



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

May 31, 2022 Edition

Operations

FMC SITE LEADERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Andrea Boone was the successful candidate for the position of Site Chief at Foothills Medical Center Emergency Department.

We are looking forward to Andrea joining the leadership group after her parental leave ends in September 2023.

Dr. David Lendrum will stay on as interim Site Chief until then and is looking forward to working with Andrea as the Assistant Site Chief starting September 1, 2023.

We will be posting the position of Interim Assistant Site Chief at FMC as soon as possible. This will be a great opportunity for someone to join the operational leadership group for 15 months.

Congratulations to Andrea and thanks to the excellent applicants for putting their names forward.
-Neil Collins

What's New in MyED?

1) **We know you are excited for Connect Care!** We've created a CC section on MyED with some of the best resources (also all available within CC, but this is a bit more curated). Of note: the link to the SCM order set reference is there if you'd like it! And the link to Ash's videos.

2) **New ACH febrile infant pathways:** The folks at ACH have created new febrile infant pathways, remember that these are for well-looking infants. Of note, there is a branch of the pathway where the baby is reassessed at PLC. This is not yet available for babies at non-ACH sites. Speak with ACH ED MD via RAAPID to make a plan (or ask PLC Peds to admit if you are at PLC)

As always, questions/concerns/suggestions to Hilary, Shawn or Katie Anker!

YYC ED Specific

Recruitment: Course 8 Teaching June-Sept 2022

Our recruitment tool on OSLER is down, so we are having to switch to a sign-up link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Course8-June-Sept2022>

(more details on sessions below)

I am looking for preceptors to facilitate in-person Course 8 teaching from June to Sept. There are 3 different types of C8 sessions we offer *SP cases, SIM cases, & proskill sessions.

- SP cases are mock OSCE-style sessions where the clerk will interact with an SP. Each preceptor would be responsible for the two cases noted. The clerk performs a 10min case with an SP, while the preceptor and group watch, they then return for feedback which is facilitated by the preceptor.
- SIM cases are done in the SIM lab, the preceptor will act as a nurse during the case and then debrief the group afterward. A SIM trained SP will run the SIMman, the preceptor is not expected to run any SIM tech.
- Proskills will involve clerks practicing clinical skills on task trainers. The preceptor is expected to intro and demonstrate these skills.

Signing up confirms you for the session. If the session already has someone signed up, please add your name to the backup list and note what session you are interested in, in the comments. If you are having trouble signing up, email me and I can do it for you.

-Kelsey O'Donnell
course8@ucalgary.ca

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.

CSM EDI Curriculum Needs Assessment Survey

The Cumming School of Medicine has been taking steps to build on and address the gaps in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policies and programs in the past year. Part of this process is focused on improving the integration of EDI topics in our curriculum. Given the breadth of the programs offered at the faculty, we do not currently have a clear understanding of what, how and when EDI topics are being addressed in each program.

We are currently undertaking a needs assessment of EDI curriculum at CSM and would like to invite your participation in this study as a course leader, program director or key stakeholder in curriculum development and/or instruction within your academic program.

Participation in this study would involve completing a 15-20 minute survey. This survey will include questions on the focus, format, depth, and time spent of EDI topics in your course or program.

[You can access the survey here.](#)

Your participation is completely voluntary, and you may choose with withdraw at any time. If you decide to participate, please be assured that your data and information will be kept confidential.

This study has been reviewed by and received ethics approval from the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (REB21-0342).

If you have any question or concerns about this study, please contact the research coordinator for this project, Benn Antepim at bantepim@ucalgary.ca.

**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.

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 following sessions:

August 18	14:00-1500	Penetrating Extremity Trauma/Peripheral Vascular Injury
August 18	13:00-14:00	Seizures and Seizure Disorders
October 27	1300-1400	Dental Emergencies & Blocks
October 27	1400-1500	Sore throat. Neck infections & upper airway emergencies
November 3	1300-1400	Gallbladder & Pancreatic Disease
November 3	1600-1700	Peripheral Vascular Disease & Acute Limb Ischemia
November 10	1500-1600	Tachydysrhythmias
November 17	1300-1500	Ortho Series 1: Wrist, Forearm, Elbow

ROYAL COLLEGE ORAL EXAMS

We are looking for examiners for our R4/5s for their upcoming Royal College oral examination. Our residents have given us a number of dates that they will be available and we do our best to fill these spots with either 1 or 2 residents per Zoom "room" depending on how many staff examiners we have. Please sign up in this [Google document](#).

