



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly <sup>email</sup>

Updates for ED Physicians

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May 4, 2021 Edition

## COVID-19 Updates

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### Aerosol Transmission of COVID

AHS has released a [statement on aerosol transmission of COVID-19](#).

The summary is that there is very little change to current guidance.

They are saying that in very high risk cases (very close contact, early in the disease course of a coughing patient in a small room where you are providing care for >30 minutes, you might want to consider wearing an N95).

Overall, they are confident that their current guidance (N95 only for AGMP) is safe for Healthcare Workers.

- Neil

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### Covid swab orders in SEC:

As many people have noticed recently, all covid swab orders in SEC are defaulting to the inpatient (rapid) swab order. This was an intentional change by ProVLab based on increased capacity for rapid swab processing. There is no need to manually change our ED covid swab orders back to the outpatient version.

Matthew Grabove, MD CCFP(EM)  
Medical Informatics Physician Lead

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### Wellness COVID Updates

1. **Call your Peer Support Team.** 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 6 free hours of counselling for yourself and 6 free for your family members.

### **YYCEM May Challenge!**

It's May and that means we are almost half of the way through the year of the YYCEM Happiness Challenge! This month's challenge is to discover ways we can use money to improve our wellbeing and happiness. They say money can't buy happiness but actually it can. Multiple studies have shown that there are many ways of using your money that actually does boost your personal happiness and wellbeing! As Ayn Rand has said "Money is only a tool. It will take you wherever you wish but will not replace you as the driver." Check out the website and the May video to learn more.

Click here to discover more: [www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com](http://www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com)

Click here to watch the MAY video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHzzzS1mpml>

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### **Infodemic! Is Misinformation Killing Us?**

**Featuring Professor Timothy Caulfield**, Professor of Health Law and Science Policy & Author of *Is Gwyneth Paltrow Wrong About Everything?*

Join us for this [keynote presentation followed by a Q&A session.](#)

All ZMSA members are welcome.

**When:** Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Zoom

**RSVP: Registration is required to attend this event. Register**

**here:** <https://albertadoctors.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqd-6grjMpGtc5cfCAomgxasor6QbsLJ6S>

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## **Operations**

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### **Providing Discharge Summaries**

Please remember to provide patients with a copy of their discharge summary if they are leaving the ED without a Designated Support Person (DSP) available and there is any question that they may have difficulty recalling what you have told the patient about the visit. (results, followup, etc)  
Current guidelines are that one DSP per ED patient is permitted. A reminder that it is reasonable to advocate for a DSP for your patient if you feel that it is essential for in-person interpretation or collateral history to be provided.

-Neil Collins

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### **SCM Updates!**

[Click here for:](#)

- ED Common Medications Order Set Update
- SCM Training Environment - Training Patients with COVID results

**Joshua Vejprava RN BSc BN MBA**

Clinical Informatician | IT Clinical Systems User Support – Calgary Zone | Clinical Services – IT | Alberta Health Services

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# Physician Participation Needed!

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## R5 ORAL EXAM SESSIONS

We are looking for volunteers for examiners for our R5s in the next 6 weeks leading up to their oral exam, with the next exam session on **THURSDAY, MAY 6**. When you sign up, you can refer to the second page "Zoom Links" to see the schedule for each examiner to pick the time slot which best works for you. If a date is full but you are able to help, please place your name as back up. Lastly, please include both your Ucalgary email and your preferred contact email for exam info. If you do not have your Ucalgary email set up or it is not linked to a Zoom account, please email me and I will help you out. As a reminder, the format is 2 x 10 minute cases per examiner. Thank you in advance!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19avqRan0BaMqfu6HMazeh8peSd644ah4jIF8Q09ewmA/edit#gid=0>

Brit Sunderani

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## CalgaryEM HALO Procedural Skill Curriculum Development - Needs Assessment Survey

We are looking to create a longitudinal curriculum that uses a mix of virtual simulations, task trainers, mental rehearsal, and educational resources to help provide Calgary Emergency Physicians with opportunities to practice **High Acuity, Low Occurrence (HALO)** procedural skills. Examples of HALO skills include cricothyrotomy, resuscitative hysterotomy, and lateral canthotomy.

This would be an optional resource for you to practice HALO skills. To help tailor the resource to best suit your needs, we were hoping you could complete this optional survey which will ask you about what skills you would want to practice, as well as the type and frequency of practice you would be most interested in.

The **survey will take approximately 5 minutes and is anonymous**. The results will be used to help create the best resource possible for our physician group.

[https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV\\_6Fk5NeiflYXsunl](https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_6Fk5NeiflYXsunl)

—HALO Curriculum Development Team

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## Physician Vaccinators

As you know perfectly well, the Covid situation in Alberta is dire, and the need to get vaccinations in arms as quickly as possible has never been more acute.

Vaccine supplies have become more plentiful; and as Alberta Health Services has steadily increased capacity at vaccination clinics, the need for personnel to deliver vaccines has increased substantially.

If you can help, please read the following:

1. Those of you who have previously put your names forward but have not yet completed the onboarding process to become vaccinators, **please consider completing that process** and joining the roster of docs delivering vaccines.
2. If you have not previously been able to serve, but now are able to allocate time to this effort, **please consider joining the effort**.
3. **I've attached the most up-to-date onboarding process.** This process has gone through some growing pains as it was crafted, as physicians involved in the early stages can attest, but — thanks to the tireless efforts of Jan Shannon at Provincial Medical Affairs and many others — it is far more streamlined and much less onerous than it was a few months ago.
4. This project was initially launched initially as a wholly volunteer effort on the part of participating physicians; however, as the attached document outlines, I'm pleased to report that physicians **can now submit fee-for-service claims for vaccinations** they perform in AHS-operated COVID-19 immunization clinics.

5. If you are interested in putting your name forward, or if you have put your name forward and have questions re the process, please direct your expression of interest or your questions to: [ProvMAPayments@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:ProvMAPayments@albertahealthservices.ca)

**Again, please refer to the attached onboarding process document for necessary details.**

Let's put this pandemic to bed.  
Edward Les, MD, DVM, FRCPC

Kelley deSouza  
Facility Medical Director  
Rockyview General Hospital  
Calgary, Alberta

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## Education. CME. Rounds.

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### Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Date: Thursday, May 06<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Time: 0900 – 1015 (1.25 Education Credits)

Session #1: (0900 – 1000)

Dr. Natasha Goumeniouk  
R2– EM Resident – U of C

Topic: Pulmonary Embolism in Pregnancy

*Description: A review of recent literature and controversies surrounding the use of d-dimer and various imaging modalities in pregnant patients with suspected PE, along with a proposed algorithm for diagnosis and initial management of these patients in the Calgary Zone EDs*

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Session #2: (1000 – 1015)

Dr. Anjali Pandya

Topic: Competency-by-Design Refresher

*Description: Accessing Mainport, e-Portfolio and other FAQs.*

*ZOOM session*

**Please don't share the zoom link and connection details on social media or any website.**

**Evaluation form:** Complete a separate form for each session: <https://forms.gle/szfmBrmxiesjuGfq8>.

**MainPro credits** for EM physicians in the Calgary Zone will automatically populate on the forms after submission

#### **Recording Link:**

Recordings of this Thursday's Grand Rounds (Except QAER & ACH City-Wide Rnds) will be available the following Tuesday on our website:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/professional-development/grand-rounds/grand-rounds-archive>

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## Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the Week: [Baclofen](#)

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### Now is the Time to Practice a Just Culture in Healthcare

featuring Dr. Tom Lloyd, LLM, MB ChB, MD, MRCS, MFFLM, Director, Saegis Safety Institute

*The concept of a Just Culture in healthcare has been described for over 20 years but still has not been implemented universally or consistently. We will explore what a Just Culture is and what it looks like. We will discuss why Just Culture is important for the medical profession during this era of national discourse regarding systemic inequities. Practicing a Just Culture when reviewing events is imperative if we are truly going to learn from error or near misses and create the right environment for a safe, inclusive, equitable, and healthy workplace. These changes are the essential foundation to safe care for all.*

Join us for this [presentation](#) followed by a robust question & answer session.

