Operations
Search and Selection Committee for the next ED Department Head

We are currently assembling a Search and Selection Committee for the next ED Department Head. Eddy's term will be completed in June 2024. Interviews will be occurring in April by a group that will include five staff physicians chosen to represent the department's varied interests. There are a number of criteria that need to be met for the selection committee members: we want to ensure that we have representation from clinical, educational/academic, administrative, all sites, and a diversity of backgrounds/ genders/ experience.

If you are interested in being part of the committee, please email Nancy Zuzic and Meira Louis directly (nancy.zuzic@ahs.ca; meira.louis@ahs.ca) by February 18th. If you have previously expressed interest to James, Eddy, or anyone else, we still need the following info sent directly to us. We will contact folks directly after we confirm the final group.

To assist in the selection of a committee that meets the criteria required, please include the following:

- Name:
- Number of Years in the Dept:
- Primary site(s) and prior site experience:
- Designation (FRCP vs CCFP-EM):
- Current or previous Academic appt y/n and title if yes:
- Current or previous Leadership role y/n and title if yes:
- Why you are interested in being on the committee (1 to 2 sentences):

Hello Everyone - here is this week's Connect Care Update

1) Hyperdrive Cometh

Another friendly reminder that our Connect Care PRD desktop icons will be changing briefly while the system migrates to the Hyperdrive platform. By now you will have noticed a new orange PRD Hyperdrive icon on the desktop. The PLC will be switching to Hyperdrive next week (February 21) and will be using the new orange icons to access Connect Care between February 21 - 28. All other sites should continue to use the old red PRD icons. The following week (February 28) all other sites will switch to Hyperdrive at which point the orange icons will disappear and a new red PRD icon will appear on the
2) Provider Note Template Pitfalls

Are you using a note template that employs smart text to auto-populate the patient's name and ULI in your Provider Note? You might like to know that this could lead to some minor administrative headaches in patients who are initially registered as unknown (UNK-). In these cases, the name and ULI that populates the smart text field may end up being different than the existing name / ULI in the patient's old chart, which will lead to a flag being sent to Health Information Management (HIM) once the charts are merged at the end of the visit. You will then receive an Inbasket / email request from HIM to edit the chart and correct the updated ULI / name. This isn't an overly onerous process but can certainly add to the Inbasket load we've all been struggling with. If you'd like to avoid this, consider removing any smart text that auto-populates the patient's name / ULI from your note template; this information is typically redundant with the patient's demographic data, and removing it generally won't detract from your charting in any way. Forgot how to create / edit your Provider Note template? Check out the physician personalization guide here: https://manual.connect-care.ca/personalization/Personalization-Tasks (click the link to Guide: Personalization for Physicians at the bottom of the screen).

3) Connect Care Optimization

Are you looking for ways to enhance your Connect Care skills? The CMIO training team offers optimization classes designed to improve your efficiency with common workflows. Details can be found at this link: https://manual.connect-care.ca/Training/optimization-training. If you are interested in seeing specific topics on the list of training sessions, please let me know; we can approach the CMIO team to look at building EM-relevant content into the optimization training curriculum.

4) New Urgent Northeast Psychiatry Referral Location

For those of you working at the PLC, the NE Urgent Psychiatry Clinic has a new location name in the ambulatory referral order: CGY SMG AMH URGENT PSYCH. See details for how to refer in the CZ Referral Workflows Document here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nY54n2dgWDfZsh0KCD6R5Zvb2Rx2Wm9n/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108419507683669552471&rlz=1C1CHCF_enCA780CA780&stusid=7&sd=true

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

Chris

Grand Rounds and Journal Club
Grand Rounds Thursday February 15, 2024 (0900—1030)

Room: Clara Christie Theatre - HSC
Zoom Link: https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/61834756597?pwd=Skg1ZmdXOGdRdWmgxMUc0U3lNMjR5Zz09
Short Zoom: Meeting ID: 618 3475 6597
Passcode: 407952

Session #1 (0900 – 0945)

Speaker: Dr. Alicia Briggs
Moderator: Dr. Stephanie Garner
Title: Vasculitis in the Emergency Department: Pearls, Pitfalls, and Practicalities.
Description: This presentation will provide an overview of the definition and classification of vasculitis, with a focus on what is relevant to the emergency medicine physician. We will discuss evidence in the diagnosis
and management of Giant cell arteritis, ANCA-associated vasculitis, and leukocytoclastic vasculitis. Finally, we will review local referral pathways and resources.

