



## Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Nov 28, 2023 Edition

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## Operations

### Connect Care Update for the Week

#### 1) EIP OVER CAPACITY WORKFLOW

Last week we circulated a workflow regarding how to change the designation of patients to Emergency Inpatient (EIP) for patients who are being boarded in the ED for services that have accepted them for admission, but which are 'over cap' and are waiting for beds to become available before writing a formal admission order. [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/November 2023/AdmissionConsultedPatientsCapacityIssue.pdf?id=00poltg?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=AdmissionConsultedPatientsCapacityIssue.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/November%202023/AdmissionConsultedPatientsCapacityIssue.pdf?id=00poltg?f_type=file&f_name=AdmissionConsultedPatientsCapacityIssue.pdf)

It is important to point out that this workflow is ONLY intended for patients who have been SEEN by the consulting services and ACCEPTED for admission, but who do not yet have a formal admission order because of capacity issues. The workflow does NOT apply to patients who are being held in the ED overnight to see a consultant in the morning, or whose ultimate disposition is undecided between 2 (or more) admitting services. If the workflow is followed on a patient who has not yet been seen and accepted for admission, the IP bed request may inadvertently result in the patient being moved to the ward prematurely. Note that in most cases, patients in the Calgary Zone who have been seen by a consultant and accepted for admission will have an admission order and IP bed request entered by the consulting service once the attending admitting MRP has agreed to admit them, and as such this workflow is only anticipated to apply to a small percentage of patients in our zone (for the time being at least).

#### 2) FORM 1 WOES

We have been made aware of some issues regarding the completion of MHA Form 1's using the e-Sign document function. A couple of key points to remember:

- a) ALWAYS REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR FORM. This can (and should) be done electronically. Note that the Signature Box will only allow you to sign the form once all the mandatory fields have been completed.
- b) REMEMBER THAT THE THREE TIMES ON THE FORM MUST BE IN SEQUENCE AND MUST BE DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER (ie - the 'Start of assessment' must come before 'End of Assessment' which must come before 'Time of issuance'). Note that if you simply 'tab' through the various time fields, the 'Time of Issuance' field will auto-populate with 'Now', which will mean it won't necessarily meet these criteria depending on what times you fill into the other fields.

#### 3) AMBULATORY REFERRAL REFUSALS

We have been hearing about a number of outpatient referrals being refused. If you are having any unusual problems with referrals you believe are appropriate but are being repeatedly declined by specific clinics please let me / your site chief know. (NOTE - we won't be taking on the job of 'convincing' clinics to accept individual referrals but it would be nice to know if there are any patterns emerging that we can address zonally / provincially.) When you receive a refusal, please be aware that in many/most cases the referrals

are being declined because the referral criteria have not been met. Please always check the criteria for the specific clinic you are referring to by accessing the Alberta Referral Directory (ARD) link that is available in all Ambulatory Referral orders (website is <https://albertareferraldirectory.ca/>) It is sometimes the case that routine (non-urgent) referrals will require a large number of pre-emptive investigations that may exceed the scope of an ED visit. In such cases, it is worth considering whether the ED is the best place to initiate such referrals, and whether the patient would be better served by connecting them with a primary care physician to pursue the matter further.

#### 4) MEDS TO GO

Please remember that the nurses require an order to be able to dispense 'meds to go' from the ED. The Communication that is embedded in the Dispo tab (where you detail which med / how many tabs to go) DOES NOT constitute an order. You MUST have either a Dispo tab prescription OR a during-visit order in the Orders tab for the same medication for the nurses to have an order to be able to dispense the medication with. The proper workflow is detailed in the Common Workflows document:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wj\\_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108419507683669552471&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wj_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108419507683669552471&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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

Chris

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## Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds Thursday, November 30, 2023 0900 – 1000

**Room:** Clara Christie Theatre - HSC

**Zoom Link:** <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/68891970879?pwd=dHB5YjNWaE9XUkNrYU9rbFIXbmpWdz09>

**Session #1 (0900 – 1000)**

**Speaker:** Dr. Julia Cirone

**Moderator:** Dr. Katie Lin

**Title:** Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis: Brainstorming an Approach

**Description:** This presentation will cover the recent literature covering CVST, including clinical findings, the use of D-Dimer, and neuroradiology pearls. I will present a diagnostic approach to this elusive condition.

