



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

July 26, 2022 Edition

Operations

Update Regarding Open Shifts

Hi All:

You will all have seen the newsletter and email posting of opportunities to work in Calgary Zone Urgent Care Centers and rural EDs across the province. We post these as a service to those organizations and communities as part of our desire to be good citizens in the medical community.

These outside organizations would agree however that it is incumbent upon each Department to consider their own shift obligations before taking on work in other zones or departments.

There are multiple open shifts due to ED MD medical illness in the Calgary Zone EDs as well as near-daily 10-plus hour waits to see an ED MD.

We would like to acknowledge that conditions are very difficult right now for both MDs and RNs in short staffed EDs. Efforts to resolve the staffing crisis are ongoing.

We appreciate the hard work and patience on shift and the ongoing efforts of the medical/RN leadership at each site to manage the crisis.

-Neil and Eddy

The Cochrane Urgent Care Centre (CUC) has multiple shifts to fill in the month of August. CUC is open 0800-2200.

If you are able to provide coverage for any of the following shifts, please contact Dr. Jyl Radwell at jylradwell@hotmail.com

Date - Shift

- 1 - 1500-2000
- 2 - 1500-2000
- 5 - 0800-1500
- 10 - 1500-2000
- 11 - 1500-2000 & 1700-late
- 13 - 1500-2000
- 15 - 1500-2000
- 18 - 1500-2000
- 19 - 1500-2000
- 20 - 1500-2000
- 21 - 1700-late
- 23 - 1500-2000
- 24 - 1500-2000
- 25 - 1500-2000

- 26 - 1500-2000
 - 27 - 1500-2000
 - 28 - 1500-2000
 - 30 - 1500-2000
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Emergency Coverage Needed: Sundre Hospital Tues Jul 26-Wed Jul 27

on behalf of Dr. Bill Ward, Facility Medical Director, Sundre

Sundre Hospital and Care Centre *urgently* requires physician ER coverage from this Tuesday 26th July at 6 PM to Wednesday 27th at 8 AM. Temporary diversion of services will occur if coverage cannot be found.

If able to provide coverage, please contact Dr. Bill Ward:

Mobile: 403-638-1525

- billward03@gmail.com
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Shifts available for "pick-up" at Airdrie and South Calgary Urgent Cares for ConnectCare trained MDs:

The Airdrie and South UCCs are looking for immediate help covering shifts. We would be able to provide immediate cross-privileging to either site for anyone interested in working at a lower acuity/higher volume site. There will be **no commitment** apart from picking up available shifts that work for you, although future scheduled shifts can be considered. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let me know ASAP. Similar opportunities at other sites may soon also become available.

Charles Wong: charles.k.wong@AHS.ca

YYC ED Specific

RIME Update

[Click here to read the July 2022 update from Re-Imagining Medical Education \(RIME\)](#)

STAFF EXAMINERS FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2022

September 15 and December 08

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 7 staff examiners for the oral exams on the following dates:

- **September 15th** from 1030 - 1300
- **December 8th** 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
Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed I will send Calendar invites.

New Faculty Orientation - In Person

Are you new faculty this year? Are you 'not so new' faculty in the past few years who hasn't attended one of these?

Not to be confused with AHS Orientation, the Office of Faculty Development and Performance provides this session to all new faculty within CSM to introduce you to your roles and responsibilities, critical resources, mentorship, career development, meeting other new faculty and more!

There will be something for everyone, whether you're a basic scientist or physician, clinically appointed faculty or full-time academic staff!

Lunch will be provided

[Register now.](#)

September 13, 2022

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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RAAPID LTC to ED Study Call for Participants

If you are an Emergency Department Physician who has used RAAPID or either one of the early intervention tools with LTC care residents within the last 24 months, you are invited to participate in a [45-60 minute online focus group](#) or one-on-one interview. The aim is to try to understand the barriers and facilitators faced by health practitioners in using the new care pathway. Participation is completely voluntary. A CDN \$50 gift card will be provided as reimbursement for a participant's time.

If you have any questions regarding this study or are interested in participating, please contact the study team at nuclear@ualberta.ca or 780-492-5026.

