

Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

April 16, 2024 Edition

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Newsletter Distribution Issues

We are finding newsletters are not being delivered due to higher security issues within AHS, UofC and third party email operators. Please email natalie.sun@ahs.ca if you need a specific copy of the newsletter and I will be happy to email you any missing editions.

Newsletters are posted weekly on our UofC webpage:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/resources/ed-newsletter>

Operations

Notes From James

ED Spring Town Hall this Thursday at 10AM

Hi Folks,

Just a reminder that our ED Spring Town Hall is being held this Thursday, right after Dr. Jason Elzinga's grand rounds on Drug Induced Hyperthermia.

We have a lot of information to share – including a number of updates, reviewing the staff survey results, outlining high priority initiatives and discussing departmental funding models (agenda below).

We have allocated a lot of time for what is expected to be a lively discussion.

We hope that you can attend.

James and the ED Leadership Team

April 18, 2024 10:00-12:00 Theater 1 Health Sciences Centre <https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/91675434064>

Meeting ID: 916 7543 4064

Agenda is attached: https://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/4_April/NotesFromJames_Apr162024.pdf?id=gbonea6?f_type=file&f_name=NotesFromJames_Apr162024.pdf

ED Department Head Presentations

There will be three candidates interviewed for the position of Department Head for Emergency Medicine. These individuals will present their vision for the Department after Grand Rounds **from 10:00-11:00** in Room G382 (HSC) on **May 9, 16 and 23**.

Presentation times are as indicated below:

- May 9 – Dr. James Andruchow at **10:00–11:00**
- May 16 – Dr. Michael Betzner at **10:00–11:00**
- May 23 – Dr. Catherine Patocka at **10:30–11:30**

All are welcome to come and listen.

Map Link: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/sites/default/files/teams/17/Ground%20Floor.pdf>

The following ED physicians are on the committee if you would like to discuss what you feel is important in the search for the next department head and priorities for the department in the coming years.

- Huma Ali
- David Fu
- Margriet Greidanus
- Andrew McRae
- Paul Tourigny
- Ian Walker

Check back next week for more information to come.

Connect Care Update

Hi Everyone!

Here is the Connect Care Update for this week:

1) Stroke Clinic Referrals

Our amazing colleagues at the Stroke Prevention Clinic have been noticing an uptick in the number of patients being referred who have not had the appropriate internal Connect Care ambulatory referral order completed. Similar to the RGH Eye Clinic, even if you speak directly with the stroke fellow on call and they provide you with an appointment time, you **must** still complete the ambulatory referral order with the required information. Failure to do so can lead to inaccurate triage, or worse, lost referrals.

2) RAAPID Consultation Orders

Our equally amazing colleagues at RAAPID have also noticed an increase in some concerns regarding the use of the RAAPID Consult Order in Connect Care recently. Some friendly reminders about this incredibly useful order:

- The RAAPID consult order is intended for **stable** patients only. For acutely unwell patients with time-sensitive conditions (e.g. - acute stroke for thrombolysis, STEMI, ruptured AAA, etc.) RAAPID should be phoned directly by the MRP rather than using the order in CC. The CC consult orders to RAAPID will typically take longer than a direct phone call and should not be considered the most expeditious way to connect with a consultant.
- Please provide your ED information as the contact info in the consult order. Please **do not** provide your pager number; once RAAPID has the consultant on the line they would like to be able to connect us as quickly as possible, and using a pager to contact us rather than phoning the ED directly adds time to the process.
- Please enter your RAAPID consult orders yourself, rather than having residents enter them. The consult chart is built around the physician who enters the order, and if this is a resident RAAPID cannot determine who their attending physician is. This information is important for accurately building the consultation chart and is key to our consultant colleagues being able to bill for their service.

Details on appropriate use of the RAAPID consult order can also be found at the Common ED Workflows document under the ORDERS - RAAPID Consultation section: https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wlj_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit

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

Chris

Social Media Reminder

This is an important reminder regarding social media and University of Calgary and Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) guidelines as well as Alberta Health Services (AHS) Community Engagement and Communications Policy. In any communications that are directed to the public, or within reason may be shared and viewed by the public, it needs to be clear that these are your personal views.

