



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

March 29, 2022 Edition

Operations

Ukraine Evacuee Patient Care and Billing

[Click here to read the ECC memorandum](#) – Ukraine Evacuee Patient Care and Billing – it provides important information to be shared widely across each zone.

Thank you,

Don Stewart on behalf of
ECC Communications
ahs.ecc.communications@albertahealthservices.ca

Dr. Todd Anderson appointed Dean, Cumming School of Medicine (CSM)

for a renewable term of five years, effective July 1, 2022 - [read the announcement here](#).

YYC ED Specific

Royal College Examiners Needed

We are looking for examiners for our R4/5s for their upcoming Royal College oral examination (June 9 + 10). Our resident's have given us a number of dates that they will be available and we do will our best to fill these spots with either 1 or 2 residents per "room" depending on how many staff examiners we have. These sessions will be hosted either in person and/or on zoom, depending on the date.

Please [sign up on this Google document](#). We will confirm your session within 1 week of the date. Chase has an oral exam bank if you would like cases for your sessions.

Thank you in advance,
Brit + Chase

EMBER Study Q1 Newsletter

[Click here to read](#) the Exploring Mental Health Barriers in Emergency Rooms Q1 Newsletter.

2022 Hodsman Lecture - April 21

Featuring Dr. Anton Helman & more. [See promo poster.](#)

Staff Examiners Needed for CCFP-EM Oral Exams

The CCFP-EM Residency Program needs 5 more staff examiners for the oral exams on June 9th :

June 9th from 1030 – 1300

These exams will be virtual by Zoom.

Please check your availability and let me know if you can help 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

Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Hub Update

Many thanks to Dr. Gavin Greenfield for his work as Clerkship Director of Emergency Medicine for the past seven years. He leaves very large shoes to fill.

Many thanks also to the 200+ physicians who preceptor and engage with our rotating clerkship students on a daily basis.

The UME Hub includes a dedicated group of physicians who help develop and deliver our weekly Key Concept rounds. If you are not already a part of the UME Hub and would like to be, please contact me. Similarly, if you have any questions or feedback about the emergency medicine clerkship rotation, please let me know.

-Melanie Sohn (melanie.sohn@ahs.ca)

Pre-Clerks (pc)

You may have a learner on your shifts marked as a "pc" which stands for Pre-Clerk. These are learners from the medical school in first year who are shadowing for the week as part of their Career Exploration program. They will do 4 shifts during the week with the intent to see what life is like as an ER doc. These are NOT elective students and you are not expected to have them see patients independently or participate in medical care.

Their focus is on emergentology as a career, so I would encourage you to discuss any questions they have around our lifestyle, hours, and the many pros and cons of our job. We have worked hard to distribute them between sites and between staff, so most staff will only have one shift that week with a PC. We have also tried to ensure that they have at least one shift with a resident so they can ask

questions of our trainees as well. You will automatically be paid a small stipend for each shift you work with one of these students directly from the UME.

As always, thank you for your support of the medical school and our future colleagues. Any questions can be sent my way (or to my replacement once chosen).

Meira Louis calgaryERelectives@gmail.com

AEBM Students

Students are currently looking for preceptors willing to take them on for the Applied Evidence Based Medicine course (formerly med440) at the medical school. These are students at the beginning of second year who are interested in emergency medicine. They are looking for 24h of clinical exposure between May 5 and August 18, 2022 which works out to a total of 3 shifts over 4 months.

If you are willing to take on a student for this, email Judy cgyemergelectives@albertahealthservices.ca and we will match you up.

You get paid a stipend directly from the medical school.

We have already had several student requests!

Meira Louis
calgaryERelectives@gmail.com

PSF application is open

See attached [PSF mandate](#) and review process and [application form](#).

Deadline for submission: April 1, 2022

Next withdrawal: April 8, 2022

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

ACH Emergency City-Wide Rounds - Thurs March 31, 2022

- Time: 0900 – 1000 (**1.0 Education Credits**)
- Room: Zoom ONLY
- Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98848048571>
- Eval: <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

Moderators: Chuqing Zhang & Sarah McPherson

Guest Speakers: ([Bios Attached](#))

- Alicia Polachek
- Cheryl Mack
- Eric Wasylenko
- Fleur Yumol

Topic - Moral Dilemmas: Reflecting on Experiences and Approaches during COVID-19

Description: *This session provides an opportunity to consider the moral dilemmas faced by your members, discuss the construct of moral distress with a panel of experts, and learn approaches for dealing with moral dilemmas and their consequences at the organizational and personal level.*

Objectives:

- List moral dilemmas faced by healthcare providers
- Explain the construct of moral distress
- Describe approaches for dealing with moral dilemmas and their consequences

Please don't share zoom links online.

Recording Link: Archived Rounds Recordings can be found [on our website](#).

Opportunities

Opportunity: FMC Site Chief

We would like to formally thank Dr. Ian Walker for his many outstanding contributions serving as FMC Site Chief these past years. Ian has decided to step down and take on the EMS Medical Director role.

This now creates a great opportunity for others to continue to build on Ian's outstanding work.

The Emergency Department FMC Site Chief position is a **0.3 FTE** role. Further details will be provided to interested physicians. The FMC Site Chief position is available effective **April 1, 2022**.

To apply for this rarely available opportunity, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV.

