



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

July 13, 2021 Edition

## Notes from Eddy, July Edition

[Click here to read July edition](#) of Notes from Eddy.

Dr. Eddy Lang

## Operations

### SCM ED Updates

There are no SCM ED updates for the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.

Best Regards,

**Joshua Vejprava RN BSc BN MBA**

Clinical Informatician | IT Clinical Systems User Support – Calgary Zone | Clinical Services – IT |  
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## YYC ED Specific

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

Thanks  
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### **ED Staff Simulation (September – December 2021)**

Please [click here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

Gord McNeil

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### **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"

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### **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

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### **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

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### **Resident/staff mountain bike day, July 21**

Hi all,

The first resident/staff mountain bike day of the year is set for July 21, weather permitting.

The basic plan will be to meet at the West Bragg Creek parking lot at 11 and aim for an 1130 start. Depending on the number of people who come there will likely be at least 2 groups with ride times between 1-2 hours depending on what people's preferences are. Parking lot drinks afterwards.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or suggestions please let me know. Andrew Robinson

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### **Safeworks injection site closure**

Please see [the attached letter](#) written by one of our exceptional local Addiction Medicine Physicians, Dr. Kate Colizza, in collaboration with the AMA, to our provincial government regarding the proposed changes and budget cuts to our local safe injection program. We work closely with this patient population and the service this program provides is invaluable. Please consider adding your name in support of this letter that will be submitted by the end of the week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Dr. Coliz. Furthermore, please share with colleagues in different specialties if you are able. Thank you so much!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XZvs0VVVALDctjqga7tjuICMI7k57\\_4wZuDU0z4Jm58/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XZvs0VVVALDctjqga7tjuICMI7k57_4wZuDU0z4Jm58/edit?usp=sharing)

Brit Sunderani

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### **Difficult Airway Management Cart Survey**

The difficult airway management (DAM) carts in the Calgary zone adult sites were revised in the fall of 2019. We are following up with a feedback survey to determine if the changes have been positive and if any further revisions need to be made to improve usability. Your feedback is invaluable. Please complete this 5-10 minute survey at your earliest convenience. The survey will be open until September 10, 2021. Your responses will be kept anonymous, however, if you wish to provide feedback directly or discuss anything related to the DAM carts, please contact [Tona.Laerz@AHS.ca](mailto:Tona.Laerz@AHS.ca) or Dr. Jonathan Gaudet at [jgaudet@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jgaudet@ucalgary.ca).

Click the link to access the survey or scan the QR code to access the survey from a mobile device:

[DAM Cart Physician Feedback Survey](#)



*Please see attached a pdf with images of the cart with equipment lists. This information is also at the end of the survey.*

The carts have been audited to determine if there have been any changes made to layout or equipment stocking since implementation.

We will also be looking for RLS reports related to the DAM cart. The RLS system enables staff and physicians to report adverse events, close calls and hazards to help make patient care safer by sharing learnings and improvements made. You should report any event, close call or hazard as this provides valuable information that brings attention to any areas of concern and helps us improve patient safety.

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### **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](mailto:MDcareerdevelopment@ucalgary.ca) by June 30.

-Gavin Greenfield

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### **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](http://www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com)

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

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## **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!](#)

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## **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](mailto:associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca)

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## **Kudos Corner**

Kudos to Dr. Marshall Ross for co-facilitating with Dr. Rob Tanguay a simulation training session about Buprenorphine/Naloxone Initiation in the Emergency Department. [Click here](#) for more details.

\*PHYSICIANS who complete the course can claim 2 hours of CME Section 3 study credits.\*

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