As physicians and academics, you are permitted to express your own personal views. However, please remove any references to your department or the University of Calgary and the CSM, and AHS and hospital names, unless your message has been officially vetted through the proper communications process.

For the full message, please click on the links below.

https://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/EmergencyMedicine/4_April/SocialMediaGuidelines_ToddAnderson.pdf?id=4i0n4j5?f_type=file&f_name=SocialMediaGuidelines_ToddAnderson.pdf

Social Media Guidelines:

https://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/EmergencyMedicine/4_April/SocialMediaGuidelines_UofC.pdf?id=1gu2ces?f_type=file&f_name=SocialMediaGuidelines_UofC.pdf

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds Thurs, April 18, 2024

Time: 0900 – 1000 (1.0 Education Credits)

Room: Clara Christie Theatre – HSC

Zoom Link: <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/61834756597?pwd=SkG1ZmdXOGdRWmgxMUc0U3lNMjR5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 618 3475 6597

Passcode: 407952

Speaker: Dr. Jason Elzinga

Moderator: Dr. Jacqueline Hiob

Title: Drug-Induced Hyperthermia: ED management of a toxicologic emergency

Description: These rounds will discuss the importance of early recognition in drug-induced hyperthermia, review common drug causes, and outline a practical approach to resuscitation of these patients in the emergency department.

Departmental News

Dr. Catherine Patocka New Clinical Scientist Effective April 1, 2024

Congratulations to Dr. Catherine Patocka as the successful candidate for the Clinical Scientist position!

Catherine completed medical school and an FRCPC EM residency at McGill University followed by a Masters in Health Professions Education through Maastricht University in the Netherlands. She has worked as an emergency physician at the PLC and FMC Emergency Departments for the past 10 years and recently completed 5 years as the FRCPC residency program director. She is presently wrapping up her PhD at the University of Calgary which has involved a comprehensive exploration of feedback in medical education and will be launching a program of research around how feedback is actioned in professional medical practice. She hopes this work will have practical applications for the Calgary Zone Emergency Department – specifically that it will help to build programs to enable departmental members to fulfill the PIPP (Physician Practice improvement) requirements for their CPSA licence, improve the utility, approachability, and actionability of performance feedback within our department, and start to develop mechanisms of providing much needed upward feedback to other departments and leadership at our institution. She's very excited to have the opportunity to contribute and would love to hear from anyone who has thoughts/opinions on feedback (catherine.patocka@gmail.com).



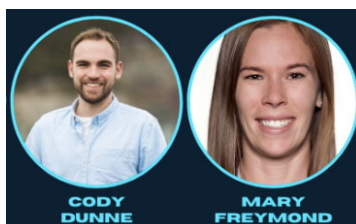
Kudos Corner

Congratulations to the following residents on their CAEP resident research awards.

Dr Mary Freymond (PGY-3, FRCPC program): "Treatment outcomes of patients transported by helicopter emergency medical services to a comprehensive stroke centre: A work in progress."

Dr Cody Dunne (PGY-5, FRCPC program) "Evaluation of basic life support interventions for foreign body airway obstructions: A population-based cohort study"

Also, congratulations to PEM fellow Dr Keon Ma who also won a resident research abstract award for his project "A national survey of children's needs when attending Canadian pediatric emergency departments."



FRCPC Assistant Program Director Announcement

We are thrilled to announce that Dr. Kelsey Ragan has been the successful candidate for the FRCPC Assistant Program Director position.

After obtaining an MPH at the University of Toronto, Kelsey completed her MD in Toronto and her FRCPC in Calgary. She currently works at the FMC and PLC EDs, and works as a transport physician with STARS. She has made outstanding educational contributions since her graduation, including as Co-Lead of Journal Club and Co-Lead of the Equity, Diversity and Advocacy Curriculum. We are excited to have her join the team!



UCalgary Giving Day launches April 4, 2024

We are reaching out to ask for your support of the Calgary-Mbarara Emergency Medicine (CMEM) collaboration. Although going to Uganda or teaching in Calgary may not be feasible, an alternative way you

can support this partnership is through a charitable donation. This project supports the development of emergency medicine in Uganda by supporting the residents at the Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST). The specialty is still in the infancy stages, with less than twenty EM trained physicians in the country. Donating to this collaboration helps train EM doctors in Uganda and shape the future of EM in East Africa.