Study Title- Improving Acute Care for Long-Term Care Residents: A Better Way to Care for the Frail Elderly in Times of Medical Urgency.

Principal Investigator- Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc University of Calgary

The plan for this study has been reviewed for its adherence to ethical guidelines by the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB REB190106) at the University of Calgary and the Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta (Pro00090932). If you have questions about your rights or how research should be conducted, you can call the Research Services Office at University of Calgary at 403-220-2297 or the Research Ethics Office at University of Alberta reoffice@ualberta.ca. This office is independent of the researchers.

ED Staff Sim Sessions

Please sign up [here](#).

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

Journal Club: Looking for staff preceptors and hosts

Journal Club has long been an important social and professional connection point between the staff and residents in Calgary and we are excited to bring it back in a new and improved format this September.

1. Journal Club has been revamped to give it a more clinical focus. The majority of statistical analysis teaching will now take place in other resident teaching sessions. With this change, we are hoping to

expand our list of preceptors. If you are interested in being a preceptor or co-preceptor, please reach out to Dr. Kelsey Ragan and Dr. Dave Mainprize. kmragan@gmail.com, davegmainprize@gmail.com

2. We are moving Journal Club back to staff physician homes in the fall. As a host, you will receive \$750 for food purchases (this does not include alcohol purchases). If you are willing to host a Journal Club in your home, please reach out to Sean Crooks (smcrooks@ucalgary.ca)

Please see [Google Sheet for Journal Club dates](#), hosts, resident leaders and preceptors.

Thank you,

Sean, Kelsey and Dave

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds - On hiatus until September

Opportunities

Opportunity: Associate Research Director

After serving for two successful years as the Associate Research Director, Katie Lin has decided to step down and focus on other things effective September 30, 2022. Katie has done an exceptional job in this role, and has helped to make the research area very successful. We would like to thank her for the many contributions to research within the Calgary Zone Emergency Department. We are now in the process of recruiting a new Associate Research Director.

About the Position: The Associate Research Director is considered a **0.2FTE** position and is paid from the University of Calgary. It is compensated at the rate of **\$41,790.50 annually** inclusive of vacation pay and there are no benefits associated with it. If you're interested in applying for this exceptional opportunity, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV **on or before July 31, 2022**.

Innovation in emergency care and development of new evidence is critical to informing process and operational improvements, and in improving patient outcomes. This position is essential for the development of new evidence using local Calgary data. The Associate Research Director Scientist will also act as a scholarly mentor for graduate and postgraduate trainees, and participate in Calgary Zone ED quality improvement activities. They will also act as a collaborator with researchers from outside of the Department of Emergency Medicine whose research will impact the care of ED patients.

Key Responsibilities:

- Primary research/evidence generation leading to operational and practice change in Calgary Zone EDs.
- Mentoring graduate, postgraduate and undergraduate medical trainees engaged in research and/or quality improvement projects.
- Coordinating with the Calgary Zone Emergency Medicine Division Chief of Research regarding research projects involving collaborators outside of the Department of Emergency Medicine.
- Attend meetings as required and the departmental annual retreat.
- The Associate Research Director scientist will be expected to compete for additional peer-reviewed salary support.
- Assisting the Division Chief of Emergency Medicine Research in organizing the annual EM Research Day.
- Supervision for our Research Coordinator.
- Co-chairing the EM Research Advisory Committee.
- Developing original research ideas and leading in the performance and publication of these research ideas.
- Assisting with other collaborative research that occurs in the department.
- Teaching EM residents and other trainees about research methodology, abstract submission, poster design and oral presentation skills.

The selected candidate will work closely with EM Research Section Chief. For further details about the role, please feel free to call or email me, Eddy or speak directly to Stephanie and Katie at katielinmd@gmail.com

-Scott Banks

Opportunity: Connect Care Physician Builder Lead

ED Physicians:

After serving for two successful years as the Connect Care Physician Builder Lead, Chris Hall has decided to step down effective August 31, 2022. Chris has done a very good job in this role. We would like to thank him for his work & contributions to make the Connect Care transition successful for the Calgary Zone Emergency Department. We are now in the process of recruiting a new Connect Care Physician Builder Lead.

