



Department of Emergency Medicine

Weekly **email**

Updates for ED Physicians

January 16, 2024 Edition

Natalie

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds Thursday January 18, 2024 (0900—1020)

Room: Clara Christie Theatre - HSC

Zoom Link: <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/61834756597?pwd=SkG1ZmdXOGdRWmgxMUc0U3INMjR5Zz09>

Time: 0900—1000

Speaker #1: Dr. Jessalyn Holodinsky

Title: Artificial Intelligence & the Emergency Department: Considerations for Research and Practice

Description: Attendees can expect a brief overview of artificial intelligence, examples of the use of AI in emergency medicine, concerns and challenges with using AI in emergency medicine, and some thoughts to the future of AI in emergency medicine.

Short Bio: Dr. Jessalyn Holodinsky recently joined the Department of Emergency as an Assistant Professor (Data Science) after 3 years in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. She has >10 years of training in Data Science, Epidemiology, and Health Services Research. Dr. Holodinsky's research centers on complex health system level problems – such as overcrowding in the Emergency Department. She is highly skilled in big data analysis, biostatistics, and machine learning methodology. You might also see Jessalyn around as a small facilitator in the Residents Research Course and in other workshops. Jessalyn profoundly believes Data Saves Lives and is always open to grabbing coffee and discussing your research ideas!

Time: 1000—1015

Speaker #2: Professor Louis Hugo Francescutti

Title: Bridge Healing Transitional Accommodation Program

Description: Dr. Francescutti will present on the Bridge Healing Transitional Accommodation Program, an innovative initiative that seeks to address the specific needs of emergency patients experiencing homelessness. This program has been in operation in Edmonton for about 8 months, currently accepting homeless patients directly from Royal Alexandra Hospital, University of Alberta Hospital and Northeast community Health Centre Emergency Departments. The vision is simple but profound: to not only treat immediate medical needs but to also forge connections and pathways out of homelessness for these patients by immediately housing them. We hope to advance a similar vision in the Calgary Zone. This brief presentation will build awareness amongst Calgary ED Physicians, and offer an invitation to get involved.

Time: 1015—1020

Speaker #3: Dr. Kathryn Crowder

Description: Update on ED Research Projects Recruiting

Evaluation Link:

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 at Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca

MD Spotlight

We'd like to get to know you!

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

Here are some questions to get you started.

- When did you start with Emergency Medicine?
- What is something you've learned in your career that has shaped how you care for patients?
- 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>

Retreat Childcare

Hi all,

We have heard that some staff may not be able to attend retreat due to the need for childcare. We are in the process of exploring program sponsored childcare options for the Saturday morning (during the full group activities from 8-12). Please email Catherine (catherine.patocka@gmail.com) if this would be of interest to you.

We have also gathered some contact information for babysitters/nannies that may have some time to babysit during the event (individually arranged/paid for). Please reach out directly to Catherine if you would like to know more about what's going on.

Also, if any staff have teenage children/nannies who would like to babysit during retreat please reach out to Catherine as well. We can hopefully facilitate some connections.

Thanks,
Catherine, Anj and Charles

Teaching Opportunities



2024 ED Staff Sim Sign Up

Please check your availability and sign up with the sign-up genius link below.

Of note, we will be trialing having a couple sessions per year that are "PEDS only" sessions, led or co-led by one of our PEM physicians (they are marked on the Sign Up Genius). Participants always have the choice to find out what the cases are before the session, if they want to refresh their knowledge before participating in any SIM session.

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

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 21, 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.
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/job-opportunities>

CME Opportunities

2024 IN-PERSON Multiple Mini-Interview for applicants to the University of Calgary

The Cumming School of Medicine Admissions Committee is currently reviewing applications for the MD class beginning July 2024. Approximately 605 applicants will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be held over three days this year; we hope you will consider participating on one of the following dates:

- Saturday, March 2 (7:30am-5:00pm)
- Sunday, March 3 (7:30am-5:00pm)
- Saturday, March 9 (7:30am-5:00pm)

Please see the attached PDF for more information.

https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency_Medicine/January_2024/UofCMiniInterviews.pdf?id=x53b75u?f_type=file&f_name=UofCMiniInterviews.pdf

