



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Aug 15, 2023 Edition

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## Newsletter Updates

We're introducing some minor changes to make the newsletter a more effective communication tool!

- Submissions will run for a period of one week unless specified.
- Body copy will be edited at the discretion of the editor to optimize communication.
- Deadline is Tuesday at noon.

Thank you for your cooperation:) If there are any concerns, please email me at: [natalie.sun@ahs.ca](mailto:natalie.sun@ahs.ca)

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## Operations

### Drug Alert for Calgary Area

Please see the link below:

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/August 2023/Drug Alert Aug 9.pdf?id=lbhe3g3?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=Drug Alert Aug 9.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/Drug%20Alert%20Aug%209.pdf?id=lbhe3g3?f_type=file&f_name=Drug%20Alert%20Aug%209.pdf)

It highlights some circulating substances that contain various combinations of opiate and benzo that are causing sedation only partially reversed with Narcan.

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### AHS Do Not Use List of Abbreviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations List for Medication-Related Documentation Policy

Please see the link below:

<http://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/08-10-2023-Policy%20Update%20Memo%20-%20Do%20Not%20Use%20Lis.pdf>

<http://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/clp-dangerous-abbreviations-symbols-dose-desig.pdf>

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EM in the news

Please see the link below:

<https://caep.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=de801af61c3a89ea40baf281&id=16cbf75e7f&e=7be1dc5992>

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## Announcement – RAAPID Provincial Medical Director / Program Lead

As RAAPID continues to grow, we will be transitioning to a greater provincial model to capitalize on internal efficiencies in technology, process and engagement. To assist, we have made 2 changes in our organizational structure.

The Medical Director role at RAAPID has been transitioned to a single Provincial Medical Director. We have completed recruitment and would like to announce that Dr. Steve Clark is the successful candidate. Dr. Clark is an emergency physician in Calgary, and a formal announcement will be forthcoming.

We'd like to thank Drs. Ashlea Wilmott and Praveen Jain for their support and hard work throughout their time at RAAPID and in contributing to RAAPID's success. Sue Pozak will be transitioning to a program lead position that will work closely with provincial stakeholders and the RAAPID teams to champion our work moving forward.

We will be recruiting posting the RAAPID South manager position shortly. These changes reflect the importance of RAAPID and the continued work on standardization and enhancement of RAAPID and the services you provide to our teams and patients in and out of Alberta, Thank you for all of your work and dedication to RAAPID and our patients.

Tricia Chambers and Dr. Jonathan Choy - Senior Provincial Directors

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## ED Treatment Plans / Exceptional Care Plans

Please see the link below for some important information about updates to the Exceptional Care Plan flag/logo on the track board, Netcare issues, and reminders form how to find ED Treatment Plans / Exceptional Care Plans on CC.

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/August 2023/Aug\\_2023 ED Treatment Plans update.pdf?id=j92f5g5?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=Aug\\_2023 ED Treatment Plans update.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/Aug_2023_ED_Treatment_Plans_update.pdf?id=j92f5g5?f_type=file&f_name=Aug_2023_ED_Treatment_Plans_update.pdf)

We continue to have growing pains with ease of finding ED Treatment Plans in CC. If you have trouble finding/accessing a plan and it has actual or potential patient care or staff safety implications, please complete an RLS. This will hopefully help us to resolve these issues sooner than later.

Please email me if you have any questions/concerns.

Christine East

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## Registration open for the PADIS toxicology Conference, November 4, 2023

A reminder that registration is open for the PADIS one day toxicology conference on November 4, 2023 ([PADIS 2023 e-flyer.pdf](#)). If you're not able to make it in person, there is an option to purchase access to all conference recordings at a reduced price of only 99 dollars.

Please contact me for more details. Hope to see you there.

Thanks.

Mark Yarema

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## Departmental News

### Kudos

Kudos to Dr. Scott Lucyk for his involvement of this important paper! Please see the link below to the paper:

## 2023 ED Staff Sim Sign Up (Sept-Dec 2023)

Please check your availability and sign up with the sign-up genius link below. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4ca5ac2eaaff2-20231#/>

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## ED Gala Oct 19, 2023

The ED Gala has been confirmed for Oct 19th after a long three year hiatus and tickets are now on sale! This year's event will return to the Fairmont Palliser downtown. It's time to ditch the scrubs and pull out those suits/tuxes and fine gala dresses to wine, dine and dance the night away! Please see the link below for more information:

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/August 2023/Emergency Department Gala.pdf?id=8ofok0w?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=Emergency Department Gala.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/Emergency%20Department%20Gala.pdf?id=8ofok0w?f_type=file&f_name=Emergency%20Department%20Gala.pdf)

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## Connect Care Update

1) Patient Sign-up / Billing implications: It has been pointed out that there are circumstances under which a physician may not routinely add themselves to a patient's Treatment (Tx) Team before writing a note and discharging them (e.g. - high-volume shifts such as Fast Track). It is important to note that if you are using the standardized billing report that has been circulated from RMES ([which can be found here](#)), you will not capture any patients where you were not a member of the Treatment Team, and you may thus be missing some billings if you are in the habit of not assigning yourself as the MRHP to all your patients. The same holds true for any patient for which you are not the MRHP but have assisted in their care (e.g. - sedations) when you do not add yourself to the Treatment Team as a Consulting Physician. So please make sure to add yourself as the primary or consulting provider in order not to miss any billings during your shift.

2) 72hr 'Bouncebacks': Many of you have been enquiring about whether we will be receiving 72hr Return to ED emails similar to the ones we used to receive in the SCM era. At present, plans are underway to implement a similar 72h bounceback notification message within Connect Care itself (i.e. - in the Inbasket, rather than by email), with a go-live date anticipated sometime in the fall this year. You can also see your cumulative 72hr bounceback statistics in the EM Practice Improvement Tool found on Tableau, which is already live (emails were sent out to your AHS email account in May with a link to your personal dashboard).

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask

Chris

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# Grand Rounds and Journal Club

## Journal Club Updates

Monthly Emergency Medicine Journal Club is back and starts September 14. We are in need of:

- Hosts
- Preceptors

**Sign up for either position with the link below:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vvFAvLG3tsm6zidZmLLfz59y6Ld5ULo9lcsjQsQ3xJg/edit#gid=0>

More details and contact information are listed in the pdf link below:

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/August 2023/Journal Club Updates.pdf?id=2nc1x5w?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=Journal Club Updates.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/Journal%20Club%20Updates.pdf?id=2nc1x5w?f_type=file&f_name=Journal%20Club%20Updates.pdf)

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# Teaching Opportunities

## Staff Examiners For CCFP-Em Oral Exams: 2023

### Thursday September 14 and December 07 – In Person

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

- **September 14th from 1030 - 1300**
- **December 7th from 1030 – 1300**

These exams are In-Person sessions. Lunch will be provided as well. Hourly remuneration at the standard PGME rate applies.

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](mailto:TriSurendra.Malasani@albertahealthservices.ca)

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

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