A focus of this collaboration is bringing MUST EM residents to Calgary for elective rotations. Currently, we are in the process of bringing another cohort for a two month elective starting in May: Drs. Balu Mabiala, Jacob Busingye, and Sarah Oworinawe. They are keen residents hoping to learn and experience what Calgary offers. This is a life-changing opportunity for these trainees, and without the support of our department and faculty like you it would be impossible.

Although we have some funding through the McLaughlin Traveling Medical Education Fund, we are still in need of financial support.

April 4, 2024 is the "earlybird" launch of UCalgary Giving Day, and donations will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$2,500 per gift, until funds run out. Therefore, donations made soon after the launch April 4 have a higher chance of being matched. A tax receipt will be provided to you by the university.

Donations can be made directly to the CMEM collaboration at <https://engage.ucalgary.ca/give?id=8dc11145-7d3e-455d-b142-0deb4675d339>

We are also recruiting preceptors for the MUST residents this May and June. If you're interested in being added to the volunteer preceptor list please email me at awbattison@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Andrew Battison and Margriet Greidanus

EOLAS App Resources

There are some addiction medicine resources that have been uploaded to the Eolas app. These documents can be found simply by searching "addiction" within the Calgary Zone Emergency Medicine Space.

1. Calgary Outpatient Addiction Medicine Resources: this document includes a summary of detox options, outpatient addiction medicine clinics, and OAT clinics.
2. Opioid agonist therapy (OAT) overview: this document includes a summary of the most common options for OAT, updated protocols for missed doses, approach to managing precipitated withdrawal, and a brief approach to methadone in the ED.

Resource for Calgary Outpatient Addiction Medicine Resources:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TZE30GUI3q7nJyDExaeitubtBxSE18eo/edit>

Resource for Opioid Agonist Therapy: https://media.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/EmergencyMedicine/4_April/OpioidAgonistTherapyOverview.pdf?id=fkvqvt?f_type=file&f_name=OpioidAgonistTherapyOverview.pdf

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

You are invited to a Retirement Celebration to honor Alexis Mageau

Date: May 30th @ 1630 hrs.

Location: The Banquet (University District) - 3953 University Ave NW #220

RSVP to Carol.Urban@ahs.ca



With a career spanning five decades, Alexis has dedicated her professional life to providing care in a number of roles including:

1988 PLC Emergent Care Unit, Nurse Clinician

1988 – 1996 Calgary General, Bow Valley Center, Emergency: Clinical Nurse Educator

1996 – 2006 Foothills Emergency, Clinical Nurse Educator

2006 – 2024 Calgary Emergency Medicine, Clinical Nurse Specialist

1989 – 2023 STARS Flight Nurse

Please join us to celebrate Alexis and the differences she has made,
and help launch her next great steps.

Clinician Council Physician Recruitment

Please note: **AHS Login Needed for all the links below**

The AHS Clinician Council is recruiting 10 front line clinicians. <https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/hpsp/Page22900.aspx>

The AHS Clinician Council ensures their voices and experiences propel decision-making in our organization. More than eighty clinicians and leaders from all levels and areas of AHS are part of our multidisciplinary forums. Gathering quarterly, the Clinician Council collaborates with the people shaping and implementing significant AHS plans, projects, and programs. By exchanging perspectives, the Clinician Council contributes to decisions aimed at generating positive change, tangible outcomes, and clear value.

Becoming a Clinician Council member:

<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/main/assets/tms/hpsp/tms-hpsp-clinician-council-becoming-member.pdf>

Member Applications:

<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/main/assets/tms/hpsp/tms-hpsp-acppc-2021-application.pdf>

Application deadline will be extended to April 30, 2024.

