



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly ^{email}

Updates for ED Physicians

Sept 6, 2022 Edition

Operations

What's new in the MyEDapp - Femoral Nerve Block

Thanks to the effort of Nick Packer and David Mainprize, you can now find all the relevant info you need with respect to femoral nerve blocks info including:

1. Reference Guide (all the details you need to review prior to the procedure, local anesthetic),
2. Summary of the literature,
3. a sample Patient info sheet.

-Shawn Dowling

PSF application is open

See attached PSF mandate and PSF Application guidelines.

- [PSF Application Guidelines](#)
- [PSF Mandate and Process](#)

Deadline for PSF Application submission: September 30, 2022

EFT Next withdrawal: October 12, 2022

Note: April 2022 contribution receipts have been emailed in July – Aug 2022.

PSF Seeking new committee members

The PSF is looking for two more interested members to diversify our team. It's a great way to provide some of your service hours to the department, and requires only ~10 hours of virtual meeting/work per year.

Come help us disburse money to support the awesome projects our members contribute for!

Thanks everyone for your support.

If interested in becoming a member please email: Maria.Petrosyants@albertahealthservices.ca

Thank you!

Maria

On behalf of the PSF Committee

Opportunity to interview new candidates in the Calgary Zone Department of Emergency Medicine Fall Hiring Cycle. Oct 12/13

We will be hiring a number of new physicians this year and this is your chance to participate in the process of choosing your future colleagues.

We are hoping to attract a motivated group of interviewers who can use their diverse backgrounds to help the CZDEM choose the candidates that are best suited to help us achieve our long-term goals. We are looking for 3 members-at-large who will join this year's hiring committee.

The commitment would be for applicant file review, and then interviews on Oct 12 and 13th (two partial days) and participation in a dinner event to rank the candidates.

This is volunteer work but the dinner event is on us! (well, the PSF anyway. Hopefully...)

Please send an expression of your interest to Maria Petrosyants
Maria.Petrosyants@albertahealthservices.ca

YYC ED Specific

Instructors required: EFAST (Nov 3: 12-5 pm)

Department of Critical Care Medicine is looking for 2 instructors to help with the EFAST course that is running on Nov 3 from 12-5 pm. This is a hands on, basic (and largely scripted) US course that is provided to the R1 surgery residents as part of their Foundations of Surgery training stage. It is held in the ATSSL at Foothills. If interested, please contact Dr. John Kortbeek at John.Kortbeek@albertahealthservices.ca. Thanks!

ACTION Requested: Infection Prevention & Control Research Priorities Survey

The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) leadership at Alberta Health Services (AHS), is inviting you to participate in a Delphi Survey to establish IPC/IPAC research priorities that are important and feasible.

This first step of launching a post-pandemic IPAC research agenda will enable building IPAC research capacity and capability in Canada.

This work is led by the IPC Research Priority Setting Committee at AHS.

This is the second round of the modified Delphi process that began with AHS' IPC program members identifying 79 research questions. The Committee has shortlisted this to 23 research questions.

The project leads are requesting that you review these 23 questions and **choose how important each of the questions are to you**. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. You will have the ability to add your own questions that were not included in this list. They also invite you to put your name forward to participate in the next round of the consensus process.

[IPC Research Priority Setting Survey](#)

If you would like more information about the process so far, or have any questions, please contact Dr. Jenine Leal, IPC Research Scientist, at jpcsurvstadmin@ahs.ca.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS - Discovery Days in Health Sciences at UCalgary

In partnership with the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine, we are delighted to host our annual **Discovery Day in Health Sciences** once again in person on October 19!

