

Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly **email**

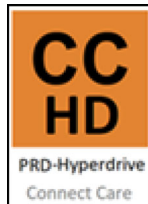
Updates for ED Physicians

January 30, 2024 Edition

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## Operations

### Connect Care Update



Hello Everyone, here is the Connect Care update for the week:

#### 1) HYPERDRIVE COMETH

Once all sites are launched, the desktop will be edited to include only one PRD icon. Fortunately this inconvenience should only last two weeks.

#### 2) FORM 1 NOTES

Just another gentle reminder that when e-Signing Form 1's in Connect Care, you **MUST** sign the form to make it valid. IF the signature box remains blocked, this means that the Form is missing a mandatory piece of information that needs to be completed to make the Form valid. Simply printing the Form to avoid the blocked e-Signature field and signing it manually is **NOT** a viable workaround - the missing information will render the Form invalid. Remember, the blocked signature box is a safeguard / reminder that the Form is not yet complete and the field will open when the mandatory information is entered.

#### 3) IMAGING PRIORITY

Please note that the default priority setting for all ED imaging ordered in Connect Care is **INTENDED** to be **URGENT**. Unlike in SCM, **STAT** should **NOT** be the default setting for our imaging requests. Truly time-sensitive images (eg - acute stroke, unstable patients, etc) can have the priority field changed to **STAT** to alert the DI tech and the radiologist of the importance of the study - but it would still be important to call them to ensure the scan is prioritized appropriately. Changing all of your DI orders to **STAT** makes it difficult for the tech / radiologist to accurately triage the large number of studies coming from the ED - please be mindful that doing so will likely have a negative impact on the timing of other studies being requested from our department.

#### 4) DICTATION ISSUES

After a period of connection issues, Dragon's Powermic app seems to have been enjoying a period of improved functionality. In order to get a better sense of how well the app is working for the group, I would be grateful if you would consider filling out this quick survey (1 minute completion time): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXTPDJG> I am hopeful that we have come to a resolution for most

of the previous connection issues, but if there are still a large number of you out there who cannot connect reliably we will continue to see what we can do to improve the situation.

#### 5) CONNECT CARE UPDATES

If you are interested in keeping up with the latest developments in Connect Care, remember you can access the 'What's New' section of the Connect Care Manual here: <https://manual.connect-care.ca/home/whats-new>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know,

Chris

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## Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds Thursday February 01, 2024 (0900—1000)

Room: Clara Christie Theatre - HSC

Zoom Link: <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/61834756597?pwd=Skg1ZmdXOGdRWmgxMUc0U3INMjR5Zz09>

Short Zoom: Meeting ID: 618 3475 6597  
Passcode: 407952

Speaker: Dr. Cara McCulloch

Moderator: Dr. Mark Scott

Title: **The Latest on Alcohol Use Disorder: A contemporary approach to an old disease**

**Description:** This presentation will review new research in the field of addiction medicine and updates on the treatment of alcohol use disorder. We will discuss a practical approach to the management of patients who present to the ED with alcohol use disorder, with a focus on patients that do not require admission. Accordingly, we will review how to risk stratify patients and present an overview of outpatient options for withdrawal management and follow-up. The latest treatment options for relapse prevention will also be discussed.

Evaluation Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef\\_BC5V\\_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fgyMezgAXKCKwvrQRog/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfE89aef_BC5V_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fgyMezgAXKCKwvrQRog/viewform)

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### Journal Club Host Needed for March 14th

We are looking for staff who are willing to host Journal Club on Thursday March 14. Journal club is hosted in a staff physician's home from 1800 – 2100. (6 PM to 9 PM) Reimbursement is provided up to \$750 for hosts to provide dinner and non-alcoholic drinks. As a journal club host, you are not responsible for any of the academic requirements of the evening. Average attendance is 25-30 people. If you have any questions about hosting please direct them to Tris [trisurendra.malasanani@ahs.ca](mailto:trisurendra.malasanani@ahs.ca)

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## Emergency Medicine Journal Club

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

Please RSVP to Tris [TriSurendra.Malasanani@ahs.ca](mailto:TriSurendra.Malasanani@ahs.ca) by February 10th , 2024 if attending and also to get the Address.

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## Departmental News

### EDMD Periodic Review Working Group

The EDMD periodic review working group is looking for 2-3 non-leadership physician members from all career stages from either RGH/SHC/FMC/PLC. The committee will meet 3 times for 1hr over the next 2-3 months to help review and improve the new hire and periodic review process. We are hoping to identify ideal feedback that is most helpful for our physician staff to reflect and improve on their clinical practice along with standardizing these reviews across the zone.

If you are interested in joining the working group, please email [jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca](mailto:jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca)

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### Climate and Existential Angst: One Emergency Physician's Personal Story

Published last month in Psychiatric News.

