



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

April 18, 2023 Edition

Operations

Senior Physician Town Hall - Capacity Update April 18

These slides were presented at a senior leadership meeting this am and presents a nice update on a number of EM-specific initiatives.

TOWN HALL SLIDES

Please do not further distribute this information.

Thanks

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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 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](#)

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:](#) (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

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

[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

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

Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology Pearl of the week:

[Drug Induced Renal Tubular Acidosis](#)

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

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Calgary Reception @ CAEP Conference (Toronto)

Date: Monday, May 29, 2023

Time: 1730 to 1930 (immediately following the last event of the day, but before Docs that Rock that begins at 1900).

Location: Amsterdam Brewhouse (245 Queens Quay West), reservation "Calgary Department of Emergency Medicine"

Appetizers will be served. Cash Bar.

All residents, staff, and friends of the Calgary EM Dept are welcome!

RSVP not required but helpful: Please send a quick note to Charles (charleskhong@gmail.com) if you might come.

Thanks,
Charles K. Wong

Peer Support

1. The practice of medicine is rewarding but may be challenging. You may feel the need to seek support from a colleague. The University of Calgary Department of Emergency Medicine has a formal Peer Support Team. We encourage you to reach out to our trained peer supporters when dealing with **personal** or **professional** challenges such as relationship issues, poor patient outcomes, career-track indecision, occupational distress or mental health concerns. **You can reach out at any time for any cause.** Contact a Peer Supporter to set up a time to connect. [Here is the list of formally trained Peer Supporters for our Department of Emergency Medicine.](#)
 2. You can call the Physician and Family Support Program (PFSP) **24/7** at 1877SOS4MDS for help. You are entitled to free counselling for yourself and for your family members.
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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)

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.

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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

May 4, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Health Science Centre, Room 1405B

Dr. Kathryn Crowder and the Emergency Medicine Research Team will be hosting a Research Townhall.

Purpose: Build a productive, collaborative research environment in the Emergency Medicine Department

Objectives:

- To learn about how other emergency medicine centres have approached the academic medicine
- To reach consensus on research objectives for the department,
- To understand the best approach to integrate research with our current educational and clinical programs.
- To share institutional knowledge about how to navigate academic emergency medicine in Calgary
- To determine how the Department actively achieves knowledge translation of ongoing work

[See Agenda here](#)

To register for this event

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/research-townhall-tickets-620075200617>

Option – To register for Zoom Webinar

https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_a1EhphyXQ7m1dnPu-Sf2eQ

Opportunities

Charitable Donations for the Calgary-Mbarara Emergency Medicine Collaboration

I'm reaching out to solicit charitable donations to the Calgary-Mbarara Emergency Medicine (CMEM) collaboration. This project supports the development of EM at the Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda. Margriet Greidanus and Alexandra St-Onge-St-Hilaire just returned from a month of clinical teaching at MUST.

We are hoping to bring several Ugandan EM residents to Calgary this fall for elective rotations. Of course, this is expensive, but potentially life-changing for these trainees and vital to the future of EM in Uganda. April 27 is the UCalgary Giving Day, and all eligible gifts made between now and midnight on April 27 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$2,500 per gift, but only while matching funds last. Donations can be made to [Healthy Child Uganda](#).

Please email me (awbattison@gmail.com) if you donate so I can ensure the funds are properly matched. Thank you!

Andrew Battison

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).

CME & Learning

OFDP Leadership Summer School

OFDP is offering two Practical Leadership for University Scholars (PLUS) programs in on-site formats over the summer.

These two-day programs are:

PLUS 3E – Educational Leadership

For those with leadership responsibilities in educational units, programs or initiatives.

PLUS 3A – Administrative Leadership

For those with administrative leadership at the University of Calgary or Alberta Health Services.

[Click here for more information](#)

2023 Health & Medical Education Scholarship Symposium

[Preliminary program available here.](#)

[Register Here by May 8.](#)

