



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

July 5, 2022 Edition

Note: There will be new ED Newsletter next week, on July 12. It will resume July 19.

Operations

Request for ED Coverage - July 7 (Black Diamond)

This is an urgent call-out for ED coverage for Oilfields General Hospital (Black Diamond) on Thursday, July 7th 1700-0900.

If you are available to provide coverage, please respond asap.

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YYC ED Specific

ED Staff Sim Sessions

Please sign up [here](#).

FMC Level 1 Trauma Process Sim Sessions

After a significant delay due to covid, we are aiming to get the FMC level 1 trauma process simulations up and running again. The goal of these sessions is to work on a systematic framework of communication, role and task delegation, as well as safe integration of learners into the trauma team for all level 1 trauma activations. The emphasis is not on the actual medical content of the cases. These sessions will consist of a pre-amble that goes through the current recommendations followed by 2 cases. This work is based on many years of interdisciplinary collaborative work within the trauma committee, we welcome all feedback about the existing process, and have previously incorporated changes from the prior 2020 sessions.

We are hoping to start these sessions on July 12, 2022. We are aiming to offer 2 sessions a month from now until the end of Jan 2023. Each session can support 4 participating EDMDs, and 2 observing EDMDs. The goal is to get the remaining EDMDs who have not previously been through this session through by the end of Jan 2023. Preference will be given to those who have not yet attended, however if you have previously attended and would like to attend as a refresher that is of course welcome, but just be aware the cases are currently the same as what was done in 2020. If

you are unsure if you have previously attended these sessions that were held between July 1- Dec 30, 2020 you can contact Lilian Prudencio who has a list of prior participants and observers. To date around 25 EDMDs have attended, while there are ~ 120 FMC EDMDs on the roster. These sessions are open to any EDMD in the Calgary zone, including those that do not currently have a formal FMC line.

I understand that we are all tired and looking forward to a summer break, I hope that we can find enough people to fill these upcoming summer sessions, but I want to respectfully acknowledge how hard everyone is already working. A sign-up genius has been sent out, please consider signing up.

FMC Interdisciplinary Trauma Rounds Oct 21, 2022

A recent trauma QAR has provided a recommendation for a joint interdisciplinary rounds between emergency medicine, trauma services, ICU, anaesthesia and transfusion medicine. The goal of these rounds will be to review and disseminate current state of the literature as it pertains to massive hemorrhage protocols. Dr. Julia Haber from anaesthesia is coordinating these joint rounds which is to be given on Oct 21, 2022, she is looking for an interested physician within the FMC ED MD group who would be willing to collaborate and co-present. Please email Dr. Haber directly at: julia.haber@ahs.ca and david.lendrum@ahs.ca if you are interested in participating.

Thanks, Andrea and Dave

To sign up: [FMC Level 1 Trauma Process Sims \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

CCFP-EM Program Residency Competency Committee (RCC) is recruiting!

The program will be replenishing the RCC for the upcoming academic year. The RCC is the arms-length academic oversight committee for the CCFP-EM residency, which provides guidance to the program director and core teachers with respect to resident advancement. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the program and gain formal educational experience, with a relatively low time commitment. The RCC meets quarterly for 1-2 hours, with minimal to no commitments in between.

If interested, please reach out to Charles Wong (incoming EM PD) ASAP @ charleskh Wong@gmail.com.

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

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds - On hiatus until September

Hodsman Lecture podcasts

This is a special edition EM Cases main episode. In April 2022, I was honoured to be the guest professor for Calgary EM at their annual Hodsman Lecture day. The day was essentially a series of live podcasts highlighting some of the amazing work they do, capped off by a lecture on compassionate care dedicated to the memory of [Dr. Barbara Tatham](#). We covered a wide range of topics: The challenges of posterior strokes with Dr. Katie Lin; improving your ED flow by having an Emergency Physician Lead on shift with Dr. Eddy Lang and Dr. Michael Betzner; when *not* to order a troponin and the HEAR score with Dr. Andrew McRae; ketamine for suicidal ideation with Dr. Marshall Ross; EM Peer Support Workers for patients with substance use disorder with Dr. Stephanie VandenBerg, plus a closely related bonus cast on Sinai Health's incredible ED Pathway to Peers program for youth with mental health issues with Dr. Bjug Borgundvaag and Christine Bradshaw...

