



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

September 28, 2021 Edition

COVID-19

Important: Critical Care Triage process update

We are still working through the ramifications of the Critical Care Triage protocol; there are several areas of uncertainty.

Those of you who were able to listen in to the Webinar on Friday (apologies for the technical difficulties) will have seen that it is quite an involved process.

Two major areas of concern are:

- 1) What will happen to patients who are deemed appropriate for ICU, but for whom there is no ICU bed available. Where will they wait?
- 2) Who will be responsible for the very involved process of participating as the most responsible physician in the Point of Care Triage Team?

(our initial thought is that this duty should be performed by an ED MD other than the on-shift MRP, possibly a separate small group of ED docs trained for this job and available on-call)

We hope to have developed some preliminary plans for the Calgary Zone ED response to the Critical Care Triage plan soon. Ian Walker is coordinating our response to this plan and may be asking for volunteers to come in and act as the MRP for the Point of Care Triage Team.

Thanks.
Neil

COVID Corner - Oct 13: Long Shadow of COVID

Reflecting on Moral Challenges during COVID-19. Join us for this Oct 13 webinar in collaboration with the Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development at the University of Calgary, the Office of Life Long Learning at the University of Alberta, and Well Doc Alberta.

[Register Here.](#)

Operations

Mandatory Vaccination Policy

As you will all know by now, AHS requires that everyone working in their facilities must be vaccinated by the end of October. This includes physicians.

Please use the following form to submit your vaccination information to AHS. [COVID-19 Got My COVID-19 Immunization Form | Insite \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)

Background for the policy can be found here. [IMMUNIZATION OF WORKERS FOR COVID-19 policy 1189 \(ahsnet.ca\)](#)

Please let your site chief know if there is going to be a problem with the successful reporting of your full vaccination status to AHS by Oct 31/21. We will have to make arrangements to have your shifts covered and would like as much notice as possible.

-Neil Collins

Shadowing Reminder - MD Program Students

Just a reminder that UME students shadowing you in an AHS environment must submit an approval through our learning platform so that names and locations can be sent to site commands at the various AHS sites a week in advance.

This approval must occur by the Monday morning of the week prior to the experience. This means that if a learner is to spend time with you on October 4th, the approval must be received prior to September 27th.

Thank you again for your commitment to our students.

Dr. Sarah G. Weeks MD MEHP FRCPC (she/her)
Assistant Dean Pre-Clerkship
Undergraduate Medical Education

Agitation in Older ED Patients Tool

The [ABCs of Agitation in the Older ED Patient](#) is an evidence informed bedside assessment tool that was developed to assist the ED practitioner with a simple framework that focuses on the most common causes of agitation in the older patient. The tool emphasizes a Pain First strategy and outlines some analgesic dosing suggestions including the concept of regular vs prn dosing for acetaminophen in older adults with a painful condition. The goal was to create a tool that could be used by all ED health care workers and act as a shared mental model when assessing these sometimes-challenging patient care scenarios. The outcomes that we will measure in the future include rates of chemical and mechanical restraint use, regular acetaminophen dosing and diclofenac gel orders.

This tool is currently being rolled out to nursing staff and HCA across the zone. This tool has also been added to our myED app.

Developed by the Geriatric EM working group

Thanks, Marge

CPSA consultation on the standard of practice related to episodic care

The CPSA has [put out a consultation on the standard of practice related to episodic care](#). This represents some changes from the prior SOP, and is directly relevant to us as Emergency physicians. It will be out for review for a month and can be found here, along with those for Telemedicine and Continuity of Care. Please take a few minutes to weigh in on these changes.

-Ian Walker

SCM Updates!

There are no SCM Updates for the week of Sept 27- Oct 1.

YYC ED Specific

Volunteers needed for important interviews

The Fall hiring cycle is upon us and we are looking for two interviewers from the physician group at-large to participate in interviews. We will be interviewing 19 candidates over 2 or 3 days - 30 minute interviews. We have to have our candidates ranked by mid-November. Interview dates have not been selected yet, and will be chosen with interviewer availability in mind. (mid-October likely)

Thanks for considering volunteering for this important task.

