



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

March 8, 2022 Edition

Notes from Neil and Eddy

[Click here to read](#) March 8, 2022 Edition of Notes from Neil and Eddy.

YYC ED Specific

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: scott.banks@albertahealthservices.ca and should be received no later than **March 25, 2022**.

[See Accountabilities and Deliverables of the ED FMC Site Chief here.](#)

Acute Care Coverage - shifts to fill

Background

The four adult hospitals have been experiencing gaps in the resident/extender coverage for both General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery.

There are extensive efforts being made to solve this problem.

EMS and RAAPID are helping to divert specific cases from affected hospitals.

Walk in patients can't be diverted however, and there are times however when Ortho or Gen Surg may be compromised in their ability to respond to ED consults.

We have agreed to diligently review our consultation practices so that we are not placing undue strain on the consultants. For example, we agreed that we should not be paging the consulting service after-hours for a non-emergent clinical problem that could be managed in the office.

We will however continue to expect that the patients that require emergent care are appropriately dealt with from the consulting service in a timely fashion. This may include ED helping to facilitate a transfer to another site. I would ask that we all remain flexible when dealing with these situations when they arise.

Please consider filing an RLS if you feel that patient care has been compromised.

Work Opportunity

The Department of Surgery is looking for physicians to provide overnight and weekend coverage.

There are several dates in March and April where they require help. You would be functioning as a Surgical extender, providing house call and standard hourly rates of compensation would apply. Please contact Supreet Saroha (supreet.saroha@ahs.ca) for further details.

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

Connect Care Reminder

For those of you currently completing your Connect Care training online with the independent learning modules in My Learning Link, please be aware that additional workflow review material has been added to the following link, to supplement your physician workbooks:

[See HERE](#).

Chris

VIRTUAL SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SERVICES EVALUATION - opportunity to participate in qualitative research interview

We would like to talk to you about something called virtual supervised consumption services. These services can help keep people safe when they use drugs and can be especially helpful for people who use alone. When individuals use some drugs, especially opioids, there can be a risk of fatal overdose. Virtual supervised consumption services can be a telephone service or a smartphone app. Each of these methods monitor people who are using substances and activate emergency services or an emergency response plan if the person using becomes unresponsive.

We would like to hear from health professionals and emergency services professionals that provide health and emergency care to the people these services are trying to help to learn if they can be used to help other people who choose to use substances alone. We will talk to around 60 other people across Canada about these services.

What are you asking me to do?

We would like you to talk with us for 30 - 45 minutes on the telephone. Some things we would like to talk to you about are what you like and don't like about virtual supervised consumption services, and also what you think should be changed to help people who use or want to use alone.

You will talk to a trained evaluator from a contracted evaluation consulting firm called Three Hive Consulting. Please call or email Stephanie Jones (stephanie@threehive.ca or 250.918.5351) with your interest and to book a time.

If you have any questions about participation, feel free to contact Stephanie Vandenberg (vandenberg.stephanie@gmail.com)

Syncope Clinical Pathway input required

Dear colleagues, we are looking at integrating a syncope clinical pathway at the FMC and PLC sites in the coming 12 months that would use the Canadian Syncope Risk Score to stratify patients into low risk (DC without investigations), moderate risk (DC with 15-day wearable rhythm monitors) or high-risk (Admit).

Your input would be appreciated on how you currently use the CSRS (if at all), and what a clinically meaningful reduction in low-yield admissions would be.

[Survey link here.](#)

Thanks

Andrew McRae

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 - Thurs March 10, 2022

You are invited to the following “**In-Person**” Rounds **or** join in with the **Zoom Link**.

If you are attending the **In-Person session** you will require proof of COVID vaccinations and observe masking & distancing measures.