We will confirm your session and send links 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

CSART is actively looking to recruit physicians for the team!

The team is in need of new physician sexual assault examiners as soon as possible.

CSART is an excellent career opportunity for newly graduating emergency physicians or those with more experience who want to pivot their career into a new niche. CSART physicians choose when they are available to be on call, generally ranging 30-70 hours per month in shifts of a few hours or much longer. Scheduling is flexible. Physician members often find CSART to be a refreshing break from the emergency department adding interesting diversity to their careers. The skill set overlaps well with emergency medicine and reading/clinical mentorship will prepare candidates well to get started independently. Remuneration is favourable.

If you are interested in the CSART opportunity or just have questions, you can contact one of the current emergency physician members to learn more about this opportunity.

For more information, you are invited to contact any of these current CSART physician members:

- Pauline Head (medical director). pwhead@me.com
 - Colleen Carey. drcolleencarey@gmail.com
 - Kelli Sherlock. kellisherlock@gmail.com
 - Kelsey MacLeod. kmacleod@ualberta.ca
 - Kari McFarlane. karimcf7@gmail.com
 - Verlyn Leopatra. vgsleopa@ucalgary.ca
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R5 Graduation Gifts

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! We will continue to collect funds for the soon-to-be-staff R5s **until June 9th**. The great gift unveiling is still planned for June 23rd and promises to be an exciting event!

E-transfer can be directed to: kmragan@gmail.com. As always your support is much appreciated, and please reach out with any questions.

Thanks!

- Kelsey, Katie and Ryan (the R6s)

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

2022-23 Grand Rounds

As the new Deputy Head - Education, one of the first areas I am focusing on is improving the quality of our Grand Rounds.

Please fill out this short survey to help guide topics, speakers, and increase the caliber of our rounds.

[SURVEY LINK](#)

Thanks and please let me know if you have any issues/questions or feedback. (fzaver@gmail.com)

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Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

- **Date:** Thurs, June 2,
- **Time:** 0900-1030
- **Room:** Room G500 - HSC
- **Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/98848048571>
- **Eval:** <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

Session #1 (0900 – 0945)

- **Moderators:** Dr. Aaron Knox, Plastic Surgeon, AHS Calgary Zone
- **Dr. Chris Lipp,** Emerg Physician, AHS Calgary Zone
- **Speaker:** Dr. Kira Gangbar, R3 EM Resident - CCFP
- **Topic:** All Hands on Deck – Improving Assessment & Management of Hand Injuries in the ED

Description: This will be a review of common and commonly-mismanaged hand and wrist injuries in the emergency department, and a review of local Calgary rehabilitation resources for these patients.

Session #2 (0945 – 1030)

- **Moderator:** Dr. Colin Bell – Emerg Physician – AHS Calgary Zone
- **Speaker:** Dr. Peter Warrington – EM Resident - CCFP
- **Topic:** "I Can See Your Heart is Broken: a review of point-of-care ultrasound for heart failure in the emergency department"

Description: Review of the current evidence around the accuracy and utility of routine point-of-care ultrasound use for diagnosis and treatment of congestive heart failure in the emergency department.

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.

CME

EDACS sessions open to all

The equity, diversity, advocacy and cultural safety (EDACS) curriculum is a two-year rotating course that has been developed for emergency medicine residents to not only improve knowledge on health inequities, but to equip residents to act on these inequities. The curriculum was first developed at the University of Toronto by Drs. Kate Hayman, Evelyn Dell and Claire Acton. The curriculum has now expanded to the University of Calgary with Drs. Claire Acton and Kelsey Ragan serving as curriculum co-directors.

Topics this year have included transgender health, care of the incarcerated patient, Indigenous health as well as a walking tour of community resources frequently accessed by our patients (e.g. Alpha House, CUPS, RAAM Clinic).