Neil

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Preceptor Needed - Oct 21 - Shock/Altered Mental Status

We need a preceptor to teach either shock or altered mental status (your choice) on Oct 21 at noon. The audience is 7 clinical clerks doing their mandatory rotation. It is over zoom and all of the logistics are taken care of. Teaching notes are provided and you may structure your session however you like. They usually last 60-75 minutes. You will be paid \$150. Please let me know (ggreenfi@ucalgary.ca) if you can teach this session. Thanks.

Gavin

Preceptors Needed - Academic Day Sessions

We are looking for preceptors for Academic Day Sessions for the next portion of the academic year. As a preceptor for an Academic Day Session, your role is to guide the assigned resident as they develop their talk and content for their session, and be present during the presentation to help facilitate discussion and questions. Residents are expected to reach out to their preceptors roughly one month in advance of the talk to help them prepare.

As usual, we will be running this notice for two-weeks before making final assignments to ensure everyone who is interested has an opportunity to respond. Please contact Anjali at anjali.pandya@gmail.com if you are able to preceptor any of the following sessions:

- January 6, 2022 13:00-14:00 Topic- Dysbarism
- January 6, 2022 14:00-15:00 Topic- Cardiomyopathies
- January 6, 2022 15:00-16:00 Topic- Endocarditis/Valvular Disease
- January 13, 2022 13:00-14:00 Topic- Wound Management
- January 13, 2022 14:00-15:00 Topic- Occupational Exposures and Needle stick Injuries
- January 13, 2022 15:00-17:00 Topic- Pediatric Upper Extremity Injuries
- January 27, 2022 13:00-15:00 Topic- STIs/Genital Infections
- January 27, 2022 15:00-17:00 Topic- Atraumatic Spinal Emergencies
- February 3, 2022 13:00-15:00 Topic- Asthma/COPD

- February 3, 2022 15:00-16:00 Topic- Hemoptysis
- February 10, 2022 13:00-15:00 Topic- Approach to Altered LOC
- February 17, 2022 14:00-15:30 Topic- Heme Emergencies (MAHA/TTP/HUS, Acquired Coagulopathies)
- February 17, 2022 15:30-17:00 Topic- Heme Malignancies & associated emergencies
- February 24, 2022 13:00-14:00 Topic- Anorectal Emergencies
- February 24, 2022 14:00-15:00 Topic- Diarrhea/Constipation
- February 24, 2022 15:00-17:00 Topic- Pediatric Lower Extremity Injuries
- March 3, 2022 13:00-15:00 Topic- Syncope
- March 3, 2022 16:00-17:00 Topic- Aortic Diseases
- March 31, 2022 15:00-16:00 Topic- Non-Vertiginous ENT Emergencies
- March 31, 2022 16:00-17:00 Topic- Adult Foot & Ankle Injuries

Thank you very much for considering and for everything you all do to support residency education! Your time and efforts are very much appreciated!

Catherine, Anjali & Jason

PSF Application - Open

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

Deadline for submission: October 8, 2021

Next withdrawal: October 12, 2021

Note: April & October 2021 contribution receipts will be sent in November 2021.

Thank you!

Lilian

On behalf of the PSF Committee

Wellness Update!

September Happiness Challenge

It's September and it's been a great summer but also a very busy one. After a year and a half of a pandemic and all the other stressors of the year I can feel the stress mounting. I think it's time to actively rest and restore.

Check out the website and the August and September videos to learn more.

Click here to discover more: www.yycemhappinesschallenge2021.com

Click here to watch the August video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMKoji6xxPU>

And the September video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeGP_eMyq_I

Wellness Supports

1. Call your Peer Support Team. [HERE are their phone numbers \(updated Feb 2021\)](#). 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 6 free hours of counselling for yourself and 6 free for your family members.
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Mountain Biking

The last resident/staff mountain bike day of 2021 will take place on Sunday, October 3. Hopefully a weekend date will give a few people who aren't usually able to attend on a weekday an opportunity to come out and have some fun.

The plan will be to meet at Station Flats at 1000. There will be a shorter/easier group and a longer/harder group. The shorter group ride will be about 1.5 hours and the longer ride 2-2.5 hours.

Hopefully we can have a good turnout for the last ride of the year!
Andrew

Grand Rounds & Journal Club

Cancellation Notice – Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Sept 30:

Our regularly scheduled *Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds* on September 30 (0900-1000) have been cancelled.

In place of the rounds, you are invited to attend the following Special Event hosted by *Indigenous Health Program* – University of Calgary.

