



Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

October 03, 2023 Edition

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## Newsletter Updates

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

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

Please note:

- 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

### From Patient Safety

1. If you send a patient for a procedure, for example dialysis and their status changes on your tracking screen to OTF (Off The Floor), it is likely that this patient will return to the ED post treatment so it is very important to hand this patient over with the rest of your patients. This provides the oncoming MD with awareness about the patient and your management/disposition plans. If they end up discharged or admitted by Nephro, they will eventually disappear off your screen.

2. A reminder that there is a zone guidance document for patients with an infected kidney stone. This document provides extensive clinical guidance and as such is an invaluable tool. You should refer to it when appropriate, especially with an unwell patient. It is on the Eolas app and it is called the "Calgary Zone ED Disposition Guideline for Patients with Infected Obstructive Ureteral Stones". Have a look at it.

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### Simulation Coordinator Position

After serving for approximately 13 years as an outstanding Simulation Coordinator, Dr. Gord McNeil has decided to pursue other interests. Gord has made many significant contributions to simulation training in the Calgary Zone Emergency Department. His dedication to simulation teaching has helped many ED

physicians improve and enhance their clinical skillsets. Gord's last day as the Simulation Coordinator is October 31, 2023.

Gord's departure from this role creates an opportunity for other physicians who may have an interest in this leadership role.

The Simulation Coordinator position is considered a .13 FTE position that pays \$33,450 annually. The projected start date for the new **Simulation Coordinator will be November 1, 2023.**

To apply, either forward your CV and cover letter to <mailto:scott.banks@ahs.ca>. Link for the job posting will be shared once it is available.

**Applications should be received by October 16, 2023**

ACCOUNTABILITIES:

- Play a lead role in the provision of simulation based education in the Calgary Department of Emergency Medicine.
- Be the departmental representative of the eSIM group of AHS and the U of C.
- Organize regular simulation based learning experiences for interested Emergency Department physicians.
- Where appropriate, utilize simulation to help disseminate recommendations from the Departmental Safety Committee, Morbidity and Mortality Reviews and support Clinical Pathway implementation.
- Collaborate with allied health professionals to develop inter-professional experiences in simulation.
- Organize continuing medical education accreditation for physicians participating in simulation based learning.
- Implement an ongoing faculty development program for Emergency Department physicians and allied health care members who wish to learn how to utilize simulation in their educational roles.
- Liaise with the Program Directors of the (FRCP) Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and CCFP (EM) Canadian College of Family physicians Emergency Medicine programs to optimize Resident involvement in simulation.
- Provide regular communication to the Calgary Department of Emergency Medicine about ongoing issues and advances in simulation.
- Advance Calgary Emergency Medicine research and academic interests. Promote research in simulation based learning and develop a vision to achieve national visibility in the area of EM simulation research and education.
- Provide a regular update on projects currently working on to the Emergency Department Zone Clinical Department Head.
- Chair of the Simulation Education Advisory Committee.

Thanks, if you have any questions on this position, please contact me, or Gord at [gordandlori@shaw.ca](mailto:gordandlori@shaw.ca)

Scott

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### Emergency Department FMC Assistant Site Chief

The Emergency Department FMC Assistant Site Chief position is a 0.1 FTE role and is compensated at the rate of \$25,650 annually (\$2,137.50 monthly). If interested, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV on or before October 6, 2022. See the link for further details.

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## Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds - Thurs, October 05, 2023

**Presenter:** Dr. Grant Innes, Professor Emeritus, Department of Emergency Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary

**Topic:** Can the Canary Fix the Coalmine—What can EM do to Resuscitate Emergency Care

**Room:** Clara Christie Theatre - HSC

**Zoom Link:**

<https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/68891970879?pwd=dHB5YjNWaE9XUkNrYU9rbFIXbmpWdz09>  
Passcode: 958029

**Evaluation Link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef\\_BC5V\\_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fcyMezgAXKCKvwrQRog/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef_BC5V_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fcyMezgAXKCKvwrQRog/viewform)

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**Journal Club (In-Person)**

**Date:** October 12, 2023

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

**Topic:** Platelet Transfusion before CVC Placement in Patients with Thrombocytopenia

**Presenters:** Drs. Kala Draney, Julia Madill and Jonathan Wong

**Preceptor:** Dr. Tyson Savage

**Hosted by:** Dr. Jamie Fox

**Articles:** Platelet Transfusion before CVC Placement in Patients with Thrombocytopenia.' New England Journal of Medicine, vol. 388, no. 21, May 2023, pp. 1956–65. DOI.org

Please RSVP to Tris <mailto:TriSurendra.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca> by Oct 8th if attending and also to get the Address.

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**Combined Grand Rounds Ophthalmology and Emergency Medicine - October 20th, 2023**

**Date: Friday October 20, 2023**

**Time: 7:30 – 8:30 AM**

**Topic:** The Eyes Have it: Pearls for the Management of Common Ophthalmic Presentations in the Acute Care Setting

- Salient eye/periorbital anatomy that is key in the assessment/description of ocular pathology.
- Outline a straightforward approach to the comprehensive bedside ocular exam.
- Detail the evaluation and management of the most common/important ophthalmic presentations in the emergency department setting.
- QI opportunities.

Presenters: Dr. William Trask (PGY5 Ophthalmology), Dr John Huang (FRCSC Ophthalmology)

Zoom Link: <https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/99898957886>

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## Departmental News

### Ongoing Operational Impact of COVID on Emergency Departments

Dear colleagues,

Dr. Vipond met with the Physician Executive Team last week and we thought it would be useful to share the information and insight he provided.