Other Opportunities

Nanny Needed

Hello everyone,

We are looking for an excellent full time, live out nanny who drives for our two boys, ages 15 months and 4.5 years. We live in the SW (Strathcona). Flexible start date and competitive pay. If you know of anyone or have a great nanny that you won't be needing anymore, please reach out!

cleast@gmail.com

403-617-8006

Thanks! Christine East

Invitation to Participate in a Provincial Study on Cancer Diagnosis in Alberta's EDs

This initiative is a partnership among the Cancer Strategic Clinical Network (SCN), the Emergency SCN, and the nursing team at the South Health Campus Emergency Department (Calgary), Alberta Health Services

Quick overview:

Study Focus: Understand the perspectives and experiences of healthcare providers in EDs in Edmonton and Calgary concerning the cancer diagnosis period.

End Goal: Refine and optimize cancer diagnosis pathways to improve patient care across the province.

Why this matters:

Many patients diagnosed with cancer in Alberta are identified following an ED visit, often at later stages, which complicates treatment. Your insights are invaluable as they are key to ensuring timely diagnoses and improving patient outcomes.

Participation:

- Engage in a 45-60 minute interview (in-person, phone, or virtual platforms).
- Opportunity to review and provide feedback on the study's key findings (optional).

If you are interested in participating in this initiative, or have any questions, please directly contact Cassandra Carrier (Cassandra.Carrier@ahs.ca) or Dr. Anna Pujadas Botey (Anna.PujadasBotey@ahs.ca), co-principal investigators.

Thank you for considering this request!

[https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency Medicine/January 2024/EDperspectivesCancer Jan.pdf?id=lfmtwa7?f_type=file&f_name=EDperspectivesCancer Jan.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/Emergency%20Medicine/January%2024/EDperspectivesCancer%20Jan.pdf?id=lfmtwa7?f_type=file&f_name=EDperspectivesCancer_Jan.pdf)

Newsletter of Calgary Zone Medical Affairs Highlights

Medical Leader Physician Relations & Planning – Dr. Nancy Zuzic

AHS Calgary Zone is very pleased to announce Dr. Nancy Zuzic as the Medical Leader, Physician Relations & Planning, effective December 1, 2023. Dr. Zuzic is an emergency medicine physician in the Calgary Zone, practicing emergency medicine in the Calgary Zone since 2000, primarily at the Rockyview General Hospital. After sitting on several committees earlier in her career, Dr. Zuzic has held a leadership position as the Rockyview Emergency Department Site Chief since 2014.

Connect Care Updates

With Connect Care Launch 7 in November, Calgary recently launched pilot programs in Supportive Living, and a Care of the Elderly Home-Based Care program. These programs are at the forefront of bringing Continuing Care and Community care for Calgary into Connect Care. Congratulations on your successful launch.

Medical Staff Wellness. Support – When You Need Them

Learn More About Your Emotional and Mental Health. To support your health and well-being, contact the EFAP intake line at 1-877-273-3134. Physicians can contact the AMA Physician and Family Support

Program (<https://www.albertadoctors.org/services/pfsp>), a confidential 24/7 support line at 1-877-SOS-4MDS for options and support.

Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System – In-Person Engagements

Dear AHS staff, physicians and volunteers,

On behalf of the Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health, you are invited to participate in an in-person engagement session to help shape the future of health care in Alberta. These engagement sessions will be an opportunity to engage directly with elected and senior leaders from the Government of Alberta, with sessions taking place in more than 40 locations across the province starting on January 23, 2024.

Collaborating with frontline health care workers, regional partners and Albertans is crucial to creating a health system that better supports workers and improves patient care. The input, experiences and feedback received from Albertans will help create a more effective health care system that is there for Albertans when and where they need it.

We encourage you to help us shape the future of health care by registering for upcoming in-person sessions at <https://www.alberta.ca/shape-the-way>

Engagement details:

- Dates: Starting on January 23, 2024
- Timing: Varies depending on location
- Locations: Over 40 across Alberta

Receive accurate and up-to-date information on the refocusing and ways to stay involved by visiting [alberta.ca/healthcare](https://www.alberta.ca/healthcare).

Warm regards,
Alberta Health System Refocusing Team

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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