUAL

Please find [attached the invitation](#) for the upcoming **Virtual** Emerg Med Journal Club.

**Topic :** “Primary Headache Management in the ED”

**Article 1:** Wells S, Stiell IG, Vishnyakova E, Lun R, Nemnom MJ, Perry JJ. Optimal management strategies for primary headache in the emergency department. CJEM. 2021 Nov;23(6):802-811. doi: 10.1007/s43678-021-00173-0. Epub 2021 Aug 14. PMID: 34390484.

**Article 2:** Patel D, Yadav K, Taljaard M, Shorr R, Perry JJ. Effectiveness of Peripheral Nerve Blocks for the Treatment of Primary Headache Disorders: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. Ann Emerg Med [Internet]. 2021 [Available here.](#)

**Date:** January 20, 2022

**Time:** 1800 - 2100

**Presenters:** Drs. Scott Wakeham, Bobby Johnston and John Wink

**Preceptors:** Dr. Ryan Wilkie

**Join JC by Zoom**

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/99368545627>

Meeting ID: 993 6854 5627

This program meets the accreditation criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been accredited for 1.5 MainPro-M1 credits.

This program is approved as an accredited group learning activity as defined by the maintenance of certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

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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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### Leadership Opportunities - UME

As some of you may know, our curriculum for preclerkship is being restructured and will change in July 2023 with the Year 1 class. With that said, there are 3 Preclerkship Director positions posted that will lead this curriculum change and renewal.

Here is the link to the website where all the postings and job profiles are located:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/faculty/job-opportunities>

All resumes can be directed to our Associate Dean, Dr. Chris Naugler at [associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca](mailto:associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca).

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## CME

## **EDI LUNCH & LEARN – MOVING TOWARDS ANTI-RACISM & ANTI-RACIST TEACHING**

We are excited to have **Dr. Fouzia Usman**, Educational Development Consultant with the **Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning**, speaking about inclusive teaching at the next EDI Lunch & Learn on **January 26<sup>th</sup>**. In this session, you will learn strategies to move towards **anti-racist practices in teaching**.

**WHO:** Hosted by **OPED, OFDP** & presented by the **Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning**

**WHAT:** EDI Lunch & Learn – Moving Towards Anti-Racism & Anti-Racist Teaching

**WHEN:** January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 12:30 – 1:30 PM

**WHERE:** ZOOM (*Note: this session will be recorded*)

**HOW:** Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/237720667917>

*Offered in partnership by the Office of Professionalism, Equity and Diversity and the Office of Faculty Development and Performance*

### **MORE CSM Fac Dev Workshops:**

[Navigating the completion of assessments in the era of CBME](#) - Mon Jan 21

Want more? Please keep an eye on our [event calendar](#) for future offerings...

[Browse programs and workshops](#)

Learn how [Precision FacDev](#) can help you

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## **Navigating the Completion of Assessments in the Era of CBME - A few spaces left!**

**Senior Residents and Clinical Faculty members in the CSM**

Objectives

1. Review the practicality of EPA completion when an assessment is requested, or when you feel that an assessment is needed
2. Gain an understanding of what happens from the time of assessment request, assessment completion, competence committee meeting, and promotion of the trainee.
3. Providing “narrative” feedback through e-portfolio.
4. Tips and tricks in the provision of effective written feedback

Scheduled Facilitator: Dr. Marcy Mintz

[Register here.](#)

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## **Kudos Corner**

**Kudos to Dr. Pandya on this [patient commendation!](#)**

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**Kudos to Dr. Grant Kennedy - Compelling Calgarian:** [Complete list of the 2022 Compelling Calgarians](#) | [Calgary Herald](#)

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## **Clerkship Teaching Awards from Class of 2021**

The Class of 2021 at the Cumming School of Medicine recently selected faculty for teaching awards. As per usual there was no shortage of EM representation.

The following received "Honour Roll" recognition:

- Andruchow, James
- Betzner, Mike
- Bond, Chris
- DaSilva, Stefan
- East, Christine
- Hari, Bretton
- Kennedy, Grant
- Khory, Ayesha
- Lee, Patricia
- Lubin, Jonathan
- Patterson, Heather
- Pompa, Nicolas
- Sran, Mandeep
- Teitge, Braden
- VandenBerg, Stephanie
- Wong, Charles
- Wright, Natasha

The following received "Gold Star" recognition:

- Bethune, Don
- Gomez, Ana
- Johnston, Aaron
- Lin, Katie
- Nakashima, Brenda
- Neddoly, Dennis
- Rose, Stuart

The following residents also got recognition:

- Hunter, Miles
- Johnston, Bobby
- Liu, Yang (Steven)
- Stewart, Dana

Thanks to ALL of you for your ongoing contributions to education at the Undergraduate level and congratulations to the award recipients!

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