Cover letters and CVs should be emailed to: scotth.banks@albertahealthservices.ca.
[See Job Posting Here.](#)

Opportunity to participate in research on the role of gender in the practice of Emergency Medicine in Canada

A team at Queen's is looking at the role of gender on the clinical practice of Emergency Medicine in Canada. We will be conducting a voluntary qualitative survey that will take 30-60 minutes. We are hoping to have a broad range of participants and perspectives that represent the diversity of clinicians in our country.

Please see attached [letter of information](#) for further details and [survey link](#) to distribute amongst your department to collect participation interest.

- Catherine Patocka

Airdrie and Cochrane UCC are both currently looking for locum physicians:

Details about the sites are within the job inks below. Potential leadership and educational opportunities abound in this smaller group of physicians. The schedule is typically fairly flexible. Experienced ED physicians are an asset and have been favoured amongst recent UCC hires across the zone. As always I am happy to answer any questions.

- [Airdrie Posting](#)
- [Cochrane Posting](#)

-Charles K Wong

Expressions of Interest Welcome - Physician Learning program Medical Director(s)

The [Physician Learning Program](#) (PLP) is an initiative funded by Alberta Health (AH) and administered between AH and the University of Calgary Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development.

Recognizing that participation in cycles of Physician Practice Improvement (PPI) will be required of all Alberta physicians within the next few years, there are opportunities for physicians to join the PLP team to advance our work across the spectrum of care. Our [2022-23 Work Plan](#) gives you a sense of our engagements across Alberta.

Supported by a project management team of 12 full time highly energetic colleagues, PLP Medical Directors serve as project co-leaders responsible for determining best evidence, indices development, facilitation, and other peer to peer knowledge translation activities. Successful candidate(s) for this role will have experience in quality improvement and evidence-based practice implementation strategies. Candidates will have opportunities to build their skills in peer facilitation and CAFF methods. We are results driven.

PLP Medical Directors will assist in:

- Building capacity for physician engagement in practice improvement (PPI)
- Guide development of scientific and educational requirements associated with PLP projects
- Co-lead PLP initiatives with physicians in the field supported by project manager(s), data analysts and human centered design resources

- Participate in the creation and dissemination of scholarship around best practices in CPD, quality improvement, knowledge translation and implementation science

To express interest in these opportunities please respond via email by May 31, 2022:

Thomas J Raedler, MD

tjraedle@ucalgary.ca

Associate Dean, CME & PD, Co-Lead, Physician Learning Program (PLP)

Office of Continuing Medical Education & Professional Development

Thrombosis Canada Fellowship

[More info here.](#)



2022 - 2023 Fellowship Opportunity in Thromboembolism

Focusing on Knowledge Translation
and/or Clinical Outcomes

Successful Applicant will receive an
award up to **\$50,000** for **2022 - 2023**

Important Information

Deadline for Applications: **April 25, 2022**

Award Announced by June 30, 2022

First 50% installment: August 1, 2022

Applicants must have completed an MD degree (or equivalent) and obtained a fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada (or equivalent) or from the Canadian College of Family Physicians; or have completed a PharmD; or is a registered nurse (or equivalent); or have completed a PhD (post-doc).

Application details: www.thrombosiscanada.ca or
info@thrombosiscanada.ca

CME

Dare to Lead 3 Day Workshop

Dare to Lead certified facilitator Laura Cooke is offering a three-day workshop April 22, 29 and May 6 for O'Brien Institute members and affiliates. Dare to Lead is based on the research of Dr. Brené Brown. Research that recognizes measurable, observable, and teachable skillsets that make up courage that encompasses vulnerability and living into our values.

This will be an opportunity to learn and link vulnerability as the birthplace of the many behaviours that define daring leadership, such as creativity, accountability and having difficult conversations.

Schedule:

- April 22, April 29, and May 6
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day
- Online via Zoom

How to register:

- Eligible staff and faculty members may use [tuition support benefits](#) towards University of Calgary Continuing Education courses. Prior to enrolling for a Continuing Education course, please ensure that you have not already reached the maximum [tuition support benefit](#) for the July 1 to June 30 tuition support benefit year.
- Submit your tuition support application at [this link](#).
- Course information:
- Tuition Fee: \$1,200 (see tuition support info above)
- Course name: Dare to Lead – O'Brien Institute
- Course number: COR 554-001

If you are not eligible for tuition support and would like to register contact jph@ucalgary.ca.

#CAEP2022

With the easing of COVID restrictions, CAEP is moving forward with the planned in-person conference in Quebec city, May 29-June 1st (<https://caepconference.ca>). The preliminary program should be posted on the website in the next 1-2 weeks, but it's shaping up to be extremely good (with a wide variety of Core-EM topics, Resuscitation/Critical Care, Wellness, Medicolegal, Toxicology etc.). Please consider attending!

-Catherine Patocka

Kudos Corner



Retirement Highlights: Carrie Hiscock

“Emergency Medicine is a field of medicine in which you get a quick window into people’s lives, in their most vulnerable moments, and get to care for them using your technical skills, knowledge, compassion, and art. You become a fixer, listener, coordinator, sleuth, skeptic, and softie, all wrapped up in one person. “

Carrie served in the Calgary Emergency Department from 1996-2021. She was a committed clinician, educator, mentor and business manager. [Read more about](#) Carrie's remarkable career and what she is up to now.

*Thanks to Jen Puddy for her contribution
collating the highlight of Carrie.*