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### Emergency Medicine Journal Club

Journal Club December 7, 2023

You are invited to attend the In-Person Emergency Medicine Journal Club.

**Date:** December 7, 2023

**Time:** 18:00 to 21:00

**Topic:** Risk stratification for patients with Atrial Fibrillation and the DOAC score

**Presenters:** Drs. Kira Genise and Scott Wakeham

**Preceptor:** Dr. Zoe Polsky

**Hosted by:** Dr. Colin Bell

**Article:** Development and Validation of the DOAC Score: A Novel Bleeding Risk Prediction Tool for Patients With Atrial Fibrillation on Direct-Acting Oral Anticoagulants

Please RSVP to Tris: [TriSurendra.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:TriSurendra.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca) by December 3rd if attending and also to get the Address.

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Journal Club Hosts Needed

The residency programs are still looking for a few Journal Club Hosts for the New Year. Remaining dates are:

- January 11th
- March 14th
- April 18th

Each journal club is a Thursday, and the session runs from 1800h-2100h. Reimbursement is provided up to \$750 for hosts to provide dinner and non-alcoholic drinks. Hosts are not responsible for any academic requirements of the evening.

**If you are able to host one of our remaining journal clubs for the year, please email Cody Dunne at [cody.dunne@ucalgary.ca](mailto:cody.dunne@ucalgary.ca)**

Thank you for your ongoing support of our residency programs!

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## Grand Rounds Dec 14th – Note In-Person in Theatre 4 HSC

Dr Sudhir Pandya MD, FRCPC(EM), DABEM  
Assistant Professor of Medicine, U of C.  
Staff Emergency Physician FMC PLC RGH

Title: **NAVIGATING PATIENT SAFETY ISSUES IN THE POST- PANDEMIC ED LANDSCAPE**

Guest Speakers:

Dr Cheryl Hunchak MD,CCFP(EM),MPH,FCFP  
Dr Shirley Lee MD,CCFP(EM), MHSc(Ed), FCFP, CPC(HC), COC

Panel discussion with Dr Cheryl Hunchak, Dr Shirley Lee, Dr Mike Betzner, Dr Haley Cochrane, Dr Ian Walker.

Moderator: Dr S Pandya.

Bio for Dr. Shirley Lee: [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/November 2023/Dr Shirley Lee bio English.pdf?id=2efwvpm?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=Dr Shirley Lee bio English.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/November%2023/Dr%20Shirley%20Lee%20bio%20English.pdf?id=2efwvpm?f_type=file&f_name=Dr%20Shirley%20Lee%20bio%20English.pdf)

Bio for Dr. Cheryl Hunchak: [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/November 2023/Dr Cheryl Hunchak bio 18.9\\_FINALSept2023.pdf?id=kmwqyua?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=Dr Cheryl Hunchak bio 18.9\\_FINALSept2023.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/November%2023/Dr%20Cheryl%20Hunchak%20bio%2018.9_FINALSept2023.pdf?id=kmwqyua?f_type=file&f_name=Dr%20Cheryl%20Hunchak%20bio%2018.9_FINALSept2023.pdf)

Learning Objectives:

- Identify common issues related to limited resources and capacity in the ED
- Describe physician responsibilities when providing ED care in a resource limited environment
- Review best practices to optimize patient safety and minimize medico-legal risk when resources are limited

Thank you in advance for your participation at our Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds on **Thurs, December 14, 2023** (0900 – 1000) **Theatre 4 HSC**. These will be **IN PERSON ROUNDS ONLY**, and **no recording permitted** of these rounds at all. **As such there will be NO ZOOM LINK.**

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## Departmental News



## Emergency Medicine MD Spotlight

We'd like to get to know you!

