



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly ^{email}

Updates for ED Physicians

June 14, 2022 Edition

Operations

Pediatric Referral Information for Emergency, Inpatient and Urgent Care

Thank you for your patience.

We are pleased to share this updated referral information sheet and hope that it answers your questions/concerns:

[Pediatric Referral Information for Emergency, Inpatient and Urgent Care](#)

Opiate Agonist Services

FYI, a major clinic and pharmacy in Calgary that provides Opiate Agonist Therapy has suddenly closed. This unexpected closure affects 1500 patients province wide who were being treated at the Levitee or Act Clinics. You may see these patients presenting to the ED requesting a missed dose of Methadone or Suboxone. This is an unfortunate situation. My advice would be to check Netcare and dispense the same dose (as long as they have taken Suboxone within the last 4 days or Methadone within the last 3). You do not need a Methadone license to order the same dose for a patient in Hospital. Also have unit clerks given them a list of OAT provider clinics. If further advice is needed, contact the Opiate Physician on call through RAAPID.

-Mark Scott

YYC ED Specific

Important Residency Dates

Dear staff - In hopes of making it easier to attend some of our residency events we are circulating a list of "[important residency events for staff](#)".

Please specifically take note of **SEPTEMBER 19**, this is the FR external residency accreditation (only happens every 6-8 years) and a strong showing from our teaching faculty will be very important. Madhavi will circulate a more detailed schedule for that day when we have it.

Catherine, Anj, Jason and Charles

Teaching Opportunities: "Intro To Code Blue" Simulation for 2nd year medical students

Wed June 24, 1:30pm-5:20pm

The medical school is looking for preceptors to facilitate two 2-hour low-fidelity simulation workshops for medical students. Students will be practicing systematic approaches to acute care and cardiac

arrest situations using CPR task trainers. Lesson plans will be provided. To sign-up, please contact Anthony Seto (avseto@gmail.com).

Methamphetamine toxicity study

Dr. Stephanie VandenBerg and Dr. Monty Ghosh are leading a research study, funded by the Calgary Health Foundation, that is looking to create evidence-based protocols to help manage acute methamphetamine toxicity in a trauma-informed, patient-centric model within Calgary-based Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Centres, out-patient settings, and social-service settings. This study has received University of Calgary ethics approval (REB22-0326).

We'd love your feedback/perspectives and experiences! In the next few weeks, you'll come across [posters with a QR code](#) advertising the study in the EDs but also wanted to share specifically with our ED MDs and invite you to access the survey via the link below (or by QR code on the poster - whichever is more convenient for your)

The survey is now officially active/live, and [Healthcare Providers can access the survey here](#).

Preceptors needed for upcoming Academic Year

We are still seeking preceptors for the first half of our upcoming academic year. As a preceptor for an academic day session, your role is to guide the assigned resident as they develop their presentation and to be present during their teaching session to help guide the discussion, answer questions and offer clinical experience.

Preceptors are still needed for:

- August 18th 1300-1400 Seizures/Seizure Disorders
- August 18th 1400-1500 Penetrating Extremity Trauma/Peripheral Vascular Injury
- October 27th 1600-1700 Vaginal Bleeding & Gyne emergencies in the non-pregnant patient
- November 10th 1500-1700 Tachydysrhythmias

Precepting these afternoon teaching sessions is a great way to get to know the residents and they really appreciate the clinical lens that you bring!

Please email Anjali at anjali.pandya@gmail.com if you are able to preceptor any of the above sessions.

Recruiting: Career Coaches for UCalgary Medical Students

We are now starting to recruit for the new, upcoming class and would like to know if you are interested in coaching a student (or two) in the Class of 2025. [See the coach guide here](#) which includes objectives, timelines, role clarification, resources and meeting guidelines. It also contains links to 3 brief videos outlining the basics of coaching.

Your role as coach is to have three 1-hour meetings, either in person, by phone or videoconference/Zoom. The meetings take place at strategic times over the course of the year with the goal of guiding the student through a process of reflection so that they can make the best decisions for themselves about electives and CaRMS. The suggested timeline for these student-arranged meetings is as follows: 1) August/September 2022, 2) January 2023, and 3) July 2023.

