



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

April 11, 2023 Edition

Operations

Update from PRC Committee

Hi Group: Here is an [update from the PRC Committee](#). Topics include workload predictions, FTE reduction requests, seniority benefits, BMD shift, and the “1.0 FTE incentivization policy”.

Neil

Rural Coverage Help

The Department of Rural Medicine is requesting assistance in providing ER coverage at Strathmore District Health Services (SDHS) for the following shifts:

- Friday, April 14th 7:00pm – 8:00am
- Saturday, April 15th 5:00pm – 8:00am

If you are available to cover either shift, please contact Dr. David Piesas, Section Chief, Strathmore david.piesas@ahs.ca.

OR

Dr. Scott Slemko scott.slemko@gmail.com

Early Good News - EMS Park Elimination/EMS Return to Service Initiative

Please see the [attached key messages](#) which share early good news as a result of EMS Park elimination/EMS Return to Service since phased implementation began on March 15, 2023now.
-Chris Hall

Connect Care Updates

As we continue our progress towards Connect Care Launch 6, please take note of the following (hopefully) useful points:

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.

NOTE: TO GET MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM THESE SESSIONS YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP. YOU CAN STILL ATTEND IF YOU WISH ONLY TO OBSERVE BUT IT WILL BE FAR MORE USEFUL TO TRY IT OUT ON YOUR OWN DEVICE,

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

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. Please cc Ish Bains (Surgical/Clinical Research Associate Alberta Spine Foundation/Dept of Clinical Neurosciences) on referrals to the sciatica clinic.**

Thank you.

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):

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 6 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.

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.)

QUESTIONS: send an email to Fareen at 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

Multidisciplinary Ultrasound Case Rounds

I will be hosting multidisciplinary ultrasound case rounds on **April 24th from 1-2:30 in HSC 1405B**. We have colleagues from critical care and internal medicine planning to attend.

Everyone is invited to listen or to show/discuss interesting ultrasound cases in this VERY informal environment.

Please RSVP to me if you are thinking about attending (lenz.kasia@gmail.com) so I know how much sugar and caffeine to supply.

Hope to see many of you there.

Kasia Lenz

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds - April 13, 2023

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 13, 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

Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Wong, R2 EM Resident, FRCPC

Topic: Post-Intubation Care in the ED

Description: *You've successfully intubated the patient in the ED, what now? Awareness with paralysis (AWP) is a distressing potential complication of intubation. The goal of this Grand Rounds is*

to discuss the incidence and risk factors for AWP in ED patients receiving mechanical ventilation and review best practices in managing patients once they have been intubated.

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

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

Journal Club - April 27

You are invited to attend the **In-Person Emergency Medicine Journal Club** on Thursday, April 27, 2023

Date: April 27, 2023

Time: 18:00 to 21:00

Topic: Hydrocortisone in Severe Community-Acquired Pneumonia

Presenters: Drs. Lindsay Gibson-Brokop and Dirk Chisholm

Preceptor: Dr. Dave Mainprize

Hosted by: Dr. Alyssa Morris

Kudos

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Podcast released by two of our local pediatric emergency physicians - Drs. Ed Les and Phil Ukrainetz!

Ed and I have released this podcast as an effort to educate and empower parents (and maybe decrease visits to the ED a wee) on common pediatric emergency concerns.

We've just published our second full podcast episode, [this one on the use of antibiotics](#).

It's on Apple podcast, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or any of the podcast platforms.

If you have time, please listen and share. [Text version is here](#).

Feedback appreciated.

Thanks. Ed and Phil

Kudos to our EM staff on recent publications:

Dr. Joe Vipond: Green S, Labine N, Luo OD, Vipond J, Moloo H, Bouka A, Thoma B. **Planetary Health in CanMEDS 2025**. Can Med Educ J. 2023 Mar 21;14(1):46-49. doi: 10.36834/cmej.75438. PMID: 36998490; PMCID: PMC10042797.

Drs. Thull-Freedman and Freedman: Lightbody T, Thull-Freedman J, Freedman SB, Wright B, Finseth N, Coulombe A, Morrissette M, DeGuerre A, McConnell S, Bozocea K, Groves-Johnston S, Woods J, Newton A. **Use of quality improvement methods to enhance implementation of a mental health care bundle in a pediatric emergency department**. CJEM. 2023 Mar 25:1-9. doi: 10.1007/s43678-023-00476-4. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 36964857; PMCID: PMC10039676.

