



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

January 18, 2022 Edition

Notes from Neil & Eddy

[Read Wave 5 update here.](#)

Operations

CT Head and PEs from Urgent Cares

The UCCs have an internal referral process to transfer low risk head injuries and chest pains for CT head/PE to the Chumir for imaging, rather than ED. The idea of course is to reduce ED and hospital DI utilization. Patients sent to the Chumir for CT imaging are likely to be seen and discharged **3+ hours sooner** than going to an ED. Currently the process is limited to CT head and CTPE for low risk patients (i.e. very unlikely to need hospital management/admission after the CT).

The [guidelines can be viewed here](#) for those interested. This process is more than a year old but is not perfectly utilized due to lack of familiarity from UCC MDs and RAAPID RNs; therefore I am asking that if you receive a call requesting a CT head or PE for a low risk, likely dischargeable patient, then consider asking the UCC MD and RAAPID to send the patient to Chumir. A Chumir MD is involved in this transfer and can take part in a 3-way call if necessary to clarify disposition. As always please don't hesitate to forward and questions or concerns to me.

Charles K Wong

Connect Care Update

A couple of quick notifications regarding Connect Care:

1) For those who may not already have heard, the go-live date for Wave 4 of Connect Care (including PLC and ACH) has been **delayed slightly, from May 14 to May 28.**

2) Training for physicians working at Wave 4 sites is scheduled to resume in late February / early March. Notifications will soon be emailed out regarding sign up for training sessions. **PLEASE NOTE that these messages will likely be sent to your AHS email address**, so keep an eye out for them. You cannot work unless you have completed the training! If you have already completed the training you should not need to repeat it.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Frostbite Reminders

A few reminders about frostbite care after our last big cold snap and before the next one

1. Grade one frostbite that needs wound care but does not need admission can be sent to the wound care clinic at the Chumir, or Home Care can assist. These patients are not appropriate for the burn clinic.
2. Remember that in severe frostbite that gets treated with Alteplase, they also need heparin at the same time. This was missed on at least one case this year.
3. The decision about treating with Illoprost is yours to make and does not require a plastics consult. The first six hour infusion will be given in the ED to ensure hemodynamic stability. Remember that frostbite often evolves over time and the final level of the injury is often a bit proximal to where it appears at the time of presentation. So, if there does not appear to be cyanosis, but the frostbite is proximal to the DIP and it is early, or there is cyanosis but only at the tip of the distal phalynx, it would be reasonable to err on the side of over treating.
4. In terms of patient disposition, our agreed upon division of labour is that patients with complex or active co-morbidities (significant withdrawal, rhabdo, other active issues) or patients who exhibit hypotension with the initial infusion go to MTU. Patients without major comorbidities that are proven stable are appropriate for the hospitalist.

Ian Walker

SCM Updates!

No updates for the week of Jan 17-21, 2022.

Josh Vejprava
Clinical Informatician, IT Clinical Systems User Support

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.

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

Save the Date - Hodsman Lecture 2022

This year's **Hodsman Legacy Lecture will be April 21, 2022**. Please mark your calendars, details to follow.

Staff facilitator needed for Sim March 10

We are in need of a staff facilitator for our FR Junior Simulation session on March 10 from 10:30-12:30. The theme for this session is Pediatrics. As facilitator, you will also be paired with a senior FR to co-facilitate & the cases for the day will be provided to you.

Please contact Anjali at anjali.pandya@gmail.com if you are able to help out with this date & thanks for considering!

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 19th**, weekly automated reminder emails will be sent to the practitioner on Mondays.

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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

-Department of Emergency Medicine.

Flames Tickets For Sale

Section 216, Row 15, Seats 15 and 16

\$147.38 for the pair (\$73.69 each)

- Jan 18 7pm Panthers
- Jan 24 7pm Blues
- Jan 29 8pm Canucks

If any interest, please contact Gavin Greenfield at ggreenfi@ucalgary.ca

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, Jan 20

Note: Here is the **new 2022 on-line evaluation** form. Please replace any previously saved versions. <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

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. Colin Bell, Emergency Medicine Physician

Speaker: Dr. Hannah Duyvewaardt, R3 – CCFP-EM Resident, University of Calgary

Topic: From Door to Debridement: Using POCUS to aid in the diagnosis of Necrotizing Fasciitis in the ER

Description: *Overview of the current clinical tools and criteria for diagnosing Necrotizing Fasciitis, while focusing on reviewing what the signs on Point Of Care Ultrasound that are sensitive and specific to the diagnosis of Necrotizing Fasciitis.*

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

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

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week: [Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Part 3](#)

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

Opportunities

ED PLC Site Chief & ED PLC Assistant Site Chief

These positions represent a great opportunity to get involved in the leadership of the Calgary Zone Emergency Department, and influence real change.

Both positions are available effective **March 1, 2022**.

The Emergency Department PLC Site Chief position is a .3FTE role (for further details contact Scott Banks).

The Emergency Department PLC Assistant Site Chief position is a .1FTE role (for further details contact Scott Banks).

To apply for these rarely available opportunities, please email a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV.

Cover letters and CV's should be emailed to: ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca and should be received no later than January 31, 2022. In the cover letter please state which position you're interested in.

Both the jobs are posted on Dr Jobs website, the links to access them are as below:

- [DoctorJobsAlberta.com: Calgary - PLC Emergency Department Site Chief - 40318](#)
- [DoctorJobsAlberta.com: Calgary - PLC Emergency Department Assistant Site Chief - 40317](#)

If you have any questions about these roles, please feel free to call or email me, Neil, and the current Site Chief (Dr. Chris Bond) and Assistant Site Chief (Dr. Alyssa Morris) about the roles.

-Scott Banks

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.

CME

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

Congrats to residents **Dr.Cody Dunne** for project “An evaluation of prehospital foreign body airway obstruction interventions” and **Dr.Dana Stewert** for her project” Antibiotic prescription patterns for suspected urinary tract infections in the pediatric emergency department” - **both have been awarded the Grant Innes Resident Research Award!**

Kudos to **Dr. Matt Frey and the team at FMC** on this [patient commendation.](#)