This national program encourages young people to explore exciting career options in the sciences. Each event features informative displays, a captivating keynote lecture, interactive workshops, and a thought-provoking career panel discussion. Over 200 students from secondary schools in Calgary and area are expected to attend. **The objective of the day is to spark their interest in considering a future career in health care.**

Currently we are looking for dynamic presenters to host an engaging workshop in the morning and/or afternoon or to take part in our "Health Pros Tell All" panel discussion. We welcome anyone with a

passion for their field of study and an interest in outreach (faculty, researchers, clinicians, technicians, or grad/undergrad students) to join us in this exciting initiative to educate and engage curious minds.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- Small interactive group sessions offer students the opportunity to learn more about a particular health care field from the presenters
- Workshops take place 10:00 – 11:30 AM and 12:30 – 2:00 PM
- Presenters can sign up for either or both time slots (same presentation with two different groups of high school students)
- Presenters are responsible for their own room and AV bookings (planning team can assist if requested)

"HEALTH PROS TELL ALL" CAREER PANEL DISCUSSION

- The moderated panel discussion comprises five health care academics/professionals from various fields who will each have three minutes to share with the entire audience their story of how they got to where they are today
- Q&A follows after all have spoken
- The panel runs 2:15 – 3:15 PM in the Libin Theatre

These events are very well received by participants and are an important part of how they explore their career options. We track and share all student feedback with presenters. Those interested in taking part will find more information, including the submission form, on our website at

<https://cdnmedhall.ca/ucalgary/presenters>

Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday, September 7**

Anyone with questions is welcome to contact me on my cell at 519-659-7625 or by email at jmcnorgan@cdnmedhall.ca.

Janice McNorgan | Information Systems and Program Manager
Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

ED Staff Simulations

Please sign up for ED Staff Simulations. Please note that **13 September** – there is still one spot available.

[EM Physician Participants: 2022 ED Staff Simulation \(Sept- Dec 2022\) \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

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

Welcome Back To the Department of Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

- **Date:** Thurs, Sept 08, 2022
- **Time:** 0900 – 1015 (1.25 Education Credits)
- **Room:** In-Person – [Clara Christie Theatre - HSC](#)
- **Zoom:** <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/66383702969>
- **Passcode:** 037024

- **Eval:** <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>
- [Speaker bios](#)

Session #1 (0900 – 1000)

Moderator: Dr. Mark MacKenzie BSC FCFP EM, Senior Medical Director AHS EMS

Speaker: Dr. Phil Ukrainetz BSC MD FRCPC, EMS, Online Medical Control Physician

Topic: EMS Online Medical Control – Could this be a key to offloading our Emergency Departments?

***Description:** This presentation will describe how Alberta's EMS system is striving to meet the demands of Alberta's population in an ever changing Healthcare environment. Development and implementation of novel approaches being used by our paramedical colleagues and the physicians they consult with is helping to facilitate paramedicine as a self-regulating profession and is helping fill gaps in our healthcare system.*

Session #2 (1000 – 1015)

Speakers: Dr. Stephanie Vandenberg & Dr. Monty Ghosh

Topic: Research Study Briefing: Acute Agitation from Crystal Meth: - a coordinated approach to pre-hospital and emergency department management of meth related behavioral emergencies.

***Description:** Dr. Stephanie Vandenberg and Dr. Monty Ghosh are leading a research study, funded by the Calgary Health Foundation, that is looking to create evidence-based recommendations to help manage acute methamphetamine toxicity (aka. the belligerent hulk-hogan-high-on-meth-pt) in a trauma-informed, patient-centric model within Calgary Emergency Departments and interactions with our Protective Services colleagues, EMS, Calgary Police, Calgary Transit, Calgary Fire and social-service settings. This study has received University of Calgary ethics approval (REB22-0326).*

This brief presentation will present preliminary findings from a systematic review and chart review as well as invite your feedback and personal experiences managing meth related behavioural emergencies in the form of an online survey.

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

Shortened URL: <https://cutt.ly/NlJq5fZ>

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

Journal Club - Sept 15

You are invited to attend the [In-Person Emergency Medicine Journal Club](#) on Thursday, September 15th, 2022.

- **Date:** September 15, 2022
- **Time:** 18:00 to 21:00
- **Presenters:** Drs. Julia Madill and Duncan Simmons
- **Preceptors:** Dr. Kasia Lenz
- **Hosted by:** Dr. Fareen Zaver

Please RSVP to Tris TrisSurendra.Malasan@albertahealthservices.ca by this Monday September 12, if you would to attend this Journal Club.