All Calgary Zone physicians are welcome.

**When:** Monday, May 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Zoom

**RSVP:** Registration is required to attend this event.

**Register here:** [https://albertadoctors.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_a6yqbBh5TDWabIQTRawT0Q](https://albertadoctors.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_a6yqbBh5TDWabIQTRawT0Q)

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing personalized information about joining the meeting.*

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### CAME Webinar: Dismantling Structural Stigma in Medical Education

Dr. Javeed Sukhera (Western University)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

10:00am & 1:00pm MDT (same content, live delivery for both sessions)

RSVP to [ohmes@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ohmes@ucalgary.ca) to receive a link.

**Overview:** In this presentation, Dr. Sukhera describes how and why mental health and substance use stigma is maintained in medical education. He will describe research on stigma that suggests that perfectionism and power asymmetry perpetuates a deeply embedded form of stigma known as structural stigma. He will also review potential implications for this research including ways to dismantle stigma through advocacy, activism, and accountability.

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### EDI LUNCH & LEARN – CREATIVE TRANS INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

Please join our next EDI Lunch & Learn on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** – an ambassador from Skipping Stone Foundation will help us identify actions that **foster inclusive spaces**, help us select **appropriate language** for unique scenarios, and show us how to **avoid common microaggressions** in learning and health care environments.

**WHO:** Hosted by OPED & OFDP

**WHAT:** EDI Lunch & Learn – Creative Trans Inclusive Practices

**WHEN:** May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 12:30 – 1:30 PM

**WHERE:** ZOOM

**HOW:** Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/151838983487>

*Offered in partnership by the Office of Professionalism, Equity and Diversity and the Office of Faculty Development and Performance*

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### MD Culture Shift Newsletter

[Attached you will find the May 2021 issue of MD Culture Shift](#), an Alberta Health Services publication created by physicians for physicians through the Physician Diversity, Wellness & Leadership Development portfolio. The publication shares insightful and valuable information in the areas of wellness, diversity, leadership

development and showcases the great work being done throughout the province supporting a shift in the culture of medicine.

Please share with your fellow colleagues, and reach out to [mdwellness@ahs.ca](mailto:mdwellness@ahs.ca) if you have feedback or suggestions for topics in future newsletters.

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## Opportunities

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### Applications Welcome - Associate Dean CME & Professional Development

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

The position is a 0.5 FTE. The initial appointment will begin December 1, 2021 for a five-year term.

Please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae by May 31, 2021, to:

Beverly Adams, MD, FRCPC  
Senior Associate Dean Education  
Cumming School of Medicine  
Teaching Research & Wellness (TRW)

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## Kudos Corner

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### Award Winners

**Congrats to Dr. Aaron Johnston** on being awarded the Postgraduate Clinical Education Award for clinical, adjunct and research faculty. This award recognizes Dr. Johnston's significant achievements in 2020 in the area of postgraduate clinical education.

**Congrats to Bryan Young** on being awarded the Long Term Education Award for clinical, adjunct and research faculty. This award acknowledges his significant achievements in the area of long term education.

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### ED Academic Promotion Results- 2021

Great news all of our promotion applications were successful. We even saw Dr. Hughes skip clinical assistant professor and be promoted to clinical associate professor. Here is a list of ED physicians with their promotion ranks (2021):

#### Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor Rank:

1. Dr. Catherine Patocka
2. Dr. Jennifer Hughes

#### Promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor Rank:

1. Dr. Carly Hagel
2. Dr. Christine East
3. Dr. Eric McGillis
4. Dr. Katie Lin

5. Dr. Kellie Sherlock
  6. Dr. Marcie Vietch
  7. Dr. Stephanie Vandenberg
  8. Dr. Natasha Wright
  9. Dr. Claire Acton
  10. Dr. Haley Cochrane
  11. Dr. Patricia Lee-Nobbee
  12. Dr. Allison Foran
  13. Dr. Huma Ali
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