



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Oct 10, 2023 Edition

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

Operations

Physician Resource Committee Annual Needs Survey 2023

In order to better understand the needs of emergency physicians across the Calgary Zone and to inform our hiring decisions for the Fall 2023 hiring cycle, the Physician Resource Committee (PRC) has prepared an updated annual needs survey.

https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_bEkITqkYGPqSDzM

This survey will help us answer a number of key questions, including:

- What is an optimal shift load for someone working 1.0FTE?
- How many FTE do we need to hire across the zone to ensure you are working as much as you want to going forward?

We really need your feedback so we can ensure that we are appropriately staffed.

The survey will close end of day Sunday, October 15 so that we can review the results at our PRC Meeting October 19.

For any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out me by email, text or phone.

Thanks for your time.
James

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds Thurs, October 12, 2023 09:00-10:00

Presenter: Dr. Amanda Schreiner
Panelist Members: Dr. Lynn Peterson ; Dr. Kathy Johns ; Dr. Yvonne Kangong ; Dr. Inoka Upshall
Topic: "Follow-up with your GP" - A guide to family medicine and the patient's medical home
Room: Clara Christie Theatre - HSC

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

Evaluation Link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef_BC5V_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fCyMezqAXKCKvwrQRog/viewform

Pediatric Trauma Rounds — AHS Friday, October 27, 2023 07:30-08:30

Presenters: Dr. Carrie Kollias and Dr. Carmen Brauer
Topic: Australian Mass Casualty Pediatric Limb Trauma – Parallels and Contrasts with Alberta
Room: This is a hybrid meeting occurring simultaneously in ACH Conference Room 4 (in person) and via Zoom.

Zoom Link:
<https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/66598858387?pwd=YVgwV01PbHFQck5MZzBpQ2dabDZnQT09>
Meeting ID: 665 9885 8387 Passcode: 019960

Post Meeting Survey:
https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_d9Zviu2KipQ9KSO

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. Catherine Patocka (Change from last week's newsletter)

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>

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 (FRCSO Ophthalmology)

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

Departmental News

Submit A Presentation/Workshop to CAEP 2024!

CAEP 2024 is coming to Saskatoon June 9-12, 2024, and planning is well underway. There is an incredible local planning team who has already been working hard to ensure this is an amazing CAEP with all the usual suspects: Core EM content, Sono Olympics, Docs that Rock, cutting edge EM research, Learning expo.

Last year we moved to a **submission** process for conference content to ensure equitable access.

The submission deadline for workshops and presentations is **Oct 15, 2023**.

<https://caepconference.ca/caep23-presentations-and-workshops/>

Lend Your Voice to the Residency Program Equity Diversity Inclusion Strategy

The residency program developed the Calgary Emergency Medicine Post-Graduate equity diversity and inclusion framework a few years ago. We are at the point where we've implemented a number of things and we feel it is time to take stock, reflect, and reframe our direction. We would like to offer the opportunity for anyone from the broader Calgary ED community to be involved.

We will be meeting on **October 26, 2023 from 12:00-1:00pm at the Health Sciences Center**, lunch from Lazy loaf will be provided. There will be a hybrid option for those who are unable to attend in person.

Please rsvp to <mailto:catherine.patocka@gmail.com> so that we have accurate numbers for lunch or so that we can share the zoom link for the meeting.

Catherine and Anj

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.Malasanani@albertahealthservices.ca>

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

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
<mailto:medskill@ucalgary.ca>

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=81tg28k?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=81tg28k?f_type=file&f_name=Journal%20Club%20Updates.pdf)

Job Postings

Simulation Coordinator Position

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 scott.banks@ahs.ca. Link for the job posting will be shared once it is available. **Applications should be received by October 16, 2023**

More details are on this pdf: [https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/October 2023/SimulationCoordinatorPosition.pdf?id=67xuwtf?f_type=file&f_name=SimulationCoordinatorPosition.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/October%202023/SimulationCoordinatorPosition.pdf?id=67xuwtf?f_type=file&f_name=SimulationCoordinatorPosition.pdf)

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".

CME Learning

In-person PADIS Clinical Toxicology Conference

When: Saturday, November 4th, 2023

Time: 8:00am - 4:30pm

Where: Health Sciences Centre at the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine

Keynote speaker: Dr. Jon B Cole, MD, FACEP, FACMT, FAACT, a medical toxicologist from the University of Minnesota

For more information, and to register for the conference:

<https://events.ucalgary.ca/cumming/cme-pd/event/423371-poison-and-drug-information-service-padis>

If you can't make it to the conference but would like access to the recordings, there is a "recording only" option that is cheaper than attending in person.

Please feel free to contact Mark Yarema if you have any questions about the conference.

CSM Mental Health Support: Terrorist attack in Israel

We understand that tragic events unfolding in Israel and Gaza recently will impact our learners, faculty and professional staff. We would like to remind our Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) community that supports are available to help anyone who wishes to access them.

Please read further on this at:

<https://em.ucalgary.ca/v/MTYxLU9MTi05OTAAAAG0uiWpqSsyWMvVycNjqS5mRqMjPCeUGnJ0RgZip3K4lmsDiFs7FHuzhWllGvuERQ>

A Healthier Future for All: Mobilizing Health Equity Research into Action

The O'Brien Institute for Public Health presents its 2023 Members Forum. This event will bring researchers, students and community organizations together to forge a collaborative path toward transformative health equity solutions.

The alliance will mobilize health equity research into innovative changes to policy and practice, addressing persistent and challenging structural problems that can only be solved through a focus on health equity.

To learn more about this event: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-healthier-future-for-all-mobilizing-health-equity-research-into-action-tickets-715467010087?aff=oddtcreator>

Other News

A Poem by Dr. Daniel Olinga - The Typical ED Shift at PLC

Read a creative submission on the Emergency Medicine Department.

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