Opportunities

Senior Associate Dean, Health Equity and Systems Transformation

The Cumming School of Medicine invites applications (Cumming School of Medicine, only) for the position of Senior Associate Dean Health Equity and Systems Transformation.

Please see the [complete terms of reference for the position.](#)

The successful candidate will hold an MD or PhD; be a member of the CSM faculty; have leadership experience in health equity and administration; be a respected educator and scholar; and have proven ability to collaborate and sustain relationships within the Faculty and across the province with government and professional organizations.

The position is 0.5 FTE. The initial appointment will begin December 1, 2022 for a five-year term.

Please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae by September 30, 2022, to:

Dr. Todd Anderson
Dean
Cumming School of Medicine,

c/o sperry@ucalgary.ca

EM Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator

This position allows for improved resource stewardship in the Emergency Medicine Department, as well as, improvement in the quality of care we deliver and continuous work to increase physician engagement by utilizing feedback with physician performance measures.

The EM Effectiveness & Clinical Excellence Coordinator is responsible for optimizing clinical decision support and quality improvement audit and feedback activities within ConnectCare.

In addition, the Coordinator reviews/changes/updates the EM Order Set for SCM EM users. This role develops and creates reports on quality indicators of clinical effectiveness at the provider level in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Medicine Data Analyst reflecting optimal care, i.e. % of hemodynamically stable upper GI bleed patients receiving transfusion for Hgb >80, use of expensive antibiotics when less costly alternative is available.

This position is essential to continue and lead innovation & quality improvement projects/activities in the department. If the position is not filled, coverage would be at risk on ongoing projects/developments & core responsibilities in general, including but not limited to identifying areas of need for clinical effectiveness or quality improvement support, training and education for ED physicians.

Applicants are to submit curriculum vitae & cover letter (in pdf format) to Scott Banks at ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca

Emerg Medicine Ultrasound Coordinator

The ED Ultrasound Coordinator provides leadership for ultrasound training and development within the Calgary Emergency Department. The Ultrasound Coordinator ensures that the Calgary Emergency Department ultrasound program continues to meet all standards of the Canadian Emergency Ultrasound Society (CEUS).

The Ultrasound Coordinator is involved in many areas including facilitating resident & ED staff Point of Care Introductory Ultrasound (EDE) and vascular access courses, overseeing and conducting Canadian Emergency Ultrasound Society certification examinations of Emergency Department Ultrasound candidates from within our faculty, residents and from out of town. In addition to maintaining quality assurance measures & improvement tools through the Joint Quality Assurance Committee along with the Department of Radiology, as well as, advocating and promoting funding for ultrasound related projects, research and machine upgrades.

This position is available to current physicians with privileges in the Calgary Zone, Emergency Department

Applicants are to submit curriculum vitae & cover letter (in pdf format) to Scott Banks at ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca by Sept 12.

[See job posting.](#)

MD Wellness Lead

The occupational wellbeing of physicians is recognized as an important factor in professional fulfillment and growth, and directly impacts the provision of care to patients. This is especially relevant in the COVID era and applicable to emergency physicians as they report the highest rates of burnout within all physician groups: 29 physician specialties ranked by 2021 burnout rates (beckershospitalreview.com)

This position will focus on the importance of emergency physician health, and will ensure that there is protected and supported time to advocate for physician wellbeing on important department decisions, to innovate and incorporate change into the Emergency Department, and to strive to become a center of excellence for physician wellbeing within our province. Multiple MDs in our department have specialized training in MD wellness and have been engaged in wellness projects.

This role will work collaboratively with the members of the Department of Emergency Medicine community to foster a culture of physician wellness and lead the planning, development, implementation, evaluation and continuous monitoring of department well-being initiatives and to make physician wellbeing a department priority and address issues on system level.

This position is available to current physicians with privileges in the Calgary Zone, Emergency Department

Applicants are to submit curriculum vitae & cover letter (in pdf format) to Scott Banks at ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca by Sept 12.

