



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Aug 22, 2023 Edition

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

Operations

Connect Care Update

Hello everyone,

Quick reminder this week about FAST pathway referrals (for urology, spinal surgery, and routine orthopedic referrals not going to cast clinic). It seems some ED physicians have been using the Edmonton FAST referral department when trying to access the Calgary FAST clinic. This is probably because the only **internal** FAST department is the one in Edmonton; the Calgary FAST clinic is still an external clinic, and so there will not be an internal referral department available from the dropdown list that directs the referral to Calgary.

Please remember that in order to refer to the Calgary FAST clinics, you must use the external referral process. Furthermore, the urology and spine clinics still have separate paper referral forms that should be available from the unit clerks. Details are available in the Calgary Zone referral workflows document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nY54n2dgWDfZsh0KCD6R5Zvb2Rx2Wm9n/edit#bookmark=id.gjdgxs>

Please let me know if you have any questions

Chris

Reminder: Urgent Care Referrals for Low-Risk Chest Pain and Head Injuries (for CTPE and CT Head) can go to Chumir instead of EDs

This is a reminder that UCC physicians have the ability to refer patients to get their CTPE and CT Head at the Chumir UCC if they meet the low-risk criteria. Please see link below:

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/August 2023/SMCHC CT Transfer Protocol.pdf?id=ly40mm1?f_type=file&f_name=SMCHC CT Transfer Protocol.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/SMCHC%20CT%20Transfer%20Protocol.pdf?id=ly40mm1?f_type=file&f_name=SMCHC%20CT%20Transfer%20Protocol.pdf)

If you receive a referral for one of these two indications, I would encourage you to ask the UCC MD and RAAPID RN if they have considered the Chumir CT Transfer Criteria. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Charles Wong

ED Treatment Plan Survey

Please help us to assess awareness, understanding, and satisfaction with the ED Treatment Plan Program from the perspective of emergency and urgent care physicians, nurses, and administrators. Your feedback will help us assess and improve the program for the benefit of both patients and healthcare providers. **As a thank you for sharing your experiences, you can enter a draw for one of two \$50 Indigo gift cards when you submit your responses.**

<https://redcap.albertahealthservices.ca/surveys/?s=E77LTNXX94YHLKN8>

The survey will be open until Friday, September 15, at 1700. Tabulated results will be shared via newsletter once available.

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=e1aniqp?f_type=file&f_name=Aug 2023 ED Treatment Plans update.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/Aug%202023%20ED%20Treatment%20Plans%20update.pdf?id=e1aniqp?f_type=file&f_name=Aug%202023%20ED%20Treatment%20Plans%20update.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

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Pearl of the Week

Please read the pdf below for this week's pearl of the week - Homeopathic Medicine.

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/August 2023/HomeopathyPoWAug22.pdf?id=cth8s6l?f_type=file&f_name=HomeopathyPoWAug22.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/HomeopathyPoWAug22.pdf?id=cth8s6l?f_type=file&f_name=HomeopathyPoWAug22.pdf)

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/1vvFAvLG3tsm6zidZmILfz59y6Ld5ULo9lcsjQsQ3xJg/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=od05xa8?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=od05xa8?f_type=file&f_name=Journal%20Club%20Updates.pdf)

Departmental News

PRC Meeting July 20 Update

If you are interested in a summary of the July 20th PRC meeting, please read the pdf below:

https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/August_2023/PRCMeetingJuly20Update.pdf?id=206a0gj?f_type=file&f_name=PRCMeetingJuly20Update.pdf

Team building is back!

In the spirit of bonding the residents are organizing a BBQ the evening of September 7th (details below). Any and all staff are invited to join! Bring yourself and your favourite lawn game for some casual competition and fun.

- When: Thursday September 7th, 2023
- Where: Sandy Beach, picnic site #1 (address: 4500 14a St SW, Calgary, AB T2T 2V8; site map can be found here: <https://www.calgary.ca/parks/sandy-beach.html>)
- What time: Come join us anytime after 5pm

If you are interested in joining us please RSVP so we can get a sense of numbers for food planning:

<https://forms.gle/gF9UUAUpsNwhx3ZQ8>

We hope to see you there!
The R5's (Cara, Natasha, Jason, Cody)

Peer Support

The practice of medicine is rewarding but may be challenging. 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.

Here is the list of formally trained Peer Supporters:

https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/August_2023/April_2023_Peer_Support_Contact_Info.pdf?id=2sse8we?f_type=file&f_name=April_2023_Peer_Support_Contact_Info.pdf

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.

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#/>

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=5vtobp?f_type=file&f_name=Emergency_Department_Gala.pdf

Teaching Opportunities

Procedural Skills - Preceptors Needed

We are looking for preceptors for the Bedside Ultrasound and Casting/Splinting sessions for the Year 2 (pre-clerkship) medical students at the Cumming School of Medicine.

They will run September 22nd and October 13th, 2023, 1:30-5:30 pm. If you are interested in teaching one or both of these sessions, please use the following link to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/proskills2023#/>

As preceptors, you are compensated the UME hourly rate. Please e-mail Shauna Bonnett, Program Coordinator, Undergraduate Medical Education if you have additional questions medskill@ucalgary.ca

Other Opportunities

The Annual Update In Emergency Medicine

This conference offers a great learning experience for health professionals involved in Emergency Medicine. The program has been designed help you to improve your skills in the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients with a number of common yet potentially challenging problems in Emergency Medicine.

Saturday, February 24 – Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Hilton Whistler Resort

More information can be found through this link: <https://www.cpd.utoronto.ca/whistler/>

Exploring Mental Health Barriers in Emergency Rooms - August Newsletter

Please read the link below for an update on the EMBER study.

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/August 2023/EMBERAugust2023NL.pdf?id=df2it5t?f_type=file&f_name=EMBERAugust2023NL.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%2023/EMBERAugust2023NL.pdf?id=df2it5t?f_type=file&f_name=EMBERAugust2023NL.pdf)

St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update Conference

You are invited to the 21st St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update Conference, being held at the Whistler Conference Centre from September 21-24, 2023. Full agenda and more information can be found at the link below:

<https://ubccpd.ca/learn/learning-activities/course?eventtemplate=306-21st-annual-st-pauls-emergency-medicine-update>

Save the Date - SKI and CME

14th Annual Canadian Paediatric Emergency Medicine Review Course

- Jan 18-20, 2024
- Fairmont Resort, Mont-Tremblant, QC

Virtual attendance option available. Stay tuned for more information in the fall!

Contact Renée Vachon if you have any questions — PEMCPD@lhsc.on.ca