Teaching Opportunities

Staff Examiners Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2024
Thursday's June 13th , 2024 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 8 staff examiners for the oral exams for the date below:

- June 13th 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 **June 13, 2024** please send the responses to TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca

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

FRCPC Oral Exam Prep

We are still looking for staff preceptors for the Royal College oral exam prep sessions for our fourth year residents. We have five sessions to fill from April 23 – May 28 (alternating 0900-1100 + 1800-2000 sessions). Four of the five sessions will be held virtually. As a reminder, Chase has an exam bank with questions that he can provide you with, as needed. Please sign up on the google link below and I will reach out to you before the session with more details.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IYAljhprFa42h_qNKjmT8C4pCc4OIkqLnCUgUR2z8uM/edit#gid=0

Job Postings

Transport Physician

On behalf of Dr. Art Tse, we are please to share the following opportunity that will be based in Calgary. Please contact Dr. Tse with any questions you may have regarding the opportunity. The posting will close **May 1, 2024**.

For more details: <https://stars.applytojob.com/apply/m0wbWPItpc/Transport-Physician>

Location: Calgary Base (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service)

Term: One-year locum, starting July 1, 2024.

- This contract may be eligible for extension after the locum period. State date may be flexible.

Questions about the role may be submitted to the Base Medical Director Dr. Arthur Tse (atse@stars.ca) and the Associate Base Medical Director Dr. Jennifer Nicol (jnicol@stars.ca) by than April 28, 2024. A consolidated list of all questions and answers will be available to any party, by request. To receive a copy of the consolidated list of questions and answers, please contact atse@stars.ca.

Research

Research PechaKucha Evening

Research PechaKucha Evening will be hosted at:

The Banquet Bar – University District.
3957 University Ave NW, Calgary, AB T3B 6K3
May 1, 2024
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Please **RSVP no later than April 23, 2024** to jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca

This is an informal meeting of the minds to discuss your research projects and ideas and be social. All are welcome to come meet and present their ideas.

CME Learning



AIRWAY INTERVENTIONS & MANAGEMENT IN EMERGENCIES (AIME)

Friday, June 7th or Saturday, June 8th



BETTER TOGETHER: GENDER EQUITY IN EM

Saturday, June 8th



ED FLOW COURSE

Saturday, June 8th



ULTRASOUND-GUIDED NERVE BLOCKS

Saturday, June 8th



TRAUMA RESUSCITATION IN KIDS (TRIK)

Saturday, June 8th



CASTED: EMERGENCY ED ORTHOPEDICS

IN-PERSON: Saturday, June 8th + 2 days online



INDIGENOUS HEALTH CURRICULUM IN EM

Saturday, June 8th



INDIGENOUS LAND-BASED HEALTH SESSION

Monday, June 10th

WWW.CAEPCONFERENCE.CA

CAEP Saskatoon 2024

Just a quick reminder that CAEP 2024 will be held in Saskatoon June 9 – June 12 (www.caepconference.ca). For those of you with young children there will be an amazing Children's festival going on in Saskatoon June 6-June 9 just before the conference. May be a good time to try and catch some CME. There are also some unique pre-conference sessions that you might be interested in.

<https://caepconference.ca/>

Other Opportunities

Department Of EM Charity Spin Ride Saturday, June 1st @ 2pm
Taught by Huma Ali



Colleagues! I've become a certified spin instructor and now teach at Mode Fitness in Mahogany.

We're doing a **charity** ride, just for us Calgary Emergency Physicians (+ partners welcome). It's a 15\$ donation and 100% of the proceeds will go to the incredible DOAP (Downtown Outreach Addiction Partnership) team. It'll be a nice opportunity to get together!

Spin is a beginner-friendly, super fun way to listen to great music, enjoy some cool light effects all while working up a sweat on a stationary bike! If you haven't done it before, this would be a great class to try. This studio has tons of free parking and beautiful change rooms. Mode will provide you with sweat towels, spin shoes and we'll set you up on your bikes! Just bring your own water bottle :) We only have 34 bikes! Reserve your spot ASAP by emailing me at huma.ali@ahs.ca Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I would love to answer them for you!

Location: Mode Fitness <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Y88SPgYwHF9DNbVW6>
Looking forward to partying with you on the spin bike for a good cause.

Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: natalie.sun@ahs.ca. CC Jordan Detillieux. Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca.

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

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