



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

Sep 12, 2023 Edition

Notice:

Hello, we have noticed some inaccurate reporting of bounces of the Emergency Newsletter. If you notice:

- You are not receiving newsletters
- You are receiving the newsletters twice

Please reach out to the Communications Analyst for additional support: <mailto:natalie.sun@ahs.ca>

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:)

Operations

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.

Thanks!

E. coli Guidelines for Parents and Caregivers

Attached is a well vetted handout for parents/patients presenting at the EDs regarding the ECOLI outbreak. The intent is to provide consistent direction and messaging to everyone and ensure that appropriate testing and follow up occurs.

https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/September_2023/E-coli-Guidelines.pdf?id=1qqsgpu?f_type=file&f_name=E-coli-Guidelines.pdf

Your Voice, Your Experience

Dear colleagues.

AHS is keen to have our feedback on the relatively recent addition / augmentation of ED support by pharmacists and other Allied Health professionals, particularly PT and OT. AHS is also looking for input as to the impact of the considerable reductions in EMS wait times over the last months and the changes in nursing staffing assignment that has made this possible.

Feedback on both benefits and consequences are sought. Each survey takes about 5 mins to complete.

Transfer of Care (ED staffed EMS offload):
https://redcap.link/transferofcare_survey.

Allied Health & Pharmacy Supports in the ED:
<https://redcap.albertahealthservices.ca/surveys/?s=H4M4WRHW83MWA9KA>

More information about the surveys can be found on the pdf below:
https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/September_2023/EDInitiativesSurvey.pdf?id=p81bu6a?f_type=file&f_name=EDInitiativesSurvey.pdf

Thanks

Eddy

Connect Care Update

1) RGH EYE CLINIC REFERRALS

Please remember that you must **ALWAYS** enter an ambulatory referral to the RGH Eye Clinic 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. If you do not enter the ambulatory referral, the clinic will not know that the patient is coming.

2) NORTHEAST URGENT PSYCHIATRY REFERRALS

When referring to the Sunridge / Northeast Urgent Psychiatry Clinic, please note that the clinic has now made it **MANDATORY** to use their referral smartphrase (.neucereferral) in the free text comments of the ambulatory referral. If you do not use this smartphrase they will **DECLINE** the referral. It contains the information the clinic considers to be crucial when triaging the referral. Details can be found in the CZ Outpatient Referral Workflows Document. Link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nY54n2dgWdfZsh0KCD6R5Zvb2Rx2Wm9n/edit#bookmark=id.gjdgxs>

3) DOCUMENTATION: EDCOURSE

I would like to send another friendly reminder to please add the .edcourse smartphrase to your primary note for any patients you hand over at the end of your shift. Please also remind your residents to do that same (or add the smartphrase to your attestation or your own separate note). This will allow notes added to the ED Course by downstream physicians to be added to the primary note, making it easier to find them later on.

4) DOCUMENTATION: RAAPID NOTES

Another friendly reminder to please write a brief RAAPID note on any patient you speak to RAAPID about who is being transferred to your ED. If you ultimately do not see the patient, the primary physician will have a leg up thanks to your documentation, which could save them a lot of time.

(Tips on how to add .edcourse and how to create RAAPID notes can be found in the ED Common Workflows Document.) Link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wj_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit

5) CONNECT CARE DOWNTIME

As many of you are no doubt aware, there will be a downtime occurring at 00:30 on September 14 (early this Thursday morning). If you are working during this time (or during any future downtime) please be aware that there is a Calgary ED Downtime Survival Guide for Physicians that can be accessed in the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ss4ZeF38KO7cwucPF_Q0I42vetSbnQtP/edit

There is also a more generic Downtime Guide with a broader scope of information that can be accessed in the link: <https://manual.connect-care.ca/support/Downtime-Procedures>

Thanks for all your hard work, and as always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Chris

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds September 14, 2023

Speaker: DR A.F. CHAD, "Healer, Goofball, Swearer, Enjoyer of Life"

Topic: ERMAHGERD!

Description: A Case of an Eye Problem from a guy who works at the eye & penis hospital

Time: 0900 – 1000

Room: Clara Christie Theatre - HSC

Zoom Link: <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/61358145309?pwd=cnJTVWN1Z3c5WjFWZEZ4ekdYNVo4Zz09>

Passcode: 668897

Evaluation: Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef_BC5V_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fgyMezgAXKCKvwrQRog/viewform

Journal Club September 14, 2023

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

Date: September 14, 2023

Time: 18:00 to 21:00

Topic: Pediatric Buckle Fractures and Sedation-Associated Laryngospasm

Presenters: Drs. Dana Stewart, Mary Tong and Will MacDougall

Preceptor: Dr. Mike Schlegelmilch

Hosted by: Dr. Brit Sunderani

ARTICLES: Predictors of Laryngospasm During 276,832; Episodes of Pediatric Procedural Sedation Immobilizations of torus fractures of the wrist in children (FORCE): a randomized controlled equivalence trial in the UK

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/September 2023/JCInvite.pdf?id=dncofc5?f_type=file&f_name=JCInvite.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/September%202023/JCInvite.pdf?id=dncofc5?f_type=file&f_name=JCInvite.pdf)

Departmental News

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Fareen Zaver who recently became a recipient of a PGME Clinical Teaching Award. This annual award recognizes outstanding resident teaching in all clinical disciplines at the Cumming School of Medicine.