Please remember to complete the **on-line evaluation** form. <https://forms.gle/szfmBrmxiesjuGfg8>

- **Event:** Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds – QAER (**No Recording**)
- **Date:** March 10, 2022
- **Time:** 0900 – 1000 (**1.0 Education Credits**)
- **Room:** Theatre One ([Map here](#))
- **Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/98848048571>
- **Eval:** <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

Moderator: Dr. Adam Oster

Speaker: Dr. Cody Dunne, R3 EM Resident FRCPC

Topic: Revisiting ED Revisits: Examining System Factors Impacting Patient Bounce Backs in Calgary

Description: *Bounce back admissions are an inevitable part of any Emergency Department. However just focusing on their proportion, misses many important details and potential areas for improvement. This session will provide a systems-level overview of our Calgary ED revisits and compare it to relevant literature, with the aim of encouraging reflection of how we can improve our practices locally.*

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

Please don't share zoom link online.

Journal Club

You are invited to attend the **In-Person Emergency Medicine Journal Club** on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

- **Date:** March 17, 2022
- **Time:** 18:00 to 21:00
- **Location:** Libin Theatre ([Map attached](#))
- **Presenters:** Drs. Katie Anker & Nick Monfries
- **Preceptors:** Dr. Mike Pierse

Topic: Too Hot to Handle? *Exploring the Evidence on Evaluating Febrile Infants aged 0-60 days old.*

Articles: [See attached invite](#) (Pre-Reading Materials will be send out in next week's Newsletter)

eSIM Grand Rounds March 25 2022 Dr Walter Eppich

Please join us for our upcoming eSIM Grand Rounds Series on **March 25th 2022 from 1200-1300h.**

This is our fifth presentation in our educational sessions supporting our extended faculty and simulation champions

Title: Reflecting together to get better

While recent initiatives to prepare clinicians for team-based clinical practice emphasize interprofessional education, entrenched structures and practices remain that continue to foster intraprofessional approaches. These same siloes also pervade clinical practice, often characterized by stark boundaries and tribal mentalities between professions and disciplines. Unfortunately, these same boundaries impede communication pathways that are vital for safe, effective, resilient patient care. These tensions also threaten collaboration within and between teams, hampering individual and team learning. Developing a culture of 'team reflection' could help overcome these tensions and serve both learning and patient care. In this session, Walter will explore beliefs and behaviours that promote team reflection and team inclusiveness, such as the importance of psychological safety and perspective taking, inclusive leadership, and inclusive leader language. Finally, Walter will give practical strategies to integrate principles of team reflection and team inclusiveness into simulation-based education.

[Register here.](#)

Opportunities

CAEP presenter needed

The CAEP conference will be May 29 - June 1, 2022 in Quebec City and is being organized to be in person. One of the tracks we are organizing in the CORE-EM curriculum is **Rapid Fire Talks**, which will be held on **Tues May 31, 2022 from 15:00-16:30.**

We were looking for someone to present a rapid-fire style talk on rashes and/or wound care. It would be a **10 minute talk with 5 minutes for questions.** The title and the specifics of the talk would be up to you, but we hope sessions in this track would focus on multiple quick pearls in a rapid-fire style.

CAEP would cover one day of conference registration for you for the day of your talk, and speakers on this track will receive a stipend of \$150. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Keerat Grewal at keerat.grewal@sinahealth.ca by Thurs March 10.

South Calgary Health Centre (SCHC) Urgent Care LOCUM job posting

The South Calgary Health Centre operates from 0800 to 2200 each day and sees a high volume and wide variety of patients, including a significant proportion of pediatric patients. Similar to the ED Dept,

a successful locum period may transition into a long term contract. Details for application are within the link. Feel free to forward any questions to the site lead or myself. [View posting here.](#)

Charles K Wong

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Applications Welcome - Assistant Dean. Global Health

Three Year Term

Reporting to: Associate Dean, Indigenous, Local and Global Health (ILGH) Office

The ILGH is recruiting for an Assistant Dean, Global Health. If you are interested you are invited to submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and 3 letters of reference. This role must be filled by an academic staff member (GFT) at the University of Calgary. **The application period closes on March 18, 2022. Materials should be forwarded to denise.keith1@ucalgary.ca.**

