

# Department of Emergency Medicine

## Calgary Zone


weekly email updates for ED Physicians

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## Operations

### Notes from Catherine

#### Physician Support Fund (PSF)

This Fall's PSF contribution was recently withdrawn. I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you  to all contributors. I am confident that the diligent work of the PSF oversight committee (Drs. Sean Fair, Arun Abbi, Dave Dyck, Emma Meeuwisse, Paul McKenna and Katie Anker) will ensure that the money is spent on initiatives to further its mandate which is to improve the intellectual, clinical, and/or working environment of emergency physicians practicing within the Calgary area. I would also like to reiterate my commitment to advocating and securing funds from all other sources (AHS, CSM, external funding) as much as possible.

#### Eddy's Acknowledgement

November 7, 2024 from 5–7pm at Catherine's house (934 Rundle Crescent NE). If you didn't RSVP but you are suddenly available please stop by anyway as I accounted for a few more people and we would love to see you!

#### Mail at the FMC

Thank you to all of those who have picked up their mail and arranged for the billing statements to be re-directed or suppressed. It is much appreciated. We have moved everyone's mail to the new file folders. Thank you to those who have scheduled a time to pick up their "box" of mail.

#### Study on Experiences of Violence in the ED

Dr. Katie Gourlay and Dr. Pavneet Singh under the supervision of Dr. Margriet Greidanus are doing an important study on violence in the ED — This issue affects all of us as emergency providers, and I believe this work could be a critical first step toward helping others (ie.

leadership) understand the challenges we face daily in the ED. Please consider participating by using the QR code:



Link from the QR code below:

[https://qualtricsxmr49t4frdd.yul1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/previewId/a8fdc06b-3b32-4785-a368-a00f32aa0302/SV\\_8jeEpTqDCAG2754?Q\\_CHL=preview&Q\\_SurveyVersionID=current](https://qualtricsxmr49t4frdd.yul1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/previewId/a8fdc06b-3b32-4785-a368-a00f32aa0302/SV_8jeEpTqDCAG2754?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current)

### Physician Practice Improvement Program (PPIP) Personal Development Project Opportunity!

Every regulated member of the CPSA is required to complete three PPIP initiatives during the course of the 5-year maintenance of competence cycle. One of our previous CCFP-EM graduates (Dr. Emily Quick) is launching a limited opportunity for 50 staff in Calgary to receive feedback on EPAs they have completed for residents. In addition to the personal growth from receiving feedback on your feedback, we will ensure that any participant of this initiative will receive a report that will meet the criteria for a CPSA PPIP personal development project (one less thing that you have to think about as you renew). Please consider signing up (see recruitment message and ethics approval listed later under **Research** in the newsletter).

### Save the Date – Department of Emergency Medicine **Children's** Christmas Party – **December 8, 2024** 2pm-4pm at Catherine's house

I'm thrilled to see the business groups announcing their Christmas parties—these gatherings are a fantastic chance to celebrate and reconnect with colleagues. However, I've realized we're missing an opportunity to include some of our most cherished members of the Department of Emergency Medicine: the little ones! So, I'm excited to invite you (or your spouse/partner) and children to the DEM Children's Christmas Party at my home on December 8, 2024 in the afternoon. The kids can decorate gingerbread cookies (I make a mean gingerbread cookie—just ask Katie Anker!), and who knows, maybe even Santa will stop by! (Volunteers to play Santa are welcome...ARob?!). Please RSVP to Jordan-Rose ([Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca](mailto:Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca)) by **November 26, 2024**. (also if there are older children that want to help organize some activities or just generally help out to keep the kids safe, we would love to have them – please just email me [catherine.patocka@ahs.ca](mailto:catherine.patocka@ahs.ca))

### Congratulations to Dr. Fareen Zaver for being among Canada's Most Powerful Women

These bold leaders tear down barriers to success, especially in underrepresented areas, and forge a future where women redefine what's possible. From this moment onward, they join a powerful community of winners in an unbroken chain that unites power, passion, and purpose.

<https://wxnetwork.com/page/2024Top100AwardWinners>

Catherine

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# Notes from James

## COVID Patients Excluded from Immediate Transition (IT) Beds

We were recently alerted to a situation where a COVID+ patient was admitted into an IT bed. The patient was known to be COVID+ at the time of acceptance into a shared room.