About the Position:

The Connect Care Physician Builder Lead is considered a **0.1FTE** position, compensated at the rate of **\$23,199 annually**. If you're interested in applying for this exceptional opportunity, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV **on or before August 8, 2022**.

The Connect Care & Physician Builder Lead promotes clinical improvement through hands on involvement during the Connect Care launches. This role trains for Epic Physician or Content Builder Certification and builds organizational capacity for CIS customization, optimization, content development, testing and analytics. Clinician Builders bridge clinical and technical domains by improving characterization of user needs while easing pathways to solutions. In short, Clinician Builders help organize the CIS user population, improve communication between the IT team and users, generate CIS content, and promote meaningful use of the CIS.

A key part of an effective clinician engagement strategy, clinician builders promote end-user organization, empowerment and accountability. Key to empowerment is building capacity to customize and shape the CIS to better address clinical, quality improvement, safety, and innovation and education goals. Connect Care & Physician Builders gain the understanding, tools and relationships needed to be effective change agents.

This role acts as liaison between departmental leadership and the Connect Care team / office of the Chief Medical Information Officer on issues related to Connect Care implementation; develops detailed understanding of the Epic / Connect Care platform as it related to ED operations; provides educational sessions to ED physicians prior to and around the time of Connect Care launch in Calgary if a need for such sessions (over and above the standard training sessions provided by the CMIO's office) is identified.

This position plays a lead role in the development and modification of order sets relevant to the ED and integration of evidence based decision support tools in the Connect Care order sets; prioritizes the implementation of Calgary specific customizations, develops site & zone-based level dashboards and other reporting tools relevant to the operational needs of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

For further details about the role, please feel free to call or email me or Neil or contact Chris directly at chall99@gmail.com

[See job post here.](#)

Thanks! Scott Banks, scott.banks@ahs.ca

EP Liaison Lead Mental health position with ED

We would like to thank Dr. Jen Nicol on her ground-breaking work & contribution as the Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health these past 2 years.

The Department of Emergency Medicine (Alberta Health Services – Calgary Zone) is now accepting applications for a 0.1FTE (\$23, 199) [Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health](#). This ½ day per week position is available immediately. This position is joint funded by the generosity of the Calgary Health Foundation and the Department of Psychiatry. The term for this position is one year renewable, with 3 years of funding expected to be in place.

The main focus of the EPLL – Mental Health will be to develop and educate emergency physicians on the best mental health practices in the Emergency Department, as well as after discharge. The EPLL – Mental Health will also take a leadership role in driving positive outcomes in mental health care in collaboration with Mental Health and Additions, will work closely with ACCESS Mental Health, and will attend related Mental Health Quality Improvement project meetings. The goal of this role is to improve the quality of service received, as well as the overall experience for mental health patients who attend Calgary Zone adult Emergency Departments.

If you are interested in administrative work and are looking for a role that can serve as an introduction, this position is for you! It is a great opportunity to learn more about the care of mental health patients in our EDs, and the ways we can provide better care to this important patient population. It is also an opportunity to engage with different consultant and stakeholder groups in our hospitals. For further details on role accountabilities, please contact Dr. Jen Nicol at Jjenicol@gmail.com.

Interested applicants should forward their curriculum vitae and cover letter to Scott Banks at ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca by **July 31, 2022**.

Thanks - if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.
Scott

Bonavista, NL - Locum Coverage Available - Come visit us!

Seeking physicians to provide locum work in the Bonavista Peninsula Health Centre, Bonavista, NL during the summer and/or into the fall. The shifts are 24 hours or 48 hours based on physician preference and we are very flexible with dates so can generally work around availability. The work is to provide ER/on-call coverage (on-site during the day and off site at night and called as required). Critical escorts to another facility may also be required, as well as care of inpatients. A NP works in the inpatient unit weekdays. Clinic work can also be arranged for physicians that would like to do so.

