



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

April 4, 2023 Edition

Operations

Referrals to Sciatica Clinic

Our colleagues on the spine service at FMC continue to accept urgent referrals to their Sciatica Clinic. This partnership was inspired by a research project the spine team is doing and the clinic benefits us and our patient population by having a "rapid access" sciatica clinic that will provide comprehensive care for the patient even if they do not consent to participate in their study.

At this time, it is only available to the FMC ED team. No research consent needed on our end. When you are making a note in Connect Care, just click on communications to send a referral directly to Dr. Ganesh Swamy and the clinic will take care of introducing the research study at that time. Thank you.

Connect Care Updates

1) I have reserved conference room 10302 on the 10th floor at RGH for a few ASAP prescriber review sessions as we get closer to launch. While this will NOT replace basic training and personalization sessions, those who have persistent questions after completing their training will hopefully find these group sessions helpful for troubleshooting common workflow questions and also some tips / tricks that could make your life easier during the transition to the new EMR. The dates are: April 19, 20, 27, and 28, at 12:00-14:00. Anyone can sign up (even from launch 4 and 5 sites) but launch 6 physicians will be prioritized if enrollment is larger than expected. Please let me know if you are planning to attend so I have an idea of numbers.

2) See the list of links below for several helpful resources / documents relevant to the Calgary Zone:

- [Connect Care physician resource webpage](#)
- [Common Workflows document for the Calgary Zone](#)
- [Link to Mike Betzner's Bring Your Own Device tipsheet](#) (you will need your AHS password to access this site)

As always, if you have any questions please let me know.
-Chris Hall

Alberta Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act

This is a reminder that **modifications to the Alberta Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act become Alberta law tomorrow (April 1, 2023).**

What does this mean practically? To keep it simple, **the default should be to call SAOTDP about every death** that occurs in the ED (there are a few exceptions, see flow sheet at the bottom).

- **In mechanically ventilated patients, the call needs to occur *prior to* extubation / transition to C1 or C2 goals of care (for consideration of organ donation).**

- In non-ventilated patients, the call can also be after death (for consideration of tissue donation)

Even if a family / alternate decision maker has expressed that the patient would not have wanted to be a donor, it is still necessary to check the donation registry (and calling SAOTDP is the only way to do this). Families often don't know that the patient had, in fact, registered, and really should have this information.

The SAOTDP coordinator on call can be found in ROCA. The donor coordinator will check the Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Registry when you call and help you sort out eligibility for donation.

Here are some resources we hope will be helpful. They are posted on AHS Intranet on the SAOTDP page.

1. [Organ donation pathway / flow chart](#)
2. [Tissue donation pathway / flow chart](#)
3. [Frequently asked question document](#)

Andreas H. Kramer MD MSc FRCPC

Disaster Committee Working Group

We are looking for two new members to take over the PLC and RGH hospital disaster lead position respectively. We would like to thank both Kip Rogers (PLC) and Cory Brulotte (RGH) for their time and commitment over these past few years.

Disaster lead Responsibilities include:

- Development and planning of CODE orange processes
- Simulation and table top exercises
- Member on the site disaster working groups (Quarterly meetings)

We are open to anyone with an interest in disaster medicine/management, but do ask that you be working at the specific site you apply for.

Please contact Brad Granberg for more information or expression of interest. Closing date for applications will be April 30, 2023.

PSF application is open.

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

Deadline for submission: April 13, 2023

Next withdrawal: April 18, 2022

DEM Faculty Small Group Sessions aka Group Emergency Medicine Sessions (GEMS): Ask and you shall receive!

We have done an [education focused needs assessment of our DEM physicians](#) and one major area that was identified was the need for **faculty only** small group sessions to *cover high yield emergency medicine topics* together.

The DEM is launching NEW **faculty only**, expert facilitated, *small group sessions* open to **ALL DEM Staff Physicians**.

WHEN: Once monthly (October 2023 - June 2024; Not running over summer)

WHAT: Topics are pre-planned with the goal to cover bread and butter Emergency Medicine topics and will be facilitated IN PERSON by experts in the topic areas. Some of the topics we will be covering this year include: pediatrics (twice), addictions, sports medicine, connect care optimization, geriatrics and neurology. Each session will be 1.5 hours long, with a maximum of 20 staff participating in each group. The goal is to have not just the expertise of the facilitator but also that of the various years of practice and knowledge of the staff attending the session for a shared experience.