A question was raised with the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Gustafson) about whether rehabs should be accepting COVID+ patients into IT beds. The direction received is that COVID+ positive clients should not be admitted until they are asymptomatic and fever free for at least 24hrs. This is because of the greater difficulty managing infection control and associated diagnostic and treatment needs at the rehab facilities.

**Bottom Line:** Patients with acute infectious presentations (COVID, influenza, diarrhea) and not safe to be discharged home because of falls/difficulties with mobility/ADLs are best consulted to the Hospitalist service.

James

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## Connect Care Update

Hi Everyone

Some updates for this week from the land of Connect Care:

### 1) Launch 9 Updates

Launch 9 occurred this past weekend, and for the most part this will not change our daily lives too much. Notably, Public Health has now been added to the Connect Care universe meaning there are a few new outpatient ambulatory referral orders available to use. I've attached a file summarizing all the new referral orders, but the most important sections to note are those detailing the animal bite and blood/body fluid exposure (BBFE) referrals. ([Launch 9 Update](#)). **It is important to note that our indications for contacting the MOH on call have not changed** ([see attached document detailing our current ED workflow, which is also available on myED](#)) but when making referrals to public health for follow up of BBFE you will now be able to use an internal referral process. There are several department options to choose from when sending the referral, so it would generally be best to confirm the correct destination with the MOH when consulting them.

### 2) Connect Care SPRINT Upgrades

Many of you have no doubt noticed some recent changes to features within Connect Care lately, which are a result of the 'SPRINT' process that was recently completed to target some of the commonest concerns raised in IT tickets filed across the province. Some of the most notable upgrades include additional chart review headers to streamline chart browsing; new sidebar reports; and Exceptional Care Plan (ECP) notifications. [I've attached a file summarizing the SPRINT process and the finalized changes for your review.](#)

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

Chris  
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# DEM Academic Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds Thursday November 07, 2024  
(0900—1000) (1.0 Education Credits)

**Room:** Theatre 4 – Health Science Centre

**Zoom Link:** <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/61834756597?pwd=Skg1ZmdXOGdRWmgxMUc0U3INMjR5Zz09>

**Meeting ID:** 618 3475 6597 **Passcode:** 407952

**Speaker:** Dr. Jayelle Friesen-Enns

**Moderator:** Dr. Fiona Mattatall

**Title:** TRANS-forming Trauma Care

**Description:** This presentation will provide an overview of important medical considerations that are relevant to the primary survey of traumatic injuries in patients who have undergone gender-affirming medical interventions.

[DEM Academic Grand Rounds Evaluation](#)

[To view archived grand rounds, please visit our website.](#)

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## Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Pearl of the Week

The topic for the Pearl of the week is: [Grapefruit Juice and Oral Medication Toxicity](#)

Mark Yarema

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## Department News

### Emergency Physician Spotlight

Today's spotlight features Dr. Mark Bromley. You can read more about this amazing doctor below.



I have been working in Emergency Medicine for almost fifteen years now, though I found my way here through a bit of dumb luck. My initial plan was to be an internist, but I took a two year detour between medical school and residency to play in a rock band, or as I sold it to the dean, “to pursue excellence outside of medicine.” During that time I found my people – the guy who bought us drinks during the show and was still leaning against the bar when we loaded out the next morning. I’m reluctant to generalize, but this is a patient population that likes rock and roll.

I enjoy the intensity of emergency medicine and I find caring for people in their most vulnerable moments grounding. Solving urgent problems feels like important work. Working with learners is another highlight. I am consistently impressed with our residents, not just as clinicians, but as exceptional human beings.

When I’m not at work I’m spending time with my wife and three daughters. We are busier than we should be – lots of sports. I jump at the chance to coach whenever they let me.

I don’t have specific advice but we see some awful things in our line of work and it can be hard at times not to feel responsible for every outcome, especially the tough ones. I find focusing on learning and growth after these cases helpful. If I can find something I could have done better, a way of improving my practice, it allows me to feel like something good has come out of the situation.

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## Kudos Corner – Award

Congratulations to **Dr. Fareen Zaver** on being a recipient of the Amex Emerging Leaders award! Recognizing women between the ages of 30 to 40 years, who have been targeted for successive leadership positions with their organizations and have a proven passion for learning and innovation.