**Session #2 (0945 – 1030)**

**Speaker:** Dr. Rory Killam  
**Moderator:** Dr. Stephanie VandenBerg  
**Title:** Methamphetamine Intoxication and Management of Related Behavioural Emergencies  
**Description:** Discussing ED management of methamphetamine induced psychosis. We will also be joined by special guests from our protective services team, who will be sharing their perspectives on helping patients experiencing methamphetamine intoxication.

Evaluation Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef_BC5V_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fcyMezgAXKCKwvQRog/viewform

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**Pearl of the Week**

This week's topic: Extravasation Injuries Part I: Acidic, Alkaline, and Osmotic Vesicants  
*This originally ran in December 2023 but is re-running due to some updates.*


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**Emergency Medicine Journal Club on Thursday, February 15th, 2024**

**Time:** 18:00 to 21:00  
**Topic:** Derivation of Falls Decision Rule to Exclude Intracranial Bleeding in Older Adults After a Fall Without the Need for Computed Tomography (CT) Scan of the Head  
**Presenters:** Drs. Mary Freymond, Allen Vorobeichik and Tess Loch  
**Preceptor:** Drs. Meg & Miles Hunter  
**Hosted by:** Dr. Andrew Robinson  
**Reference for study protocol:** Which older emergency patients are at risk of an intracranial bleeding after a fall? A protocol to derive a clinical decision rule for the emergency department. DeWit et al 2021

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**Departmental News**

**Kudos Corner**

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Vipond on his participation in this published article: Scoping population health equity in impact assessments: A realist synthesis-informed review of key literature 2010–2019  

Kudos to Dr. Kathryn Crowder and the care team in the ED on a recent patient commendation.  
"My recent experience at the Calgary hospital emergency was incredibly positive and I’d like to commend the caring nurses and Dr. Crowder for exceptional care. Were wait times long – sure! But when you need care, you get it and these professionals were each, individually amazing. Thank you!"
EDI Lecture - Staff Invitation

We wanted to extend an open invitation to anyone interested in joining our upcoming EDACS (Equity, Diversity, Advocacy and Cultural Safety) lecture series next **Thursday February 22nd** at 1300 in Clara Christie Theatre.

Our guest speaker **Dr. Gabriel Fabreau** (MD, MPH, FRCPC) will be facilitating a session focused on caring for our newcomer and refugee populations in the ED. You can read his bio here: [https://www.refugeehealthyyc.ca/about#GabrielFabreau](https://www.refugeehealthyyc.ca/about#GabrielFabreau).

These sessions are run as part of the resident curriculum and select sessions will now also be open to staff physicians to attend. Please reach out with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Drs. Claire Acton & Kelsey Ragan

Emergency Medicine MD Spotlight

We'd like to get to know you!

If you'd like to part of this feel good feature, please send natalie.sun@ahs.ca a short bio (max 200 words) with 1-3 photos you'd like to share. Here are some questions to get you started.

1. When did you start with Emergency Medicine?
2. What is something you've learned in your career that has shaped how you care for patients?
3. Who inspires you to be your best?

Remember to update your UofC profile (see link below) and we can add this to your bio!

[https://web.ucalgary.ca/technical-resources/profiles-system/logging-and-editing-profiles](https://web.ucalgary.ca/technical-resources/profiles-system/logging-and-editing-profiles)

Clinical/Adjunct Promotions and Awards Deadlines

The 2024 deadlines and application requirements for the Clinical/Adjunct promotion process can be found here on our website: [https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/kudos/academic-appointment-promotions-emergency-medicine](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/kudos/academic-appointment-promotions-emergency-medicine)

Important forms include:

- 2024 Promotions Process
- Education Contributions for the Purpose of Promotion

The 2024 deadlines for the Clinical/Adjunct/Research promotions below:

**February 16, 2024:**

Recommendations for promotion to Professor (Clinical/Adjunct/Research only) due.