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Difficult Airway Management Workshop - physician instructors needed

The Difficult Airway Management Workshop is back again this **June 1st**. The workshop will be our 1st post-pandemic offering! We need attending physician instructors for the day. I would be very thankful if you are able to support the workshop by lending your airway management expertise. For those of

you who have not yet taught the workshop, **the day runs from about 9:00 until 15:00 at the ATSSL with faculty instructors from various disciplines.**

Participants are guided by experienced faculty as they rotate in small groups to practice key airway management skills. This workshop will welcome Anesthesia, ICU, GIM, Cardiology and ENT residents. As instructors you are compensated PGME hours for teaching and lunch, coffee and snacks are provided. Most importantly, it's a fun day to be involved with and a good opportunity to foster linkages with other Departments and trainees. We are really in need of your support. Please consider helping out if you're able.

Please notify Stephon (stephon.anderson@albertahealthservices.ca) as soon as possible if you can assist. Thank you in advance for your continued efforts helping the workshop to thrive.

Jonathan Gaudet MD, MSc, FRCPC

R5 Graduation Gifts

We are getting ready to celebrate the upcoming graduation of our R5's: Dana Stewart, Meaghan Mackenzie, Sean Crooks, and Zoe Polsky. To send them off in style, we would love to continue the tradition of giving graduation gifts. If they have ever brightened your day, kept you sharp on shift, lifted your overnight morale or stolen your procedures, please consider donating to their send-off.

We will collect the funds and purchase the gifts, to be distributed at the grad BBQ in June. As always your support is much appreciated. Please reach out with any questions.

E-transfers can be directed to: brett.shaw@ucalgary.ca.

Thanks! Brett, Miles, Omar, and Tyson (the R6's)

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 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.

Brit

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.

Research Town Hall - May 4

Save the Date: Emergency Medicine Research Townhall: Building a productive, collaborative research environment in emergency medicine

May 4, 2023 (after Research Day) 1:00pm- 3:30pm

Lunch will be provided

RSVP and location details to follow.

Opportunities

CSM Teaching Excellence Program

CSMTEP is designed to help faculty solidify fundamental teaching skills, learn relevant educational theory, and explore more advanced topics related to special areas of interest in medical education.

The previous iterations of CSMTEP ran over 14 full Fridays (80 hours), from September to April. Recognizing the difficulty of such a commitment, and the need to provide more flexibility for participants, OFDP and the Dean's office have elected to divide the program into the following three modules, with a total of 61 hours of instruction. In order to maximize faculty participation, the modules will be offered several times per year. In order to balance the value of in-person sessions versus the practicality of an online format, approximately half of the sessions will be in-person, half on Zoom. As the overall program has been condensed, participants should expect up to one hour of preparation time for each program date.

The modules are not meant to be sequential: participants can start with any of the three modules.

Module 1: TC-1: Building blocks of education (total 20 hours): will be offered in Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Fall 2024

Module 2: TC-2: Teaching in different environments (total 21 hours): will be offered in Winter 2024, Spring 2024

Module 3: TC-3: Assessment and feedback (total 20 hours): will be offered in Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Applicants should be involved in teaching at the graduate, postgraduate, and/ or undergraduate level and ideally planning on pursuing medical education as a major component of their career.

Successful completion of each module requires:

- Minimum 80% attendance
- Completion of one learning application
- Participation in formative learning exercises/quizzes

Applications for Module 1 are now open. [See full details CSM TEP website.](#)

To apply, please submit the following documents to ofdp@ucalgary.ca by no later than **May 05, 2023**.

1) A Letter of Interest outlining your current career and future plans in medical education.

2) A Curriculum Vitae

3) If you are a resident/fellow, a letter of support from your program director must be included (PLEASE NOTE: first priority will be given to CSM Faculty/Staff. If space permits, consideration will be given to residents and fellows).

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/FRCP 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

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[Preliminary program available here.](#)

[Register Here by May 8.](#)