[See job posting.](#)

World Cup Mens Ski Races in Lake Louise

I am still looking for 2 physicians to join the medical team for the World Cup Alpine Mens Ski races at the end of November. (Nov 20-27)

This is one of the premier ski races on the World Circuit and is a great opportunity to be exposed to this level of competition, as well as what is involved in providing medical coverage for an event at this level.

There are really only 2 requirements

- advanced skier
- available for the full week of the events (arriving evening of the 20th and leaving afternoon of the 27th)

The Nov 21 medical training day involves orientation to the race course, trauma packs, medications to be used and their indications, "racer down" protocol, and orientation to all the equipment we have onsite including the trauma bay set up at Lake Louise.

There are three World Cup skier training days (Nov 22-24), with the official Downhill race Nov 25th, and two Super G races Nov 26-27th.

The Medical Team is well experienced and a great group. Happy to have you join for the training runs or official races. Breakfast and lunch is provided, and most meals covered. Accommodations are provided.

I have already been in touch with several people who can do partial days and will continue to be in touch as the team gets finalized to fill in days as needed.

Thank you

Tom Rich

(goodpuppy@shaw.ca)

UME Simulation Lead for ED

Melanie (UME EM clerkship director) and I (electives clerkship director) would like to invite all interested candidates to apply for the position of UME simulation lead for the emergency department. We thank Kevin Haley for taking on this role and all of his great work in the past.

This position would involve creating, organizing and maintaining a simulation program for core and elective clerks that rotate through the ED (approximately 6-12 clerks per 2 week rotation). Our goal is to offer a 2-3 hour simulation session every 2 weeks (1 session per clerk block) covering commonly encountered EM topics (ACLS, trauma, toxicology, etc). The remuneration is \$125/hour.

If you have any questions regarding the role, please feel free to email Melanie (Melanie.Sohn@albertahealthservices.ca) and I (calgaryerelectives@gmail.com), or Kevin (khaley@ualberta.ca) as the outgoing UME sim lead for more information.

For interested candidates, please email your CV and a letter of interest to both Melanie and I by September 30.

- Claire Acton and Melanie Sohn

Leadership Opportunities - UME

UME has posted new leadership, committee and teaching opportunities. If you are interested in Medical Education, leading change and teaching in the MD Program, you will find posted some interesting and challenging positions.

Here is the link to the website where all the postings and job profiles are located:
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/faculty/job-opportunities>

Office of Faculty Development September Offerings:

- **From Bystander to Upstander: Intervention Training**
- PLUS 3E: Educational Leadership
- Effective Strategies for providing feedback
- Pathways to Healing Circles

See [OFDP Event Calendar](#) for dates, info and registration.

CME & Learning

20th St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update

Sep 22-25 (Thu-Sat) | Whistler Conference Centre | Conference

Audience: family physicians, emergency physicians, hospitalists, internists, pediatricians, rural physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, paramedics, residents and students.

Up to 18.0 Mainpro+/MOC Section 1 Credits

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Save the Date - Organ Donation Symposium

November 2nd -2022 (virtual)

[Click here for more info and program.](#)

An Introduction to Mindfulness for Healthcare Professionals

Well Doc Alberta is collaborating with Dr. Ward Flemons to offer a 6-week introductory course on mindfulness for healthcare professionals. The course is designed to introduce participants to the basics of mindfulness including 'what it is' and why people in the healing professions would want to learn about it, both in terms of what it can offer patients and their 'carers'. The course focuses on the physician experience.

The course will be held September 21 to October 26 from 1830-2000 and is open to physicians and medical residents within the CSM. The course will run in a hybrid format where participants can attend in-person or via Zoom.

Space is limited and registration is required.