If you'd like to part of this feel good feature, please send [natalie.sun@ahs.ca](mailto:natalie.sun@ahs.ca) a short bio (max 200 words) with 1-3 photos you'd like to share. Here are some questions to get you started.

1. When did you start with Emergency Medicine?
  2. What is something you've learned in your career that has shaped how you care for patients?
  3. Who inspires you to be your best?
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## Clinical/Adjunct Promotions and Awards Deadlines

The 2024 deadlines and application requirements for the Clinical/Adjunct promotion process can be found [here](#).

Education Contributions for the Purpose of Promotion: [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/November 2023/Education Contributions for the Purpose of Pro.pdf?id=hctmv0q?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=Education Contributions for the Purpose of Pro.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/November%2023/Education%20Contributions%20for%20the%20Purpose%20of%20Pro.pdf?id=hctmv0q?f_type=file&f_name=Education%20Contributions%20for%20the%20Purpose%20of%20Pro.pdf)

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CAR Awards terms of reference: [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/November 2023/CAR Awards terms of reference.pdf?id=r22j2do?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=CAR Awards terms of reference.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/November%2023/CAR%20Awards%20terms%20of%20reference.pdf?id=r22j2do?f_type=file&f_name=CAR%20Awards%20terms%20of%20reference.pdf)

CAR Award recipient list: [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/November 2023/CAR Award recipient list.pdf?id=t63xbu5?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=CAR Award recipient list.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/November%2023/CAR%20Award%20recipient%20list.pdf?id=t63xbu5?f_type=file&f_name=CAR%20Award%20recipient%20list.pdf)

For questions, please contact Jordan-Rose Detillieux at [Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@albertahealthservices.ca)

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## Teaching Opportunities

### STAFF EXAMINERS Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS: 2024

#### Thursday's March 7, 2024 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of eight staff examiners for the oral exams for the date below:

**March 7th 2024 from 1030 – 1300**

**These exams are In-Person sessions. Lunch will be provided.**

Please check your availability and let Tris know If you are able to help on any of these dates. Send responses to [TrisSurendra.Malasani@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:TrisSurendra.Malasani@albertahealthservices.ca)

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

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## Academic Day for the EM Residency Programs

We are seeking preceptors for the following sessions for Academic Day for the EM Residency Programs. As preceptor, your role is to guide the assigned residents as they develop their teaching session, and be

present during the session to help guide discussion and answer questions. Please email Anjali at [anjali.pandya@gmail.com](mailto:anjali.pandya@gmail.com) if you are available and thank you for your consideration!

- March 14th 1300-1500 ENT Emergencies
- June 13th 1500-1700 Toxic Alcohols

-Catherine, Anjali & Charles

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## Calgary CCFP-EM Program

The Calgary CCFP-EM Program is pleased to report that it will be expanding a Lethbridge EM satellite program with two positions starting July 2025 (recruiting in CaRMS 2024). This will go a long way to improving emergency care in southern AB and other rural/regional communities. The CCFP-EM program will therefore have eight ministry-funded positions in Calgary, two ministry-funded positions in Lethbridge, plus any Department of National Defence positions that are considered on an ad hoc basis.

If you have an interested in regional or distributed learning, please contact Charles ([charleskh Wong@gmail.com](mailto:charleskh Wong@gmail.com)) see if you'd like to get involved.

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## Job Postings



The screenshot shows the website for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Calgary. The header includes the University of Calgary logo, a search bar with the text "Search UCalgary", and the Alberta Health Services logo. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: About, Education, Research, Programs, Professional Development, Job Opportunities (highlighted), Resources, Kudos, and Contact. The main content area features a large red banner with the text "Job Opportunities in Emergency Medicine" in white.

Introducing a new section on our EM CME website!