HOW: [Using the link](#), you can sign up for ONE of 7 possible time slots. Given these sessions don't start until October there's lots of time for you to request shifts off/yellow to accommodate the sessions.

WHY: Because you asked for it!

WHERE: At the medical school/FMC (or a location of your groups choosing if you decide to have a change of scenery for a session.)

Rules of engagement:

- Sign up for ONE of seven possible time slots
- You will need to commit to attending 60% of the sessions (5/9) IN PERSON. There will be no virtual option to attend.
- Every group will have a room booked at Foothills Medical Center (the locations will be updated on the google document). Your group may choose to pick an alternative location but please notify me if you are using a different location so the facilitators are also aware (someone's home, restaurant, coffee shop, wine bar, etc.) Please keep in mind there is no funding for alternative locations, food or drinks.
- The goal is to have each group be a mix of faculty from different sites, gender and stage of career to ensure a robust discussion. If you are able to make a few different dates/times please try to choose one based on that diversity.
- Given that life happens and that on occasion you may not be available to attend your usual small group, you may swap into another session running in the same week but you are only allowed to do this TWICE in the year (please email me if you are going to swap into another session).
- There is no required pre-work to the sessions however there may be podcasts, blogposts, journal articles emailed to you prior to a session if you would like to have a topic refresher before attending.
- These sessions will be a safe learning space for everyone who attends. There is ZERO tolerance for any inappropriate or unprofessional behaviour.

You will receive a post-attendance survey at the end of the year to give anonymous feedback on any and all of the sessions as well as give suggestions for the year to come. Please also feel free to send me any topic ideas, facilitators, other suggestions you would like incorporated to me (fzaver@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE - Hodsman April 20

The Hodsman Legacy Lecture "[Big Top Poisons](#)" will be on **April 20, 2023 from 8:30am- 12:30pm**

For virtual option, [please register here](#).

Of note: This special event replaces our regularly scheduled EM Grand Rounds.

Any further inquiries may be made to our event coordinator, Jenny Woo: jenny.woo@ahs.ca

Grand Rounds & Journal Club

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

You are invited to the following via "**Zoom**" & **In-Person**. Please complete an "evaluation" form to provide your feedback to our speakers.

If there is more than 1 session complete 1 eval for each session.

For Emergency Physicians (Calgary Zone): The evaluation form must be submitted to receive your education credits. This applies to both Zoom & In-Person attendance.

- **Date:** Thurs, April 6, 2023
- **Time:** 0900 – 1000 (1.00 Education Credits)
- **Room:** Clara Christie - HSC
- **Zoom:** <https://cutt.ly/B3jCc3h>

- **Passcode: 864282**
- **One tap mobile:** +15873281099, 67568401147# Canada
- **By phone:** Canada: +1 587 328 1099 **Webinar ID:** 675 6840 1147

Moderator: Dr. Jacqui Hiob

Speaker: Dr. Alex Hamline

Topic: "Tox Tales: Lessons Learned From the Poison Center"

Evaluation Link: <https://cutt.ly/xT82kgH>

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

Kudos

Kudos to Dr. Jenn D'Mello for putting her name forward as [CMPA representative for Alberta](#).

Kudos to Dr. Aaron Johnston on this video re: Priorities to improve care in rural Alberta



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Hold the Date: ED Gala - Oct 19, 2023

After a three year hiatus the ED Gala 2023 is being planned once again!

What we can tell you is that it will be a night for all ED physicians and their significant others to dress up, connect with your colleagues, take time to say farewell to those that have left our group over the last three years, celebrate life in the post pandemic world, and much more including a fab dinner and dance.

Venue and details to follow soon so stay tuned.

Looking forward to this highly anticipated event!

Thank you, Laurie-Ann on behalf of the ED Gala planning committee

Please save the date for 2024 Winter Resident Retreat!

You are ALL invited to the 2024 winter resident retreat being held from **Friday February 23, 2024 – February 25, 2024 at the Malcolm Hotel in Canmore.**

Please save the date to your calendar!