Event: Film Screening of “The Unforgotten”

Time: 0900 a.m. to 1030 a.m.

Moderator: Dr. Pam Roach & Colleagues

Pre-Registration Required: <https://cutt.ly/xEdEKY9>

CME

Join for free: [Cardiac Services BC's Symposium on Cardiogenic Shock](#) | Tuesday, Oct 5

Oct 5 (Tue) | 1700–1915 PDT | [+Add to calendar](#)

Target Audience: specialists, cardiologists, surgeons, internists, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, paramedics, allied health professionals & residents.

Up to 2.25 MOC Section 1 credits

[Learn More & Register](#)

Highlights:

- Early Recognition: New definitions, stages, and the role of endomyocardial biopsy | **Dr. Josh Wenner**
 - Treatment Options: Mechanical Circulatory Support Therapies in Cardiogenic Shock | **Dr. Yoan Lamarche**
 - Benefits of Cardiogenic Shock Teams - The Ottawa Experience | **Dr. Sharon Chih**
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EDI LUNCH & LEARN - DECOLONIZING YOUR SYLLABUS: REFLECTING ON HOW, WHAT & WHO YOU TEACH

Due to overwhelming interest, we are excited to offer an extended presentation by **Dr. Pamela Roach** on “**Decolonizing your Syllabus**” at October’s EDI Lunch & Learn. Dr. Roach will discuss **epistemic racism**, guide participants in implementing the **principles of decolonization** into syllabi, course outlines, & course planning, and show how to develop a plan for tangible **changes in teaching & education**.

Space is limited so be sure to sign up quickly!!

WHO: Hosted by OPED, OFDP & ILGHO

WHAT: EDI Lunch & Learn – Decolonizing your Syllabus: Reflecting on How, What & Who you Teach

WHEN: October 7, 2021 12:30 – 2:00 PM

WHERE: ZOOM

HOW: Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/167109612349>

Fall CSM Fac Dev Workshops

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR PROVIDING FEEDBACK (2 parts)

Thursday, October 7, 2021

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM MDT

[Sign Up Now!](#)

Wednesday October 20, 2021

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM MDT

[Sign Up Now!](#)

[RESEARCH Orientation for New Faculty - Oct 6, 2021](#)

[Media Training 101 - Oct 20, 2021](#)

Opportunities

Mitacs Information Session

Monday, October 4, 2021

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Are you interested in working with industry partners (including companies, hospitals, not-for-profits, and/or municipalities)? Looking for funding to support your research projects and your students? Please join us for a presentation to learn how you and your students/postdocs can apply for upcoming Mitacs funding opportunities. Mitacs is a national, independent, not-for-profit organization with a mandate to drive Canadian innovation by connecting industry partners with academic researchers and providing financial support for the resulting projects. Funding starts at \$10,000 with no upper limit and is available for students at all levels (undergrad to postdoc, including medical students).

[Register here](#) to learn more about Mitacs "funding and programs."

EMBER (Exploring Mental Health Barriers in Emergency Rooms) Study Recruitment

EMBER is seeking to recruit 25 participants from various groups from the FMC Emergency Department. [See more information here](#) all participants will receive a \$50 gift card for their time.

Locum and full-time employment opportunities in PEI

PEI has had strong public health leadership and good support from our provincial government and local community such that we have only had a handful (literally less than 10) admissions for COVID-19 in the province and no deaths so far through the entire pandemic. Working here would be a nice break for many of our colleagues who are suffering burnout from managing all the COVID illness.

We are currently recruiting to fill 4 full time positions and are covering empty shifts with locums.

I'm including an updated [brief information file](#) that answers basic questions about our ED. Please feel free to share this widely.

Our locum support program currently pays for return travel to PEI, licensing and medical society fees, and \$200 per day worked and are considering improving this support.

Contact: steven.macneill@pei.sympatico.ca

Kudos Corner

Kudos to Grant Kennedy!

One of our new staff members was on a buddy shift and worked with Grant. She indicated how welcoming he was and how much she appreciated his kindness and introduction. She remarked how different the MD-nurse collegiate relationship was at RGH ED. I assured her that while Grant is always great, she could expect more of this same thing from the rest of the MD group. :)

-Jennifer Smith (Clinical Nurse Educator)