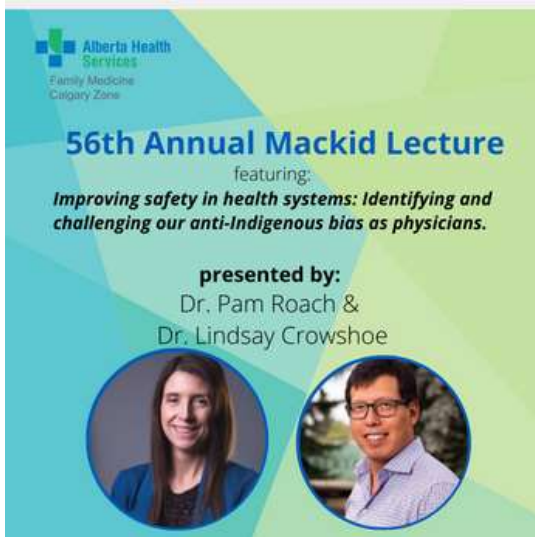
Additional information about the course and the link to register are provided [in the attached poster](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Alicia Polachek, Co-Director of Well Doc Alberta, at welldocalberta@ucalgary.ca

International Conference on Physician Health

Looking for a conference this fall?

The International Conference on Physician Health is being held in Orlando Florida Oct 13-15, 2022. This conference is a collaborative meeting of the AMA, CMA and BMA.

The cut off date for reservations is Sept 22, 2022 and [can be found on the conference website](#).



Dept of Family Medicine: 56th Mackid Lecture

ED Physicians are invited to the 56th Mackid Lecture on Sept 27, 5-9pm.

*Improving safety in health systems:
Identifying and challenging our anti-Indigenous bias as physicians.*

presented by: Dr. Pamela Roach & Dr. Lindsay Crowshoe

[More info and agenda here.](#)

Email family.medicine@ahs.ca to register.

The Alberta SimPosium

eSIM Provincial Simulation is proud to host the inaugural Alberta SimPosium on October 25th & 26th, 2022.

The Alberta SimPosium is an interprofessional simulation education conference which targets simulation educators, researchers and healthcare professionals, and students engaged in the field of simulation.

With options to attend in-person in Calgary, Edmonton, and/or virtually, eSIM aims to offer a unique opportunity for simulation expertise to be shared broadly with healthcare professionals across the province.

[Click here to register.](#)

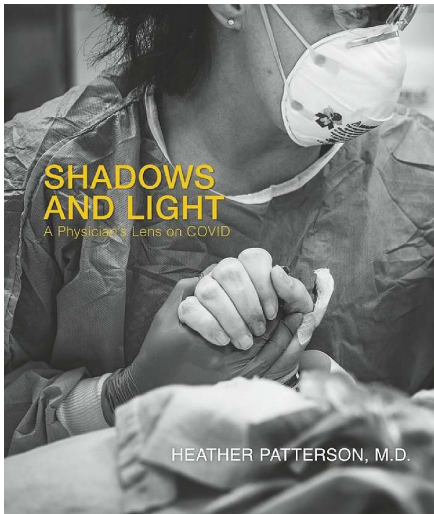
Kudos Corner

Shadows & Light Book Launch

Please join me for the for the Shadows and Light book launch and gallery event on Sept 16 6:30-8:30 at The Pioneer on 8th Ave.

[Reserve your free tickets starting Thursday 8am here.](#) There is limited capacity.

The link will be active starting Thursday Sept 8 at 8am. PLEASE DO NOT RESERVE UNTIL SEPT 8.



Kudos to Dr Mardelle Gamble in executing a rare patient request - for a patient's granddaughter to get married in front of her grandmother after the patient had suffered a fatal intracerebral hemorrhage and was expected to pass away in the PLC ED.

Mardelle took on this request with full enthusiasm, arranging for the patient's extended family to be at the bedside, securing one of our more private rooms in the ED, calling the granddaughter's fiancé's family on FaceTime, convincing the hospital priest to perform not only last rights but also a wedding ceremony, and 'borrowing' a bouquet of flowers from the radiology department for the bride. It was a full department effort with help from the nurses and unit clerks as well. The couple were happily married in F10; we wish them a lifetime of happiness.

Congratulations to CCFP-EM R3 Russell Bahar and his new wife, Maya on their recent nuptials!