Catherine, Anj & Charles

Please Save the Date! BBQ June 15

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting our annual **Year-End/Welcome BBQ on June 15th at 6:00PM at the Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building**. This is a great opportunity to mingle with and get to know our incoming residents and our new staff hires, and a wonderful chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our outgoing residents!

Details to follow.

Catherine, Charles & Anjali

STAFF Sims Sign up - Spots still available!

[ED Staff Sim Sign Up](#)

Dates available:

- RGH June 20 (1 spot)
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STAFF EXAMINERS FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2023 June 8, 2023 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 3 staff examiners for the oral exams on the following dates:

- **June 8th from 1000 – 1300**

These exams have returned to In-Person sessions.

Please check your availability and let me know if you are able to help on any of these dates and please send the responses to TriSurendra.Malasani@albertahealthservices.ca

Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed I will send Calendar invites.

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ROYAL COLLEGE ORAL EXAM PREP

We are still looking for examiners for our oral exam preparation sessions for our fourth year residents on the following dates: **May 16, 23, 24 + June 2**. [Please sign up in the google document](#). Chase Krook has an oral exam bank to draw from for these sessions, as needed. *NOTE*: Please also sign up for the USask session if you are able as their staff are providing a session for our residents.

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Peer Support

1. Call your Peer Support Team. [HERE are their phone numbers \(updated Nov 2022\)](#). 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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Research

Research Day May 4

The Department of Emergency Medicine will be hosting our **2023 Annual Research day** with our Keynote speaker, [Dr. Teresa Chan](#).

Event on: May 4, 2023 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the HSC, Libin Theatre. We strongly encourage in person attendance. Register [here](#) on Eventbrite.

For Zoom virtual option, please register [here](#) to get a link for the Webinar.

Detailed agenda will follow soon.

Opportunities

Opportunity for new junior ultrasound director education lead

I've now been in the role of ultrasound program director both for junior and senior residents for 5 years and I think it is time for someone new to take over the role of junior director.

I feel that some fresh ideas will help expand and grow the great curriculum we already have and new approaches might enhance the experience for residents.

I'd like to focus my energies more into further enhancing the senior resident ultrasound sessions and blocks. My hope is that one of you may be interested in taking over the lead for junior ultrasound education.

This would be a paid position as I would ask for the stipend I currently get to be split. That would make it a 1 day per month FTE paid at \$3000 split into two payments/yr. In addition, any bedside teaching you do would still be paid at the PGME rate.

The focus would be on organizing and running the CRISP course (Calgary Residency Introductory Sonography Program) for the EM/FRCPC and PEM residents and getting the FR residents through their core US curriculum.

I already have the CRISP course scheduled this year and would mentor/execute the course preparation process this year to help the next person transition into the role. I will also be attending the course (July 13, 2023 BTW-save the date everyone).

You do not need to have an ultrasound fellowship to perform this role but you should have a good knowledge of core ultrasound skills. I am also flexible about how this transition can play out so please feel free to contact me to discuss specifics.

If you are interested or have more questions, please send me an email. I'm also happy to meet or chat on the phone (403-667-3764).

Kasia Lenz MD, FRCPC, RDMS
Emergency Medicine
Resident Ultrasound Education Lead

Cumming School of Medicine, Master's in Precision Health, Online Information Session

This part-time master's program is designed for professionals who want to learn about precision health and specialize in one of the following areas:

- leading and implementing quality and safety improvement initiatives
- designing, commercializing, and/or implementing innovative and entrepreneurial solutions
- educating, training, and/or researching health professionals
- advancing clinical skills in precision medicine, pharmacogenomics, precision oncology, and omics applications

The online information session is on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023, from 5:30 - 6:45 PM MST**. [To book a place at the information session click on this link](#). Attendees will hear from thought leaders and find out how the program works to see if it is the right fit for them.

Program applications are open until May 31, 2023. For more information, check out the [Precision Health Program website](#) or email prehgrad@ucalgary.ca. People can also connect with me if they have questions (jolouise.huq@ucalgary.ca).
-Jo-Louise Huq

UME Leadership & Teaching Opportunities

UME has posted new leadership 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>

All applications can be directed to our Associate Dean, Dr. Chris Naugler at associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca.

CME & Learning

2023 Health & Medical Education Scholarship Symposium

[Preliminary program available here.](#)

[Register Here by May 8.](#)