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### Mbarara University of Science and Technology EM Fellows 2023

You may notice some new faces in the FMC and PLC EDs this month. We have three visiting residents from Uganda - Daniel Olinga, Evelyne Musau, and Ambrose Okello. They are here as part of a project between the University of Calgary and the Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda. Please help them feel welcome in Calgary!

Their biographies are attached.

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## 2023 ED Staff Sim Sign Up

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

**October and November slots still available!**

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

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## Emergency Department Gala - Tickets on Sale

When: Oct 19th, 2023

Where: Fairmont Palliser downtown

Who: All of the emergency MD's across the city and their significant others

**Tickets: \$185 per person**

- \*\*\*\*\*Etransfer (preferred) or Cheques accepted
- Etransfer to bakerla@shaw.ca and please include your name in the message
- Cheques can be made out to "Awards Group - Dept of EM"

Fairmont special room rate for our group on the evening of Oct 19th

- Fairmont - \$239
- Deluxe - \$259
- Junior Suite - \$329

For reservations call 1-800-441-1414 and identify yourself as being with the "**Calgary Emergency Department Gala or CALG1023**" for ease of booking.

Your ED Gala Planning Committee

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## Teaching Opportunities

### STAFF EXAMINERS FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2023

#### Thursday's December 07 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 4 staff examiners for the oral exams for the date below:

- **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 <mailto:TriSurendra.Malasani@albertahealthservices.ca>

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

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## Seeking Academic Day Preceptors

We are once again seeking preceptors for the second half of the academic year. The MetricAid draft schedule should be available shortly to help you consider. As preceptor for an Academic Day session, your job is to guide the assigned residents as they develop their session and be present during the session to help guide discussion and answer questions.

We are seeking preceptors for the following:

January 25	1500-1600	Seizures
February 8	1500-1600	Diseases of the Pleural Space
March 28	1300-1500	SAH/Acute Headache

April 18 1300-1500 Urologic Emergencies

Please email Anjali at <mailto:anjali.pandya@gmail.com> if you are able to preceptor any of these sessions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## 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:

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## Research

### CanTreatCOVID Trial

There's a new Canada-wide clinical trial evaluating the effectiveness of paxlovid for patients with mild (ie well enough for discharge) COVID. Patients have to be <5 days from positive test (home tests are OK, don't need a nucleic acid test).

Physicians don't need to do anything, and no testing in the ED is necessary. Patients with ILI symptoms can do a test at home, and if they're positive, they can self refer to the study by going to <https://cantreatcovid.org/>

Dr. Andrew McRae created a connect care smartphrase about the study that you can put in your discharge instructions. It's "cantreatcovid".

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### GIRR Awards

Attention all EM residents:

Applications for the **Grant Innes Resident Research (GIRR) Award** are now open!

With up to \$3000 in funding to support your research.

**Application Deadline: Thursday January 4, 2024.**

Application and details are attached to this email and will be circulated in the EM newsletter until end of December 2023. [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/October 2023/GIRResidentResearchAward.pdf?id=au3111r?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=GIResidentResearchAward.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/October%2023/GIRResidentResearchAward.pdf?id=au3111r?f_type=file&f_name=GIResidentResearchAward.pdf)

For Completed applications or questions please contact:

<mailto:jillian.vandenbrand@albertahealthservices.ca>

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## CME Learning

### Emergency Department Administration Conference - EDAC

**Nov 21, 2023 - Toronto Ontario**

This year's session will cover three broad topics:

- Leadership, System Thinking, and Alignment
- The Psychology of Persuasion and Influence
- Leading Change

Learn more about the EDAC conference: <https://sremi.ca/edac>

Agenda - <https://sremi.ca/agenda-0>

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## Office of Faculty Development and Performance

OFDP News is excited to offer a variety of workshops this fall...browse through the sections below and keep an eye on our events page for new sessions.

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## Other Opportunities

### The Alberta SimPosium 2023!

The Alberta SimPosium will be held on October 18, 2023 in Edmonton and is available to both in-person and virtual audiences.

- In-person guests will enjoy complimentary refreshments & light lunch.
- The livestream will be available on The Alberta SimPosium website & app via access code (provided upon registration).
- All registrants (in-person & virtual) will receive recordings of the live-streamed content following the conclusion of the conference.
- \*Workshops will not be available virtually.

#### **Deadline to register: October 13th**

View the tentative Agenda: <https://www.jotform.com/app/esim/the-alberta-simposium/page/3>

Register today: [https://form.jotform.com/AHS\\_eSIM/absimposium-2023-registration](https://form.jotform.com/AHS_eSIM/absimposium-2023-registration)

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### CPSA Elections: Ian Walker

Dear Colleagues

As many of you know, I have had the pleasure on service on the CPSA council for the past three years. I am now up for re-election for a second and final term. I would appreciate it if you would consider voting for me. My profile and candidate statement can be found here: <https://cpsa.ca/about-cpsa/governance/council/cpsa-council-elections/cpsa-council-election-candidates/> and the voting itself can be done here: <https://portal.cpsa.ca>

I am of course more than happy to hear from anyone who has questions or concerns about issues that CPSA-related, either now or in the future. Like all things in health care, physician regulation is complex, but some of the most impactful ideas that I have been able to share at the College have started as helpful discussions with regulated members.

Thanks for your consideration.

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