[Listen here.](#)

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 15, 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

Applications Welcome - Senior Associate Dean, Education

[Please see this document for the complete terms of reference](#) for the position.

The successful candidate will hold an MD or PhD; be a full-time member of the CSM faculty; have leadership experience in medical education and administration; be a respected educator and scholar; and have proven ability to collaborate and sustain relationships within the Faculty and across the province with government and professional organizations.

The position is 0.6 FTE. The initial appointment will begin October 1, 2022 for a five-year term.

Please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae **by July 22, 2022**, to:

Dr. Todd Anderson

Dean

Cumming School of Medicine,

[c/o sperry@ucalgary.ca](mailto:c/o_sperry@ucalgary.ca)

Physician Lead - Integrated Operations Centre/ Patient Flow

[See job posting here.](#)

EP Liaison Lead Mental health position with ED - IA 4223

[See job posting here.](#)

ED Research Section Chief

We would like to thank Dr. Stephanie Vandenberg for all her hard work and many contributions as the ED Research Section Chief during these past four years.

Stephanie decided to step down from this role and pursue other interests effective September 1, 2022.

The Emergency Department Research Section Chief position is a **0.3 FTE** role. 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 15**.

Accountabilities and Deliverables of the Emergency Department Research Section Chief include but not limited to:

- Leadership, supervision and fostering the success of the Emergency Department's research program.
- Support of ongoing and future research by all members of the Emergency Department in all phases, as needed, including:
- Hypothesis development and introduction of external multi-centre studies, study design, execution, analysis and publication.
- Working with the Emergency Medicine Calgary Zone Clinical Department Head, the Emergency Department Manager and the Research Committee to ensure the associated research budget supports departmental research projects, necessary personnel, equipment and software.
- Involvement with the Residency Training Program in terms of teaching research methodology and supervising projects as needed.
- Leadership in completing personal research projects and supervising others including applying for external grant funding for original projects.
- Support the Emergency Medicine Calgary Zone Clinical Department Head in addressing interdepartmental and external negotiations such as access of faculty and departments outside of the Emergency Department, and to patients for study enrolment.
- The incumbent is accountable for research matters and reports directly to the Calgary Zone Clinical Department Head of Emergency Medicine.
- The Emergency Department Section Chief of Research will update the Calgary Zone Clinical Department Head, listing activities and progress as requested.
- Attend Calgary Emergency Department Physician Executive Committee, and other meetings as required including Emergency Department retreats.

[See job posting here.](#)

Thanks - if you have any questions about the role, please feel free to call or email me, Eddy or speak directly to Stephanie about the role.

-Scott Banks, scott.banks@ahs.ca

CME & Learning

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

Upcoming EDI-related Conferences & Events:

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

Kudos to Dr. Innes' for having his research highlighted on the widely subscribed EM:RAP podcast and EMA.

"Hydronephrosis severity clarifies prognosis and guides management for emergency department patients with acute ureteral colic.

This paper was selected for review from literally thousands of papers that Drs. Arora and Menchine monitor each month. It is quite the prize to make the cut and be featured on the program. Not only was your paper covered, but it was selected as one of the best of the month by our executive editors. This kind of work takes thousands of hours to produce and we wanted to highlight that your department and program has received a significant spotlight because of it. EM:RAP is used by over 50,000 clinicians worldwide and your work is now part of the program.

[You can check out the episode here.](#)"

Sean Fair, his wife Dana and son Jack welcomed an early and precipitous baby Charlotte Fair to the family on June 28th. Mom and baby are well and look forward to face painting at next years in-person BBQ! Mom laboured for 11 minutes and dad was thankful he didn't have to use his catcher's mitt....