We have great news for Staff as moving forward we would like to open the EDACS sessions to interested staff starting with the **upcoming lecture this Thursday, June 2 from 1600-1700 in Clara Christie Theatre (in person only, no virtual option due to the sensitivity of the discussions).** June 2nd is International Sex Workers Day. Our guest speaker will be Karyn Jackson from SafeLINK Alberta and will focus on furthering our understanding of patients who engage in sex work.

Karyn Jackson (she/her) holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Calgary and is the Team Lead, Education & Capacity Building at SafeLink Alberta. She is passionate about creating policies and programs which support vibrant inclusive communities. Her practice is focused on bridging the gap between systems and service-users to further amplify the voices of those whom social policy directly impacts.

This is the final session for this academic year but we will keep you posted on further dates as the curriculum is finalized. If you have any questions, suggestions regarding this curriculum please don't hesitate to reach out to Dr. Claire Acton or Dr. Kelsey Ragan.

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CADTH and CWC are presenting a free Zoom webinar, Friday June 3rd, 10:00am to 11:00 am.

Join Dr. Wendy Levinson, the chair of CWC, and a panel of clinical and policy experts for an introduction to [CWC's new Using Labs Wisely program for hospitals](#).

[Register Here](#)

Opportunities

Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health

We would like to thank Dr. Jen Nicol on her ground-breaking work & contribution as the Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health these past 2 years.

The Department of Emergency Medicine (Alberta Health Services – Calgary Zone) is now accepting applications for a 0.1FTE (\$23, 199) Emergency Physician Liaison Lead for Mental Health. This ½

day per week position is available immediately. This position is joint funded by the generosity of the Calgary Health Foundation and the Department of Psychiatry. The term for this position is one year renewable, with 3 years of funding expected to be in place.

The main focus of the EPLL – Mental Health will be to develop and educate emergency physicians on the best mental health practices in the Emergency Department, as well as after discharge. The EPLL – Mental Health will also take a leadership role in driving positive outcomes in mental health care in collaboration with Mental Health and Addictions, will work closely with ACCESS Mental Health, and will attend related Mental Health Quality Improvement project meetings. The goal of this role is to improve the quality of service received, as well as the overall experience for mental health patients who attend the Foothills Medical Centre Emergency Department. The longer term goal will be to implement these mental health care best practices at PLC, RGH and SHC Emergency Departments.

If you are interested in administrative work and are looking for a role that can serve as an introduction, this position is for you! It is a great opportunity to learn more about the care of mental health patients in our EDs, and the ways we can provide better care to this important patient population. It is also an opportunity to engage with different consultant and stakeholder groups in our hospitals. For further details on role accountabilities, please contact Dr. Jen Nicol at Jjenicol@gmail.com.

Interested applicants should forward their curriculum vitae and cover letter to Scott Banks at ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca by **June 6, 2022**.

Thanks - if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Scott

EOI - Associate Chief Medical Officer, Physician Wellness, Diversity and Development
[See information here.](#)

STARS Transport Physician Hiring
[See posting here.](#)

Bridging Leaders Program - McMaster University (open to anyone)

The ability to bridge between worlds as a leader is a must-have skill, but one that is rarely operationalized. For example, leaders in Canadian academic health sciences centres (AHSCs) are often invested in one of two sides: the university or hospital/health systems side. Rarely are the two worlds well bridged, and as a result there is a growing divide between the academics and the hospital administrators of our AHSCs. The solutions for most problems, however, often require both parties within the leadership of the AHSCs to have a deep empathy and understanding of each others' priorities and interests.

We hope that this program can allow leaders who hold dual citizenship roles (e.g. teacher and researcher, hospital leader and academic faculty, clinician and scientist, or others) to work on reconciling their two sides and to find ways to collaboratively seek solutions that are win-win for all involved. By participating in this program, we hope to help participants set the foundation to effectively lead in their academic, research, and clinical leadership roles.

[More info on the Bridging Leaders Program here.](#)

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

Kudos to Dr. Aaron Johnston on his important contributions to the [Recommendations Report from the Rural Sustainability Task Force](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Sarah McPherson for winning the PARA Well-Being Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize a staff physician who is an advocate for resident physicians and who has demonstrated a strong interest in resident physician well-being. Sarah's ongoing contributions to resident and departmental wellness are much appreciated!
