

Department of Emergency Medicine

Calgary Zone

weekly email updates for ED Physicians

Natalie

Operations

Notes from Catherine

I hope you have all/will be taking some time to relax over the summer, thank you to our colleagues and new hires that continue to provide 24 hours a day care to our emergency department patients.

Given the summer slow down at AHS and CSM there are very few updates:

1) Thank you to Miles Hunter and James Andruchow who recently launched our 2024-2025 hiring cycle – please spread the word to you networks, Calgary DEM is aggressively hiring this year!

2) Town halls: Department members should receive/have received calendar invites for 2024-2025 town halls. The Fall 2024 town hall will take place on **Thursday November 21, 2024 immediately following grand rounds from 09:45–11:15**, the Spring 2025 town hall will take place on **Thursday April 10, 2025 from 10:00–12:00**. We will ensure these are hybrid (though we would love to see you in-person) and recorded.

3) An FYI: The transition to Recovery Alberta (the new organizations that will provide Mental health and Addictions services in Alberta) is planned for September 1, 2024. We are keeping a close eye on how this might (if at all) impact ED operations but there is currently limited communication/information. We will keep the group updated as soon as we know more.

Catherine

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds run on Thursdays (0900—1000)
(1.0 Education Credits)

September 5th will be the first Grand Rounds for 2024-2025 academic year. Please check back for more information in the fall.

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

Department News

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to the following EM physicians for being the recipients of the annual PGME Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award!

Dr. Rami Ableman - Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Dr. Kathryn Crowder

Dr. Shawn Dowling

Dr. Jonathan Lubin

Dr. Dennis Nездoly

This annual award recognizes outstanding resident teaching in all clinical disciplines at the Cumming School of Medicine. Recipients are identified using anonymous resident feedback submitted using the PGME Teaching Assessment Form from the prior calendar year.

Emergency Physician Spotlight

Dr. Nick Sajko was born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and completed medical school at Dalhousie University in 2019.

He went on to complete most of his Emergency Medicine residency training in Edmonton, through the University of Alberta, before moving to Calgary to begin a fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology. He is currently in his first year of independent practice as an Emergency Physician, working primarily out of the Peter Lougheed Centre while completing his last year of fellowship.

The most common question he receives at work is “How do I pronounce your last name?” – while he often defaults to Sajko or Say-ko to sound slick, the true Croatian pronunciation is (no joke): Psycho... Yikes.



Nick's favorite aspect of Emergency Medicine is the opportunity to interact with and help people from all walks of life. He prides himself on his communication skills and prioritizes trying to build positive patient-physician relationships no matter the situation at hand.

His transition to the Calgary ED scene has been made easy thanks to the wonderful staff he has met (and continues to meet), as well as the love and support of his partner Catrin. They are both excited to now call Calgary their home!

Teaching Opportunities

CCFP-EM File Reviewers and Interviewers

The CCFP-EM program is selecting our future residents and potential future colleagues. This is a rigorous and important process and we are hoping to have a spectrum of staff of various backgrounds to assist with some of the below.

I am in particular need of file reviewers (**Sept 10 to Oct 3** is the review period), but also interviewers (**Oct 22 +/- 23**).

- process will require about 4-5 hours
- remunerated by the PGME (approx. \$600 depending on how many reviewers and applications we get)

Please e-mail me if you are available to help (charleskh Wong@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Charles Wong

Staff Examiners Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS: 2024 Thursday's September 5th, 2024 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is still in need of 4 staff examiners for the oral exams for:

- **September 5th 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 September 5th, 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.

Thanks
Tris Malasani

Updated Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: natalie.sun@ahs.ca and CC 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 **Tuesdays 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.

In Case You Missed Last Week

CME Learning and Conferences

Lifevac and Dechoker Training Available

Sharing in case anyone has family or friends who may be interested in participating!

We're conducting a randomized controlled trial on pre-hospital choking interventions. We're looking for individuals who may be interested in participating in a no cost, one hour training session learning about new airway clearance devices ([Lifevac](#) and [Dechoker](#)). These devices are being sold as choking treatments, but not yet taught in first aid courses as we truly don't know how well they work.

[LifeVac and Dechocker Training.pdf for further information](#)

We are trying to determine how well these devices work for bystanders - who they are marketed for - so the only criteria is that participants cannot be healthcare workers. However, if you know anyone who may be interested we would appreciate you sharing the details and contact info!

We have a number of dates & times available for participation (see pdf link above). If you have any questions, or anyone would like to sign up, they can contact Cody at cody.dunne@ucalgary.ca. Thanks everyone!

Cody Dunne

Other Opportunities

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

FOR AI IN PEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE RESEARCH



What is the study about?

We are conducting a study on recognizing and responding to life-threatening infections in kids and exploring the perspectives of healthcare workers in emergency departments, inpatient units, intensive care units, physician's offices, nursing stations, or other sites. We are interested in their work experiences, clinical judgement, and views on using artificial intelligence (AI) in pediatric healthcare to help us model risk communication and inform future AI interface design for safe human-AI interaction.

Who can participate?

- Age: 18 years or older.
- Practicing and licensed healthcare worker in Canada (e.g., licensed nurse, physician, fellow, senior resident, pharmacist, and other clinicians).
- Experience with life-threatening infections in kids (<21 years old) in a Canadian healthcare setting.

Participation Tasks

- 10-minute questionnaire
- 60-minute virtual interview



Remuneration

In appreciation of your time, you will receive remuneration up to \$100 and a Thank You letter.

This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Board.

Learn More: bit.ly/uw-s3ps1s

Alternatively, please contact Ryan Tennant if you are interested in participating or have questions.

EMAIL: ryan.tennant@uwaterloo.ca SUBJECT: Study Participation



[UWaterloo Survey](#)

Ryan Tennant