If you are willing to be a coach, **please send an email to MDcareerdevelopment@ucalgary.ca by June 17; please indicate your preferred email and whether or not you are interested in coaching more than 1 student**. For fee-for-service physicians, this work will be compensated at the standard hourly rate for teaching. Those physicians on AMHSPs and in GFTs can count these hours towards mentorship.

On behalf of Dr. Melinda Davis, Course Chair, thank you for considering our request.

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

- Date: Thurs, June 16, 2022
- Time: 0900 – 1030 ([1.5 Education Credits](#))
- Room: In-Person – Room G500 - HSC
- Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98848048571>
- Eval: <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

Session #1 (0900 – 0945)

Moderators: Dr. Andrew Battison & Dr. Margriet Greidanus

Speaker: Dr. Danny Liang

Topic: Improving Emergency Care in Global Health Settings: “Lessons from the Field

Description: *Dr. Liang will discuss why a locally-driven, bottom-up approach to improving emergency medicine in resource-limited settings is needed. He will also discuss the new and exciting collaborative efforts between U of C and “MUST” in Uganda.*

Session #2 (0945 – 1030)

Moderator: Dr. David Mainprize

Speaker: Dr. John Wink

Topic: Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection (SCAD): an important cause of ACS

Description: *In this presentation, we will do an overview of SCAD as a cause of ACS and review the current treatment practices of SCAD, contrasting them to standard atherosclerotic ACS care.*

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.

June 16 In-Person Journal Club

- Date: June 16
- Location: Clara Christie Theatre
- Presenters: Drs. Gloria Yoo and Alexandra St-Onge-St-Hilaire
- Preceptors: Dr. Mike Pierse
- Topic: [Returning to Sports following Pediatric Concussion](#)

ARTICLE 1: PedCARE multicentre randomised clinical trial (2021)

ARTICLE 2: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guideline on the Diagnosis and Management of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Among Children (2018)

[See Questions Here.](#)

RSVP to: Judy Mackay Judy.Mackay@albertahealthservices.ca if attending

CME & Learning

Disaster Preparedness Conference - London, UK

The Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians and the Centre for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness are presenting a [disaster preparedness conference](#) October 11-17, in London, England.

On the agenda are:

- A hospital-wide CBRN exercise,
- Participation in a simulated mass casualty event,
- Visiting facilities to learn how hospitals dramatically increased ICU surge capacity,

- Joining the Helicopter EMS at their headquarters to review their dispatch process (they can launch within four minutes) and site response
- Visiting Wembley stadium (site of the Euro-cup riots) to review mass gatherings
- And more including a rich social program that is open to spouses and partners

The conference is very hands on including, as mentioned, participation in exercises and visiting intensive care units to see their reorganization. The conference website is CEEP-London2022.com . If you are involved in health care disaster preparedness it is for you.

Any questions can be directed to dkollek@gmail.com

A lighthearted [video teaser can be found here](#). Enjoy!

Rural Connect Webinar Series

On July 16th 5-6:30 we are running the finale in our webinar series for this year. The speaker is Dr. Sarah Newbery and the topic is "Practicing Joy in Small Places". She is a rural doc in Ontario and an award winning educator. It's a webinar format, CME accredited, and requires registration.

[Details and registration here](#).

Opportunities

ED FMC Assistant Site Chief position

As Dr. Dave Lendrum is taking over as the Acting FMC Site Chief, the FMC Assistant Site Chief position is available **immediately until August 31, 2023**.

The Emergency Department FMC Assistant Site Chief position is a **0.1 FTE** role. If interested, [please apply here](#) or email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV **on or before June 17, 2022**.

Accountabilities and Deliverables of the Emergency Department FMC Assistant Site Chief include but not limited to:

- Have a high visibility and availability on the site and be a strong advocate for the members of the Department at that site.
- Serves as the lead physician at the FMC Site dealing with all physician complaints as they pertain to emergency care, in a prompt manner and in accordance with the zone medical bylaws; communicate and collaborate with the Site Chief on all patient complaints whenever deemed necessary.
- Acts as the FMC Site Chief and covers all related duties in the absence of the FMC Site Chief.
- In collaboration with the Site Chief, monitors patient volumes as they relate to wait times and physician manpower including but not limited to, the implementation of strategic physician shifting, shift additions and removals, and shift start times and durations.
- Monitors flow data in the ED and assists the Site Chief in flow improvements to achieve benchmarks for ED processing times.
- Assists the Site Chief to facilitate open and effective communication between the site and the Zone Department of Emergency Medicine as well as with other disciplines and departments.
- Leads development of ""care plans"" for ED frequent visitors.