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## Kudos Corner – Patient Commendation

On September 29th, I was a patient in the ER at South Health Campus for symptoms of Atrial Fibrillation. I'm deeply grateful to the team—**my nurse Janel, Dr. Rebus, Riley, the Cardioversion team, and Dr. Peter Maric**, who explained the procedure and comforted me during a moment of panic. Thanks to their excellent care, the procedure was successful, and I am truly appreciative

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## Teaching Opportunities

### Difficult Airway Management Workshop Instructors Needed

The next iteration of the Difficult Airway Management Workshop is on **Thursday, December 19th!** We need attending physician instructors for the day. We would be very thankful if you are able to support the workshop by lending your airway management expertise. For those of you who have not yet taught the workshop, the day runs from 8:30 until 15:00 at the ATSSL with 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 our own ER FRCPC and ER CCFP-EM residents, are guided by experienced faculty as they rotate in small groups to practice key airway management skills. As instructors you are compensated PGME hours (X4) 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. We really do need your support to continue the success of this educational experience. Please help out if you're able.

Kindly notify Dr. Jonathan Gaudet ([jgaudet@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jgaudet@ucalgary.ca)) and Stephon Anderson ([stephon.anderson@ahs.ca](mailto:stephon.anderson@ahs.ca)) as soon as possible if you can assist.

Anjali

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## Research

### We need your help to improve EPA feedback in PGME at the CSM

**Study Title: Providing feedback on feedback: The current quality and patterns of feedback content in Canadian Emergency Medicine residency Entrustable Professional Activities**

If you are a faculty member with the department for more than 12 months who teaches emergency medicine residents at the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM), we are interested in getting in touch with you. [For more information, see the attached PDF.](#)

Please send us an email if you are interested in participating (or if you have any questions).

Dr Emily Quick – [emily.quick@ucalgary.ca](mailto:emily.quick@ucalgary.ca)

Dr Catherine Patocka – [catherine.patocka@ucalgary.ca](mailto:catherine.patocka@ucalgary.ca)

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# Updated Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: [natalie.sun@ahs.ca](mailto:natalie.sun@ahs.ca) and CC [Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca](mailto:Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca).

- Submissions will run for a period of one week
- Body copy will be edited at the discretion of the editor to optimize communication
- The deadline is **Tuesday at noon**

For reoccurring submissions, **there is a max two week run and this must be requested**. If you would like to re-run your submission after two weeks, please submit with updates.

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## In Case You Missed Last Week

### Journal Club

You are invited to attend the Department  
Emergency Medicine Journal Club on

### Emergency Medicine Journal Club

**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2024

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

**Topic:** The sonographic protocol for the emergent evaluation of aortic dissections (SPEED protocol)

**Presenters:** Drs. Allen Vorobeichik and Anil Keshvara

**Preceptor:** Dr. Katie Lin

**Hosted by:** Dr. Catherine Patocka

**ARTICLE 1:** [The sonographic protocol for the emergent evaluation of aortic dissections \(SPEED protocol\): A multicenter, prospective, observational study.](#)

Please RSVP to [TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca](mailto:TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca) by **Nov 10th** if attending.

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### Teaching Opportunities

**Staff Examiners Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2024 Thursday's November 28th, 2024 – In Person**

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

- **November 28th, 2024 from 1030 – 1300**

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

Please check your availability and let me know if you can help on **November 28th, 2024** please send the responses to [TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca](mailto:TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca)

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

Thanks,  
Tris

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## Department News

# Annual Residency Program Winter Retreat

Hello everyone,

We hope you are all well! You are all invited to attend the Annual Residency Program Winter Retreat will be taking place from **February 21st-23rd 2025 at the Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge**. For those new to the department, this winter retreat is a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow faculty and along with the residents, participate in some fun social and faculty development activities and recharge.

In order to take advantage of the group rate of \$299.99/night please RSVP to Madhavi ([madhavi.talasila@ahs.ca](mailto:madhavi.talasila@ahs.ca)) and book your room with the booking code she provides you **by December 16th**. This event is family friendly – so partners and children are welcome!

We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

Anjali, Kelsey and Charles

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