



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly email

Updates for ED Physicians

Oct 17, 2023 Edition

Hello Natalie,

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.

- 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 for This Week

1) RGH EYE CLINIC REFERRALS

We are still receiving regular feedback from the RGH eye clinic that the proper outpatient referral workflow is not being followed regularly, resulting in problems when the patient arrives in clinic. Please remember that you must **ALWAYS** enter an ambulatory referral to the RGH Eye Clinic from the Dispo tab when discharging a patient with next-day follow up. **This is true even if you have spoken to the ophthalmologist / resident on call directly, and is also true if you are booking directly through RAAPID overnight.** PLEASE NOTE that the clinic will not know the patient is coming if you do not enter the ambulatory referral!

2) CALGARY ZONE PATIENT HANDOVER PROCESS

Patient handover charting processes have become highly variable in Calgary Zone EDs since the initial launch of Connect Care last year, leading to confusion among our physicians and breakdowns in communication for patients held for prolonged periods of time in the department and receiving consultations from multiple different services. It has long been a CZ ED policy that all patients being handed over in the ED require a formal handoff note be written in the chart, which has been demonstrated to reduce the likelihood of medical error. **Zone leadership would like to remind all ED physicians that a formal handoff note remains a MANDATORY component of the handoff process even with our new EMR.** In order to standardize this process and improve communication efficiency for patients with prolonged ED stays, the Physicians' Executive Committee has agreed that **ALL handoff notes should be written in the HANDOFF tab of the patient chart.** Please review the Common Workflows document for additional details on standards of documentation and a primer on the recommended workflow at this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wlj_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit

3) REPOSITORY OF CONNECT CARE UPDATES

If you're interested in keeping abreast of recent updates within Connect Care, or if you'd like to have a place to quickly reference some of the more recent changes (eg - pharmacy e-script workflow, FAST referral workflows, etc, etc), then check out the Connect Care Blog 'What's New' page:

<https://manual.connect-care.ca/home/whats-new>

You can also subscribe to the blog to have the updates pushed to you.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.
Chris

EM Health Services Researcher - Associate Professor Level - NEW

The Department of Emergency Medicine is recruiting an emergency medicine clinician-scientist to lead a research program in health services research.

Application deadline: November 24, 2023

Qualifications include an MD, an Emergency Medicine specialist certificate in FRCPC, from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or CCFP (EM) through the Canadian College of Family physicians, and eligibility for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta. A graduate degree (master's level at a minimum) in health services research, clinical epidemiology, or a related health professions field, and five years of experience as an independent investigator is required. Applicants must present evidence of an established, externally funded (at the level of Tri-Council or equivalent peer reviewed National/International organization) research program, a strong publication record as evidenced by continuous publication in high-ranking journals, including as senior or first author. Applicants must show evidence of successful teaching and/or graduate supervision, and evidence of established academic engagement in professional and other communities.

The position will have 60% protected time for research, the remainder will include clinical service (35%), and teaching (5%). Research priority areas for the successful candidate would include the evaluation of important Emergency Department quality improvement initiatives such as staffing to demand, redeploying nursing staff, enhanced Emergency Department flow initiatives, triage and resource utilization, as well as evaluating interventions to improve equitable care and access for vulnerable populations.

Full details can be found at the link below:

<https://medicine.careers.ucalgary.ca/jobs/13480926-emergency-medicine-health-services-researcher-department-of-emergency-medicine-cumming-school-of-medicine>

For more information please contact: Dr. Eddy Lang at <mailto:eddy.lang@ahs.ca>

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds: Thurs, October 19, 2023 09:00

Speaker: Dr. Natasha Goumeniouk

Moderator: Dr. Colin Bell

Title: Under Pressure: The Highs And Lows Of Blood Pressure Management In Trauma

Zoom Link: <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/68891970879?pwd=dHB5YjNWaE9XUkNrYU9rbFhXbnpWdz09>

Evaluation Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef_BC5V_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fcyMezgAXKCKvwrQRog/viewform

Grand Rounds CMPA Input

Grand rounds on **December 14th** will focus on medicolegal aspects of our practice and will be presented by two representatives of the CMPA. In order to better target this session to your needs, Dr. Sudhir Pandya appreciates your responses to the questions below.

