



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

January 02, 2024 Edition

Natalie

Operations

Changes to PERT Activation - ICU (Intensivist) is now first call

Hi Folks,

Please note that there will be a change to the PERT activation model starting December 22.

First call for PERT will now be the **On-Call Intensivist**.

Second call (PERT consultants) will only be required for cases where catheter directed therapy such as Suction Embolectomy is being contemplated (IR request) or for High Risk cases with the potential need for ECMO and/or Surgical Embolectomy.

Please see the full communication below from the PERT Co-Lead Dr. Boiteau for full details.

James

Colleagues,

The Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT) Program started as an FMC QI initiative in September 2019 and through socialization of the Dx and Risk Stratification algorithms (<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/ccmc/Page14607.aspx> (you will need your AHS Login to access this webpage) to Medical and Emergency Medicine Residents, it has been activated over 650 times from all acute care sites. These activations have been handled 24x7 by 7 Critical Care and 1 Cardiology Consultant. This was an exhilarating time which provided these 8 PERT members with tremendous experience including the incorporation of catheter directed therapies into the management armamentarium. We believe that the program made a significant difference in the care of large numbers of patients and made the work flow of colleagues more straightforward. It became evident however that the response model needed to change if it was to be sustainable. This fall, DCCM endorsed the concept that site based On Call Intensivists would become the first responders for site specific PERT activations. The more experienced group of PERT consultants will now provide secondary On Call consultations for the difficult, complex and more challenging cases. The second call activation will also be required for any case where catheter directed therapy such as Suction Embolectomy is being contemplated (IR request) or for High Risk cases with the potential need for ECMO and/or Surgical Embolectomy. The second call PERT consultant will also be the individual responding to calls coming from non-Calgary acute care sites as well as calls coming from outside the Calgary Zone.

This new PERT activation model will become effective December 22nd and I trust that your Department members will not experience any undue delays in the treatment of Intermediate High Risk and High Risk Acute Pulmonary Thromboembolism patients. The current Diagnostic and Management algorithms will be updated this spring from the knowledge we have acquired over the last 5 years as well as from pertinent peer reviewed scientific publications.

Should you have concerns with these changes, do not hesitate to send me an e-mail or page me for a direct phone conversation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul J.E. Boiteau, MD, FRCPC,

Clinical Professor of Critical Care Medicine,
AHS Calgary Zone Intensivist and Co-Lead for PERT, pager #1087.

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Next Grand Round is January 11, 2024



Emergency Medicine Journal Club

Date: January 11, 2024

Time: 18:00 to 21:00

Topic: Video versus direct laryngoscopy in critically ill patients, and delayed versus rapid sequence intubation in trauma patients

Presenters: Drs. Ali Briggs and Alex Love

Preceptor: Dr. Gavin Greenfield

Hosted by: Dr. Charles Wong

ARTICLE 1: RSI v DSI in Trauma: Peri-Intubation Hypoxia After Delayed Versus Rapid Sequence Intubation in Critically Injured Patients on Arrival to Trauma Triage: A Randomized Controlled Trial

ARTICLE 2: DEVICE Trial (DL v VL): Video versus Direct Laryngoscopy for Tracheal Intubation of Critically Ill Adults

Please RSVP to Tris Please RSVP to Tris:

TriSurendra.Malasan@ahs.ca by January 7th, 2024 if attending and also to get the Address by January 7th, 2024 if attending and also to get the Address.

Departmental News

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>

Important forms include:

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

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

Teaching Opportunities



2024 ED Staff Sim Sign Up

Staff simulation dates are still available in the new year! Please check your availability and sign up with the sign-up genius links below.

Jan - June 2024 Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AAAD22A5F8C25-46179322-2024/32137917#/>

2024 ED Junior SIM Facilitators Needed for our EM Residents

Jan-June 2024 Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA5AC2EAAFF2-20232024#/>

Job Postings

UME New Leadership Opportunities

If you are interested in Medical Education, leading change and teaching in the MD Program, posted are some interesting and challenging positions.

Postings and job profiles are located:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/faculty/job-opportunities>

All applications can be directed to our Associate Dean, Dr. Amy Bromley at associatedean.ume@ucalgary.ca

Thank you to all who have contributed in leadership and teaching this past year in the MD Program.

Emergency Department Deputy Head - Education (Physician Development and Continuing Medical Education)

A rarely available opportunity has become available for the Emergency Department Deputy Head - Education role.

To apply for this opportunity, please email Scott Banks a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, along with an updated CV. Cover letters and CV's should be emailed to: ScottH.Banks@ahs.ca and should be received no later than January 7, 2024.

If you have any questions about this role, please feel free to call (403) 681-7309 or email Scott (email above) or Fareen (fzaver@gmail.com)

Details about this position and others can be found on our job webpage below.

Current Job Opportunities:

Did you miss a job opportunity in one of our past newsletters? Navigate to our new page where we will host job postings for a designated time: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/job-opportunities>

CME Learning

ACLS/PALS Course

- January 29
- SHC

If interested, please contact Dawn McKeivitt at dawn.mckevitt@me.com or 403-836-3960

Other Opportunities

ER Help with Recruitment Push for Crestone CRS3123, Narrow Spectrum C Diff Treatment, to end Feb 2024

Dr. Thomas Louie is seeking some assistance from the front line ER docs in January and February 2024 for a recruitment push to add cases to this phase 2 trial funded by NIAID in the search for narrow spectrum treatment of CDI.

Please see the attached documents for more information.

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/January 2024/Crestone send out letter.pdf?id=nbih1fg?f_type=file&f_name=Crestone send out letter.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/January%202024/Crestone%20send%20out%20letter.pdf?id=nbih1fg?f_type=file&f_name=Crestone%20send%20out%20letter.pdf)

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If you can assist, please connect with **Dr. Louie Calgary zone page: 403 212 8223, pager# 3682 (preferred). Office 403 944 2038, Fax 403 944 1934. Email: thomas.louie@ahs.ca.**

High River ER Coverage Needs

- January 28 ER day (8am-3pm)

This shift is approved under the Temporary Emergency Redeployment of Physicians (TERP) program. The TERP has an Alternate Relationship Plan (ARP) which has an hourly rate of \$220. Physicians who pick up any of these shifts can choose to join the ARP or bill Fee for Service.

If you are available to cover any of these shifts, please contact Dr. Chris Warner, Section Chief, High River: christopher.warner@ahs.ca and copy Heather Brown heather.a.brown@ahs.ca

High River Inpatient Coverage Needs

- February 23 5pm - March 1 5pm
- March 22 5pm - March 29 5pm

These shifts (including those previously unfilled) have now been approved under the Temporary Emergency Redeployment of Physicians (TERP) program. The TERP has an Alternate Relationship Plan (ARP) which has an hourly rate of \$220. Physicians who pick up any of these shifts can choose to join the ARP or bill Fee for Service.

No need to be onsite after hours, but callbacks to the ward are included.

Acute resuscitation after hours is provided by the ER physician.

Admissions from 10pm to 8am will have orders entered by the ER physician, and can be seen the next morning.

If you are available to cover any of these shifts, please contact Dr. Chris Warner, Section Chief, High River christopher.warner@ahs.ca and copy Heather Brown heather.a.brown@ahs.ca

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.
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