



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

July 06, 2021 Edition

To submit items for the ED newsletter, please send the information to amani.otoom@ahs.ca AND meghan.prevast@ucalgary.ca no later than 12pm on Tuesday for inclusion that day. It will be reviewed and included if appropriate.

Operations

Federal Quarantine Requirements for Travelers

Hi Group,

Re: international travel, please see the following guidance from the weekly CMO letter.

[Changes to Federal Quarantine Requirements for Travelers](#)

Neil Collins

SCM ED Updates July 05-09

- [SCM ED Updates July 05-09.2021](#)
- [SCM Targeted Notice-EDRN Suspected Poisoning](#)

Joshua Vejprava RN BSc BN MBA

Clinical Informatician | IT Clinical Systems User Support – Calgary Zone| Clinical Services – IT | Alberta Health Services

YYC ED Specific

Physician Support Fund (PSF) Survey!

We need your input! There have been big funding changes from AHS / UofC and everyone's income was down this year. We want to appropriately disburse your money and support initiatives that you want.

This survey will honestly take less than 3 minutes and also provides a report on where your money has gone and all the awesome things we have been able to do as a group!

3 minutes! <https://forms.gle/ZSomLB85vpc2nNDj7>

-Your PSF

CCFP-EM Oral Exams - Examiners Needed

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

- **September 16 from 1030 - 1300**
- **December 9th from 1030 – 1300**

Most likely, these exams will be 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.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca. Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed I will send Calendar invites

Thanks
Tris

Looking for 1-2 ED MDs for Medical Stability Working Group

I am looking for 1-2 ED MDs to be a part of the medical stability working group at FMC. The objective of this group is to develop a formalized process for the assessment and determination of medical stability in psychiatric patients presenting with an acute mental health condition at FMC. We hope to reduce the number of missed medical diagnoses, shorten ED LOS, and most importantly, reduce patient morbidity. Additional goals include identifying barriers to timely and safe disposition of psychiatric patients with medical complaints from the ED, and to explore and address impediments to the care of mental health patients on medical and psychiatric inpatient units. This group has representation from psychiatry, neurology, IM, and hospitalist services. The group will meet in September, and would involve 2-3 meetings between September – December 2021.

This is a great opportunity for junior staff, or anyone who would like to become involved with committee work, process changes in the ED, and collaborating with colleagues from different disciplines. Working at FMC is not a requirement. If you are interested, or would like additional information, email me.

Thanks!
Jen Nicol

Career Coaching for Medical Students

We are looking to recruit 10 new coaches for UME's Career Exploration Program. Please forward to your colleagues or internal departmental email group.

Each student entering the MD program is assigned a Career Coach with whom they will meet on 3 occasions (approximately August 2021, January 2022, July 2022) over the first 2 years of medical school. The Career Coach role is distinct from mentorship or advising about the physician's own area of practice. Rather, using coaching techniques, the Career Coach will guide the student through exploring and ultimately making informed decisions about the career that they wish to pursue in medicine. A faculty development package will be provided, including some short videos about coaching. Physicians who are not part of an ARP will be compensated at the usual hourly teaching rate for these sessions.

Please send expressions of interest to Tania at MDcareerdevelopment@ucalgary.ca by June 30.

-Gavin Greenfield

Residency Education Involvement

Are you interested in becoming more involved in residency education? We are fortunate to have a such a large group of excellent emergency physicians here in Calgary and we'd love to have you!

If you are interested in what aspects of the programs you could get involved in, you can read more about them and let us know of your areas of interest by [clicking here](#).

While not all parts of the program actively need preceptors or membership, we'll reach out to you as opportunities come up.

Thanks!
-Catherine, Anjali & Jason"

INFO Debriefing study expands to all EDs

Have you been part of an INFO debriefing? We are looking for participants to take part in a study titled "Attitudes of Calgary Emergency Department Staff to the INFO Sessions Debriefing Technique."

This study started at the FMC but is now expanding to all the Calgary ED's and we would really like to know what you think about INFO debriefing at your site.

Participants will be asked to commit 30 minutes for a one-on-one interview via Zoom audio.

Participants will receive a \$10 coffee card (and an INFO pen) as a thank you for their participation.

[Read more.](#)

Thank you

Stuart

Extra-curriculars/clinical & non-clinical interests survey

Thank you to those who attempted the survey and my apologies to those who encountered a glitch that prevented you from submitting the survey. The issue has been resolved and I would greatly appreciate it if those of you who had issues would be willing to return to the survey to complete it. Thank you again and my sincere apologies for the confusion and frustration.

Below you will find a link to a survey that is looking to collect information about areas of clinical and non-clinical interests as well as involvement in hubs or extra curricular activities. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete. The ultimate goal of this survey is to create a password-protected staff directory on our Calgary EM website where both residents and other staff can find colleagues with similar interests and areas of expertise. By participating in this survey you will help our residents with finding mentors or identifying staff who have careers in their areas of interest. It would also be used to help colleagues find collaborators or mentors and to help develop wellness/social initiatives. This survey is NOT a means for leadership to monitor the extra curricular activities of the staff and does not affect promotions/hiring/etc.

[Click here for survey.](#)

Thank you in advance for your time and for contributing to the enhanced sense of community in our department. Please feel free to contact me via email if you have any questions or concerns.

Dr. Carly Hagel MD FRCPC

Announcement- Christina Cherian- Research Coordinator

Hi Everyone,

We are very pleased to announce that Christina Cherian has accepted the Research Coordinator position replacing Hina Walia.

Christina has experience in both clinical trials and academic research projects. A native of the Greater Toronto Area, she has the opportunity in spinal cord injury research in Toronto and more recently, worked at University of Calgary with the Department of Neurosciences. She brings 5+ years of experience in research ethics, assessing and enrolling patients into studies and study coordination for multicenter projects.

Christina can be reached at christina.cherian@albertahealthservices.ca or phone 403.944.3680.

Please join us in welcoming Christina to her new role!

Thanks,

Scott & Leena

Wellness Update!

Wellness Supports

1. Call your Peer Support Team. 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 6 free hours of counselling for yourself and 6 free for your family members.

YYCEM JULY Wellness Challenge!

It's July and it's looking like the sun is in and Covid restrictions are out! This month's challenge is to get outside, with friends and get some exercise. There's nothing better than to Get Fit and have Fun :)

Check out the website and the July video to learn more.

Click here to discover more: www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com

- Click here to watch the July video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gz2W2-VY2-Q>

CME

CSM New Faculty Orientation – September 14, 2021

Are you new Faculty who has started with Cumming School of Medicine within the last three years?

Have you been with Cumming School of Medicine for awhile but have NOT attended the Office of Faculty Development and Performance New Faculty Orientation?

Not to be confused with AHS Orientation, Faculty Development and Performance provides all new faculty within CSM with the low down on roles and responsibilities, critical resources, mentorship, career development, and more!

[Claim your space!](#)

Opportunities

UME Job Opportunities

The Undergraduate Medical Education Office has leadership opportunities for your consideration. They are:

- Course Chair – Course 3 (Cardiovascular) Preclerkship
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) UME Committee Chair
- International Academic Mentor, Student Advising & Wellness (SAW)

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please click the link below for the posting and job profiles.

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

Applications can be sent to Dr. Chris Naugler, Associate Dean (UME) at:
associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca