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>

Departmental News



Introducing Our New Ultrasound Fellow: Jackie Harrison

Hi all!

My name is Jackie Harrison and I am a pediatric critical care physician who is interested in point of care ultrasound, particularly in bedside resuscitative ultrasound. I am starting an Acute Care PoCUS fellowship this October that will run until June of next year. I will be looking to scan patients with various pathophysiology within the pediatric and adult sectors. Please come say hi if you see me in your department and reach out if you have a patient you think would be appropriate for scanning.



A Warm Welcome to Jordan-Rose Detillieux

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Jordan-Rose Detillieux is the successful candidate for the Administrative Assistant V position supporting Emergency Department Head Dr. Eddy Lang, and Emergency Department Manager Scott Banks. Jordan will be based out of the RGH Emergency Medicine offices, and she starts her new role on **November 6, 2023**.

Jordan has a strong background as an Administrative Assistant, with work experience both with AHS and the U of C. Prior to joining the ED team, Jordan worked as the Administrative Assistant V in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology supporting the Department Head Dr. Erin Brennand and Department Manager Scott Banks.

When not working, Jordan can usually be found doing activities with her 2 yr. old son Mateo, and French-bulldog Charlie. She has a passion for camping, swimming, snowboarding, and all things outdoors. Jordan is friendly, outgoing, and is always looking to meet new people and learn and grow as an individual and as an employee. She is looking forward to building relationships and working with ED physicians, leaders and staff, and is very excited to be joining the ED team.

After November 6, 2023, Jordan can be reached at: Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@albertahealthservices.ca / 403- 943 -7570

Thanks
Eddy, Scott & Lilian

Difficult Airway Management Workshop

The next iteration of the Difficult Airway Management Workshop is planned for **November 30**.

Needed: Attending physician instructors for the day to support the workshop by lending your airway management expertise

Time: 8:30 until 15:00

Where: At the ATSSL

Who: Faculty instructors from various disciplines

We integrate cadaveric models, pig tracheas for front of neck access, and high-fidelity airway simulation as part of the workshop. Participants (including a large cohort of ER residents this iteration), are guided by experienced faculty as they rotate in small groups to practice key airway management skills. As instructors you are compensated PGME hours for teaching and lunch and coffee are provided. Most importantly, it's a fun day to be involved with and a good opportunity to foster linkages with other Departments and trainees.

Kindly notify Stephon Anderson (<mailto:stephon.anderson@albertahealthservices.ca>) as soon as possible if you can assist.

Thank you in advance, sincerely, Jonathan Gaudet

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Stephen Freedman for his NEJM paper - a very fitting acknowledgement to your leadership and expertise in PEM and specifically with Shiga toxin / HUS patient care!

Shiga Toxin–Producing Escherichia coli and the Hemolytic–Uremic Syndrome | NEJM

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMra2108739>

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/September 2023/Sept 2023 Peer Support.pdf?id=e7cx5i3?f_type=file&f_name=Sept 2023 Peer Support.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/September%202023/Sept%202023%20Peer%20Support.pdf?id=e7cx5i3?f_type=file&f_name=Sept%202023%20Peer%20Support.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.

FMC Level 1 Trauma Process Sim – Sign Up

These sessions will be multi-disciplinary with trauma surgery. We are looking for a minimum of 2 EDMD participants, but can accept up to 4. City wide EDMDs welcome.

Thanks for considering.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA5AC2EAAFF2-45345906-fmclevel#/>

2023 ED Staff Sim Sign Up

Please check your availability and sign up with the sign-up genius link below. **November and December slots still open!** Thank you!

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

Teaching Opportunities

CaRMS Interviewers Needed for Oct 25 and 26

The CCFP-EM program is in need of help interviewing 31 candidates over the course of **Oct 25 and 26** (day time hours, exact times TBD based on volunteer availability). There will be some remuneration for this involvement (amount TBD), food/coffee, as well as the enduring gratification of helping to select our future colleagues. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Please email Charles if you are available for either of these dates (both is ideal but one out of two is great also). Thanks.

<mailto:charleskh Wong@gmail.com>

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.

Job Postings

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. See the link for further details.

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/October 2023/FMCAssistantSiteChiefPositionNEW.pdf?id=834sgqa?f_type=file&f_name=FMCAssistantSiteChiefPositionNEW.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/October%202023/FMCAssistantSiteChiefPositionNEW.pdf?id=834sgqa?f_type=file&f_name=FMCAssistantSiteChiefPositionNEW.pdf)

Open until a suitable candidate is found.

Research

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/77776142/Emergency_Medicine/October_2023/GIResidentResearcAward.pdf?id=viksr1d?f_type=file&f_name=GIResidentResearcAward.pdf

For Completed applications or questions please contact:
<mailto:jillian.vandenbrand@albertahealthservices.ca>

CME Learning

PADIS Clinical Toxicology Conference

Saturday, November 4th, 2023 from 08:00 – 16:30

There's a little over **two weeks left until the PADIS** clinical toxicology conference on Saturday, November 4th, 2023, in the Health Sciences Centre at the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine.

Our keynote speaker is **Dr. Jon Cole**, a medical toxicologist from the University of Minnesota, Medical Director of the Minnesota Poison Control System, and Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota. He will be speaking on "Treatment of Cardiovascular Drug Toxicity: Past, Present, and Future."

We will also have talks on the following topics given by PADIS staff toxicologists and fellows:

- Street Drugs/Drugs of Abuse
- Household toxins (corrosives, hydrofluoric acid, salicylates, NSAIDS)
- Antidotes for acetaminophen toxicity
- Management of the hyperthermic toxicology patient
- When to consider dialysis for a poisoned patient
- "Killer potpourri" (toxicity from hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, colchicine)
- Safely restarting a medication after an overdose
- Management of poisonings in remote areas
- Basic management of the poisoned patient (clinical and lab)
- Toxicology simulation lab sessions
- Plus, a special panel of hyperbaric oxygen physicians from Alberta and Saskatchewan who will discuss management of carbon monoxide poisoning

For more information, and to register for the conference, the link is:

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

Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) Conference 2023 / University of Calgary (ucalgary.ca). 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. You can see all the registration options when you click the link above.

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

Other Opportunities

Call For Nominations Open: Zonal/Regional RF Delegates

The Call for Nominations for election of zonal/regional delegates to the AMA Representative Forum is now available on the AMA website. **The deadline for responding to the Call for Nominations is 9 a.m., Friday, November 3.**

For details about the election and the nomination process (members only; log in required), including: Call for Nominations, Nomination Form, and ZMSA nominees in each region/zone.

<https://www.albertadoctors.org/leaders-partners/leaders/rf/zonal-regional-RF-delegate-call-for-noms>

Please contact <mailto:amavoting@albertadoctors.org> with any questions about the election and nomination process.

AMA Local Doctors, Local Issues - Oct 25 - Calgary Zone

In his inaugural AMA President's Letter, Dr. Paul Parks announced his Local doctors, local Issues tour with Athana Mentzelopoulos, the new AMA Executive Director. They're visiting all 5 zones, with stops in 7 major cities: Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat, to hear from members the issues impacting their communities.

Dr. Parks and Athana are Calgary on Wed Oct 25 from 6:30-8:00pm at FMC in the Coombs Lecture Theatre and all physicians are invited to join them.

We've booked numerous Telehealth sites throughout Calgary Zone. See the list below:
<https://www.albertadoctors.org/news/local-doctors-local-issues>

CAEP National Grand Rounds

National grand Rounds this week is a special session dedicated to highlight the international collaboration among emergency medicine societies to bring light to the important problem of mental health within the emergency medicine workforce. Our goal is to end stigma related to mental health and ensure that our colleagues have the access and the removal of barriers to seek supports if needed. Registration is available at the link below:

<https://caep.ca/cpd-courses/caep-national-grand-rounds/>