<https://psychnews.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.pn.2024.01.12.34>

Joseph Vipond, M.D., is an emergency doctor in Calgary, the past president of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, and co-founder of the Calgary Climate Hub.

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### 2024 Annual Information Verification and Attestation (AIVA)

Your 2024 Annual Information Verification and Attestation (AIVA) for the AHS Medical Staff is now available for your review and completion. We expect the average Practitioner will need less than 5 minutes to complete.

The deadline to submit your AIVA is **February 17, 2024**.

**You will need to login to AHS for the following links:**

**Please follow this link** [https://albertahealthservices.service-now.com/esc?](https://albertahealthservices.service-now.com/esc?id=sc_cat_item&sys_id=6023587487c4f510ded5ca68cebb35d7)

[id=sc\\_cat\\_item&sys\\_id=6023587487c4f510ded5ca68cebb35d7](https://albertahealthservices.service-now.com/esc?id=sc_cat_item&sys_id=6023587487c4f510ded5ca68cebb35d7) to access your AIVA on the AHS Service Hub. Log in using your **AHS username** and current password.

If you need to reset your AHS password, or are having difficulties accessing your AIVA, please contact AHS IT Support at 1-877-311-4300.

Please direct any other questions to [AIVA@ahs.ca](mailto:AIVA@ahs.ca) or contact Provincial Medical Affairs Shared Systems Support at 1-888-705-1581.

For additional information about completing your AIVA please review the FAQ document: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/phys/if-hp-phys-aiva-faq.pdf>

Thank you in advance for completing your AIVA.

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### 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

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 6 external referees. Identify the 3 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.)
- 5 best publications
- separate list of candidate's 5 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>

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](mailto:Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca)

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## Teaching Opportunities

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 two** staff examiners for the oral exams for the date below:

- **March 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca)

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

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## Job Postings

Locum Physician – Urgent Care – SCHC

South Calgary Urgent Care is recruiting. Please email Matt Grabove (Medical Site Director) for more information: [Matthew.Grabove@ahs.ca](mailto:Matthew.Grabove@ahs.ca)

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is inviting applications from family physicians with a background in urgent or emergency care or emergency physicians to join the Department of Family Medicine in Calgary.

These two positions will provide locum coverage (including days, evenings, and weekends) starting June 1 2024 at the South Calgary Health Centre (SCHC) Urgent Care Centre (UCC) until September 30, 2024.

For more information, please go to the website below:

<https://doctorjobsalberta.albertahealthservices.ca/jobs/locum-physician-%E2%80%93-urgent-care-schc-3124>

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/FRCPAssistantProgramDirector.pdf?id=j47dqpd?f\\_type=file&f\\_name=FRCPAssistantProgramDirector.pdf](https://secure.campaigner.com/media/77/776142/EmergencyMedicine/January_2024/FRCPAssistantProgramDirector.pdf?id=j47dqpd?f_type=file&f_name=FRCPAssistantProgramDirector.pdf)

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## 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. Deadline January 31, 2024.

If you have any questions about this role, please feel free to call (403) 681-7309 or email Scott ([ScottH.Banks@ahs.ca](mailto:ScottH.Banks@ahs.ca)) or Fareen ([fzaver@gmail.com](mailto: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>

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## Research

Have a great place for hosting? Want to host more events for your colleagues to enjoy?

The Hodsman committee is looking for a host for the Hodsman social event. If you are interested in potentially hosting this event, please reach out to [jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca](mailto:jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca)

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## 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.

For ease, CAEP would offer the member rate to the entire group; as well as an additional reduction in the price bringing the registration fee down to \$425 (just over 10% discount). CAEP would offer this so long that the site/department provides a guarantee of 30 learners.

We have also just opened up registration for a course on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating in this you can find more information on the website: [https://caep.ca/cpd-courses/geri\\_em/](https://caep.ca/cpd-courses/geri_em/) The website has a

registration link.

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## Other Opportunities

### Images in Emergency Medicine Competition - CJEM

We are excited to announce the "Images in Emergency Medicine Competition" that aims to promote equity, representation, and inclusivity in emergency medicine education. This competition provides an opportunity to showcase images that reflect the diversity of healthcare providers and patients in Canada.

The top submissions will be featured in a presentation at the CAEP24 conference in Saskatoon, and the winning submission will be featured as the cover image of an issue of CJEM (The Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine).

We cordially invite you to participate in this competition by submitting your best images that highlight the diversity and representation in emergency medicine. Please review the detailed instructions at the link below to learn more about the submission process.

<https://caep.ca/em-community/get-involved/anti-racism-anti-colonialism-committee/imagecompetition/>

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## Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: [natalie.sun@ahs.ca](mailto: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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