PALS - October 23 - SHC

A PALS course is coming up. Details below. If you are interested in attending, please connect with Dawn McKeivitt: <mailto:dawn.mckevitt@me.com>

- Blended Online PALS Provider (you do the didactic portion and write the exam - about 3-4 hours)
 - Date: October 23
 - Place: South Health Campus - eSim lab
 - Time: 4ish hours
 - Dawn will be flexible on times and will set it up for a vote. Either 0830-1230 or 1300-1700.
 - Cost: \$350 (will include BLS if you need it)
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2023 ED Staff Sim Sign Up (Sept-Dec 2023)

We have spots for September! Please check your availability and sign up with the sign-up genius link below. Thank you!

- PLC – Sept 12 (2 spots)
- SHC – Sept 27 (1 spots)

<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=b8dykwa?f_type=file&f_name=Emergency Department Gala.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/August%202023/Emergency%20Department%20Gala.pdf?id=b8dykwa?f_type=file&f_name=Emergency%20Department%20Gala.pdf)

Research

Welcome!

The research team sends out a warm welcome to our new research admin, Jillian Vandenbrand, and our new Data Scientist, Jessalyn Hollidinsky! If you see them in the office or online, please extend a friendly smile!

EMRAC

EMRAC and research in development rounds resume in **September with EMRAC on Sept 14.**

Kudos

This is the recent editorial by Dr. Lang about Grant Innes, one of Calgary's prolific leaders in Emergency Medicine: Lang, E. Grant Innes: a visionary leader in Canadian emergency medicine. *Can J Emerg Med* 25, 721 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43678-023-00580-5>

CME Learning

Career Conversations - Preceptors Needed

Undergraduate Medical Education is seeking staff physicians from all disciplines willing to connect with first year medical students to learn more about what you do and what life might look like if they choose your discipline as a career. This initiative is part of UME's Career Exploration Program designed to help students make informed career choices through CaRMS and beyond.

Click on the link below to find out more about this opportunity!

https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/September_2023/CareerConversations.pdf?id=sr12sy4?f_type=file&f_name=CareerConversations.pdf

The University of Calgary is Recruiting!

Dr. Zahra Goodarzi and associates from the Department of Medicine at the University of Calgary are conducting a research study to understand how to improve ED care experiences for patients living with dementia and their care providers.

For more information, please click on the pdf below:

https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/September_2023/ED-care-experiences-dementia.pdf?id=fmosgti?f_type=file&f_name=ED-care-experiences-dementia.pdf

Job Openings

Leadership Opportunity Emergency Strategic Clinical Network

After many years of inspirational leadership Dr. Brian Holroyd, the Senior Medical Director of the Emergency SCN and former Academic Chair of the Department of EM at the U of A is easing into retirement. Please let me know if you have any questions in applying for this important leadership provincial leadership position.

<https://doctorjobsalberta.albertahealthservices.ca/jobs/senior-medical-director-emergency-strategic-clinical-network-2551>

Applications Welcome - Associate Dean (Undergraduate Medical Education)

The Cumming School of Medicine invites applications (Cumming School of Medicine, only) for the position of Associate Dean (Undergraduate Medical Education).

Please see the link below for the complete terms of reference for the position.

https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/September_2023/AssociateDeanJob_1.pdf?id=wqeytjf?f_type=file&f_name=AssociateDeanJob_1.pdf

Other Opportunities

CMA leadership opportunities: Call for expressions of interest

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is looking for physician leaders to help build a better future of health, health care and a thriving health workforce.

The CMA has several leadership vacancies for an initial term starting in 2024. They include roles with the:

- CMA Board of Directors
- Audit and Finance Committee
- Awards Committee
- Committee on Ethics
- Nominations Committee
- Annual General Meeting

The deadline to apply is Dec. 29.

Find out more about these leadership opportunities and how to apply at the link below.

https://www.cma.ca/about-us/how-were-governed/cma-leadership-opportunities/current-vacancies?utm_source=dmm-affiliates&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=board-committee-23-24&utm_content=nominations-en

If you have any questions, please reach out to <mailto:nominations@cma.ca>.

Opportunity for ER Patients - PAP Screening

Attached is a poster for a "Papapalooza" being held by some members of the Department Obstetrics and Gynecology members - Dr Ash Mahalingham, Dr Laura Coughlan, Dr Sue Baranowski, Dr Kristen Ambacher, & Dr Michelle Suri.

If you are an Emergency Medicine doctor that have patients with no family doctor but need basic reproductive health screening please read the attached document. This initiative will provide an opportunity for patients who need a PAP, but have no primary care provider.

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/September 2023/Papapalooza.pdf?id=me1dbh5?f_type=file&f_name=Papapalooza.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/September%202023/Papapalooza.pdf?id=me1dbh5?f_type=file&f_name=Papapalooza.pdf)

Surgical Mission in Guatemala

Please come out to support *Medicos En Accion, a Canadian organization that provides medical and surgical care in developing countries where access to care is limited. We will be hosting a Fall Garden Party at Deane House on Friday, September 22nd in support of our 2024 Guatemalan mission. More details through the pdf below:

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/September 2023/MedicosFundraiser.pdf?id=opo01l9?f_type=file&f_name=MedicosFundraiser.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/September%202023/MedicosFundraiser.pdf?id=opo01l9?f_type=file&f_name=MedicosFundraiser.pdf)

*Please note, although the event seems to be co-sponsored by a device company, because it is a fundraiser for a good cause we are making an exception to the no distribution policy for profit industry supported activities in the above event for this newsletter.