Documents required:

- List of names/addresses/email of six external referees. Identify the three referees nominated by candidate. Provide brief background comments about each referee, including any relationship with the candidate. As per Section C2 of the CAR Criteria, external referees must i) be external to the University, ii) hold or have held academic rank at the full Professor level and iii) have an arm's length relationship with the candidate (not published together in the last six years, not a former supervisor, and not a current collaborator)
- Updated curriculum vitae in Faculty format
- Department Head's letter of recommendation. (If candidate holds a joint appointment in other Department(s), arrange for other Head(s) to forward their recommendation letters by this date.)
- Five best publications
- Separate list of candidate’s five best publications, including a brief overview of the importance of each publication and, in multi-authored publications, a definition of the role of the applicant in the work
- Teaching dossier. Resources can be found at [https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/resources/teaching-dossiers](https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/resources/teaching-dossiers)

**March 8, 2024:**
Recommendations for promotion to Clinical/Adjunct/Research Associate or Assistant Professor due in the Dean’s Office

Documents required:

- Updated curriculum vitae in Faculty format
- Department Head’s letter of recommendation. (If candidate holds a joint appointment in other Department(s), arrange for other Head(s) to forward their recommendation letters by this date.
- Teaching dossier, where applicable. Resources can be found at https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/resources/teaching-dossiers

For questions, please contact Jordan-Rose Detillieux: Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca

Teaching Opportunities

FRCPC Oral Exam Prep

It’s that time of year! We are looking for staff preceptors for the Royal College oral exam prep sessions for our four R4 residents. We have five sessions to fill from April 28 – May 23 (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 two weeks before the session with more details.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IYAijhprFa42h_qNKjmT8C4pCc4OlqkLnCUgUR2z8uM/edit#gid=0

Thanks for considering!

2024 ED Staff Sim Sign Up:
Jan - June 2024 Sign Up:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AAAD2A5F8C25-46179322-2024/32137917#

2024 ED Junior SIM Facilitators Needed for our EM Residents:
Jan-June 2024 Sign Up:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA5AC2EAAFF2-20232024#

STAFF EXAMINERS Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS: 2024

Thursday’s March 14, 2024 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is still in need of 2 staff examiners for the oral exams for the date below:

- March 14th 2024 from 1030 – 1300

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

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 TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca
Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed I will send Calendar invites.

Job Postings
FRCP Assistant Program Director, Department of Emergency Medicine

The Department of Emergency Medicine is now inviting applications for the position of Emergency Medicine Assistant FRCP Program Director.

To apply for this opportunity, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, along with an updated CV. Cover letters and CVs should be emailed to: ScottH.Banks@albertahealthservices.ca and should be received no later than February 16, 2024. Please feel free to contact Dr. Anjali Pandya (anjali.pandya@gmail.com) for further details about the role.

Full details are found on this link: https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/EmergencyMedicine/January_2024/FRCPCAssistantProgramDirector.pdf?id=j47dqpd?f_type=file&f_name=FRCPCAssistantProgramDirector.pdf

Research
NOTE: This will be in the HRIC atrium and theatre 4

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xrO355RRRaOnC8rP5LG3w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

CME Learning
CAEP Geriatric EM Course

CAEP offers a four-hour virtual course (led by Dr. Alice Gray) on clinical aspects of Geriatric ED care. It's a practical clinically focused course covering critical care; trauma; medications; cognitive impairment; and then eight shorter topics. Provided by four faculty with lots of interaction.

Our 2024 pricing for the course is $475 for a CAEP member and $625 for a non-CAEP member.

We have also just opened up registration for a course on April 25th. If you are interested in participating in this you can find more information on the website: https://caep.ca/cpd-courses/geri_em/ The website has a registration link.

If you have any questions, please contact Shanna Sariyildiz: ssariyildiz@caep.ca

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Recruiting FMC ED participants for a Trauma and Resiliency Informed Practice (TRIP) Workshop

For more information: https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/2_February/EMBER TRIP Staff Recruitment Poster.pdf?id=froxarv?f_type=file&f_name=EMBER TRIP Staff Recruitment Poster.pdf

Connect with us directly: Phone: 403-441-3520 Email: EMBER.study@ucalgary.ca

- 4-hour virtual workshop
- Please consider signing up if you work in FMC ED in one of the following roles:
  1. ED Physicians, Residents, and Nurses
  2. ED Psychiatric Physicians, Residents and Nurses
  3. Protective Services Staff

- Participants will receive a $100 gift card for participation in the workshop for completing pre/post workshop research surveys

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Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: natalie.sun@ahs.ca.
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.