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

Scott Banks

EP Liaison Lead - Mental Health position with ED

See job posting: [Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health - Doctor Jobs Careers \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](http://albertahealthservices.ca)

Applications Welcome - Director of Learner Wellness Programming, Postgraduate Medical Education

Applications are invited for a PGME Director of Learner Wellness Programming. This position will be responsible for educational curricula, workshops, and faculty development related to learner wellness.

The Director will establish a Wellness Programming Committee and participate in continuous quality improvement exercises to evaluate the outcome of wellness initiatives. Engagement with individual program directors and learners to assess wellness needs and support programming will be an important function of this position.

Educational scholarship related to the evaluation of wellness will be an expectation for this position. The Director of Learner Wellness Programming will work collaboratively with the Director of Resident Affairs and Physician Wellness, Office of Health and Medical Education Scholarship, and the PGME Education and Research Lead, and others as appropriate.

The successful candidate will have experience in postgraduate medical education and an in-depth understanding of issues related to physician wellness. Previous experience with program development and education scholarship will be an asset. Candidates must be faculty members of the University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine. This position is 0.3 FTE and reports to the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education.

[A detailed job profile is attached.](#)

Interested applicants are asked to submit a brief letter of interest and curriculum vitae to Dr. L. Welikovitch, Associate Dean, PGME at crystal.boisselle@ucalgary.ca no later than **June 30, 2022**.

Posting: Associate Medical Director, Health Link

Description: The Associate Medical Director for Health Link is a provincial position that supports the Medical Director in providing physician leadership to Health Link.

[See posting here.](#)

Kudos Corner

I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the emergency physicians for not only their understanding in helping us deal with the iodinated contrast shortage, but for all the effort that it takes on their part to accommodate and adapt to this difficult situation.

I know that you and your colleagues have to deal with a massive number of patients going through your emergency departments and this, on top of everything else, causes additional delays and back-ups.

I've included a graph that demonstrates the remarkable nimbleness of your Department and how effective it has been. A reduction of approximately 50 % ordered contrast CTs to 15 % over a week. While I hope that this will not last much longer than the month of June, there are fears of another lockdown in Shanghai where the majority of the world's supply of contrast is produced, and we do not have confirmed delivery dates of new shipments.

We will keep working on the capacity side in parallel.

A big thank-you to all of our ER docs.

Manish D. Joshi, MD, PhD, FRCPC (Diagnostic Radiology), FRCPC (Neuroradiology)

Diagnostic Imaging - By Patient Type
CT: Contrast Media Usage - daily tracking
Contrast vs Non Contrast
(based on exam description/count)

Month/Year
Multiple values

Zone
Calgary

Patient Type
Emergency

Weekdays or Weekend
Weekday

6 Month Avg
49.5%

Single Day Avg
13.8%

Measure Names

■ Contrast ■ Non Contrast



Kudos to all the Clinical Teachers in the Department of Emergency Medicine

Within the Cumming School of Medicine, the Emergency Medicine group is one of the highest rated departments for clinical teaching. 13.5% of preceptors within our department received an Associate Dean’s Letter of Excellence for Clerkship Teaching.

A particularly big shout out to those colleagues who achieved awards based on their direct teaching hours:

Platinum (40 hours):	Gold (30 hours):	Silver (20 hours):	Bronze (10 hours):
Dr. Ryan Chuang	Dr. Carly Hagel	Dr. Marta Broniewska	Dr. Sean Crooks
Dr. David Fu		Dr. Haley Cochrane	Dr. Cody Dunne
Dr. Kari McFarlane		Dr. Jame Keess	Dr. Sean Fair
Dr. Erik Saude		Dr. Mark Scott	Dr. Jesse Kao
Dr. Ian Wishart		Dr. Kelli Sherlock	Dr. Patricia Lee
		Dr. Duncan Simmons	Dr. Kasia Lenz
			Dr. Jonathan Lubin
			Dr. Stan Mayer
			Dr. Scott Wakeham
			Dr. Justin Wong