Bonavista is a vibrant community that boasts some of the world's best vantage points for spotting puffins, icebergs and whales. It has numerous world class hiking trails and the Bonavista Peninsula has UNESCO designation for some of the best preserved fossils in the world. Bonavista attracts people worldwide because of its history, culture, unique restaurants, hiking trails, whale watching and ice bergs. If you are interested in doing sightseeing while in Bonavista we can certainly arrange for you to work a day or two, have a day off and then work another shift, for example

If hired, you would be provided with nice family friendly accommodations at no cost. The rate of pay is currently \$3,088.86 for every 24 hours worked. Airline flights to and from Calgary and a vehicle rental are reimbursed, along with gas receipts and a meal allowance of \$43.70 daily. One travel day to NL and one travel day from NL is paid at \$825 for each day.

The Bonavista Peninsula Health Centre has 10 inpatient beds which includes one palliative care bed. The Protective Care Unit has 13 beds. The services include 24 hour emergency services, blood collection, laboratory services, diagnostic imaging, x-ray, diabetic education, dietician, chemotherapy services, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, phototherapy, mental health, outpatient clinics and inpatient services. The Centre is associated with the long term care facility Golden Heights Manor which consists of 70 beds (level 3 care) that includes one respite bed.

Interested applicants must be eligible for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador (www.cpsnl.ca) and satisfy credentialing requirements of Eastern Health.

Visit us at www.townofbonavista.com, and www.easternhealth.ca.

If interested or if you have questions, please reach out to: nancy.avery@easternhealth.ca and paula.mallaley@easternhealth.ca.

CME & Learning

Virtual conference: Connecting Research and Practice in Post-Secondary Mental Health

Program, details and registration [here](#)

- August 12 & 13
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St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update

Sep 22-25 (Thu-Sat) | Whistler Conference Centre | Conference

Audience: family physicians, emergency physicians, hospitalists, internists, pediatricians, rural physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, paramedics, residents and students.

Up to 18.0 Mainpro+/MOC Section 1 Credits

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Highlights:

- Find out about managing medical issues seen at ANY type of practice, not just in the emergency room
 - Get some new practice management skills like billing, financial management, CMPA, and ethics
 - Reconnect with colleagues at our welcome reception on Sep 22 and our conference reception on Sep 24 – families welcome!
 - Get a refresher or learn a new technique with our hands-on skills workshops on Saturday provided by our expert instructors
 - Update your casting and airway skills at our pre-conference CASTED: Emergency Workshop and one of our two CAEP: AIME Roadshows
 - Interactive group discussions, case-based workshops and lots of opportunities to socialize and network with colleagues
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Upcoming EDI-related Conferences & Events:

Aug. 3, 10:00 – 11:00am: Join the next Mount Sinai National Chats for Change for the next webinar in the series, **Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say** with the focus on **Allyship**. Details and registration [here](#)

Aug. 11, 11:45am – 1:00pm MT: The UCalgary community is invited to attend an online webinar, **Embedding Well-Being into Post-Secondary Organizational Culture**, as part of the Taylor Institute's Summer Wellness Series. Details and registration [here](#)

July 29-31: The **National Black Canadians Summit** is being held in Halifax, NS. This conference is inspired by the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024): Recognition, Justice and Development, as proclaimed by the United Nations. More details and registration [here](#)

Aug. 12 & 13: Join a 1.5 day virtual conference on **Connecting Research and Practice in Post-Secondary Mental Health**. Program, details and registration [here](#)

Aug. 24-26: The AAMC is offering in-person **Restorative Justice in Academic Medicine Facilitator Training** in Washington, DC. The program will help participants to effectively incorporate restorative justice, gain the tools to address the impact of harms, deter recidivism, and facilitate collaborative solutions within medical schools, teaching hospitals, and allied health professional institutions. Details [here](#)

March 10-12, 2023 + follow-up webinars: CSM's CMS&PD Office is pleased to host the **Mindful Practice in Medicine Core Workshop** over two days at the Banff Centre. This retreat-like workshop, designed for medical practitioners and educators, provides an experiential and interactive learning environment to help energize participants find joy and resilience. Details and registration [here](#)

Kudos Corner

Shout out to Dr. Stephen Freedman and company:

[University of Calgary doctor's study sheds light on mystery of long COVID in kids | CBC News](#)

[Effectiveness of intravenous prostaglandin to reduce digital amputations from frostbite: an observational study](#)

Kudos to Sean Crooks · Brett H. Shaw · James E. Andruchow · Chel Hee Lee · Ian Walker