Reporting to the Associate Dean, ILGH, the Assistant Dean, Global Health oversees ILGH global health projects, activities, and programming. The Assistant Dean works collaboratively with ILGH university partners, communities, faculty, staff, and CSM Deans to support global health-oriented activities and programming ensuring alignment and accountability with the 2021-2024 ILGH Office's vision, strategic plan, and mandate to:

- Sustain and strengthen longitudinal partnerships and community relationships
- Develop and showcase best practices for collaboration with internal and external partners and communities
- Facilitate equity-centered education, research, innovation, and service
- Innovate policies, products, and programs for health equity that address the social determinants of health, and
- Advocate for health systems and policy change

The Assistant Dean promotes balanced, sustainable, and respectful partnerships that facilitate collaboration and strengthen reciprocal/shared learning and research opportunities. The incumbent supports CSM faculty involved in global health partnerships and learner exchange, and explores, builds, and maintains relationships with relevant UC programs, projects, institutes, and departments to harness the expertise and interdisciplinary strength with the goal of sustaining and enhancing CSM global health opportunities. The Assistant Dean recommends strategies to coalesce CSM global health education, research, and services supporting and strengthening an effective institutional-level vision encompassing quality and impactful integrated global health programming.

Skills and Aptitudes

- Demonstrated expertise in global health research and scholarship
- Demonstrated communication skills including cross-cultural competency, and knowledge translation to academia and public within Canada and internationally
- Health/programming advocacy and policy experience is an asset
- Experience collaborating within a global health partnership, ideally in a leadership role
- Demonstrated leadership, mentorship, and training of undergraduates, postgraduates, and faculty

CME

CAEP Geriatric EM Clinical Course

CAEP is offering a four-hour virtual course covering the core clinical topics in Geriatric Emergency Medicine on Thursday April 28 at 1200 Eastern. The course is highly interactive with ample opportunity for learning from Canadian emergency physicians focussed on geriatric care AND your peers. Registration includes free access to 14 instructional videos covering other Geri EM topics. Please encourage at least one member from your department to register for this course. It is accredited by both the CFPC and the RCPSC.

[Register here.](#)

Faculty Development Sessions:

TEACHING WITH ZOOM

Technical and Pedagogical tips!

If you would like an opportunity to get your hands dirty and play around with some of the Zoom functionality you will learn about in this session, feel free to also register for the “Hands-On” portion that follows later the same day.

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - [SIGN UP NOW!](#)

Friday, June 3, 2022 - [SIGN UP NOW!](#)

CLINICAL TEACHING SKILLS

How to recognize challenges of clinical teaching, describe approaches to teaching in the clinical setting, utilize basic principles of cognitive psychology in teaching and put it all into practice.

Thursday, March 24, 2022

1:00pm – 3:00pm

[Sign Up Now!](#)

MEMORY STRUCTURE AND ITS RELEVANCE TO TEACHING AND CURRICULAR DESIGN

Friday, April 22, 2022

9:00am – 10:30am

[Sign Up Now!](#)

Want more? Please keep an eye on our [event calendar](#) for future offerings.

Kudos Corner

Congrats to resident Cody Dunne for this editorial on wide complex tachycardias published today in CJEM.

[Wide-complex tachycardias in the ED: how do we make good care even better? | SpringerLink](#)

Congratulations to Dr. Adam Cheng for being appointed Vice-chair of the Education, Implementation and Teams (EIT) Task Force of ILCOR (International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation). Dr. Cheng has served ILCOR in several prior roles, including domain lead, task force member and systematic reviewer. In his new role as Vice-chair, EIT he will help lead the group

responsible for conducting evidence reviews and providing treatment recommendations for resuscitation education and implementation.

Kudos to Aaron Johnston for this important work:

[Currencies of recognition: What rewards and ... | MedEdPublish](#)

Retirement Highlights: *Honoring those who have moved on to other endeavors but who will never be forgotten for who they are to us.* [Read about Rob Abernethy, aka "Aber"](#).