Did you miss a job opportunity in one of our past newsletters? Navigate to our new page where we will host job postings for a designated time: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/job-opportunities>

**Opportunities include:**

- Locum coverage for the Red Deer Emergency Department
  - Emergency Medicine FRCP Program Director
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## Research



SAVE THE DATE

*Emergency Medicine*

# RESEARCH DAY 2024

*Keynote Speaker: Dr. Shelley McLeod PhD, MSc  
Department of Family and Community Medicine – Clinical Epidemiology  
& Biostatistics -Schwartz Reisman Emergency Medicine Institute,  
Mount Sinai Hospital*

*Don't miss it!*

Thursday, May 2, 2024  
08:00am to 12:30 pm

## Save the date for Emergency Medicine Research Day

Attached you will find the Abstract Submission Form for completed AND work in progress projects.

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77776142/Emergency Medicine/November 2023/AbstractSubmissionForm2024.pdf?id=qg0x8en?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=AbstractSubmissionForm2024.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77776142/Emergency%20Medicine/November%2023/AbstractSubmissionForm2024.pdf?id=qg0x8en?f_type=file&f_name=AbstractSubmissionForm2024.pdf)

### Instructions for Submission:

1. Complete the Abstract Submission Form (select Completed or Work in Progress on the Form- No need for multiple forms!)
2. Send complete abstract form back to Jill Vandenbrand ([jillian.vandenbrand@ahs.ca](mailto:jillian.vandenbrand@ahs.ca)) via email by Friday January 12, 2024 at 16:00.

**Deadline for Abstract Submissions is Friday January 12, 2024 at 16:00**

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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## Hodsman Planning Committee

The Hodsman planning committee is looking for 2 new community members at large.

If you are interested in helping shape the Hodsman Legacy Lecture each year, please reply to [jillian.vandenbrand@ahs.ca](mailto:jillian.vandenbrand@ahs.ca) and express your interest!

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## Other Opportunities

### ATLS Refresher Course

Calgary is offering a Refresher course on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the University of Calgary Medical School Simulation Centre. The course runs from 07:45 – 15:15. The cost is \$800.00 and includes refreshments and lunch. Anyone interested can contact Sandra Dowkes, Administrative Coordinator, at [atls Calgary@gmail.com](mailto:atls Calgary@gmail.com). More information in the link below:

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency\\_Medicine/November\\_2023/ATLSRefereshier.pdf?id=22krerp?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=ATLSRefereshier.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/November_2023/ATLSRefereshier.pdf?id=22krerp?f_type=file&f_name=ATLSRefereshier.pdf)

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### Coverage needed for High River ER and Hospitalist Shifts

Physicians who are interested in covering any of these shifts can contact Dr. Chris Warner, Section Chief, High River [christopher.warner@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:christopher.warner@albertahealthservices.ca)

There are several dates in early 2024 that have unfilled shifts for ER and hospitalist coverage at High River Hospital.

**Rural Section Chiefs and UC Site Medical Directors, Dr. Lang, and Dr. Wong, can you share with your medical staff the following dates with unfilled ER shifts.**

January 2 ER night (10pm-8am)  
January 28 ER day (8am-3pm)  
February 21 ER day  
February 23 ER day  
February 25 ER night  
March 22 ER night  
March 24 ER Day

**Rural Section Chiefs, please share with your medical staff the following dates with unfilled hospitalist shifts.** (Dr. Vaidya, cc'ing you for your awareness. Dr. Del Castilho has emailed Dr. Gohel requesting to share with the Medical Inpatient Section):

January 2 8am -January 5 5pm 2024  
January 12 5pm to January 19 5pm  
February 23 5pm - March 1 5pm  
March 22 5pm - March 29 5pm.

We need two physicians for each set of dates, covering up to 19 patients each, and responsible for admissions and overnight ward coverage. No need to be onsite after hours, but callbacks to the ward are included. Acute resuscitation after hours is provided by the ER physician. Admissions from 10pm to 8am will have orders entered by the ER physician and can be seen the next morning.

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## Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: [natalie.sun@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:natalie.sun@albertahealthservices.ca).

For reoccurring submissions, there is a **max three week run**. If you would like to re-run your submission, please resubmit with updates.

- 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.

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