



## Department of Emergency Medicine

# Weekly <sup>email</sup>

Updates for ED Physicians

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## Operations

### POCUS Rounds

Dr. Kasia Lenz will be hosting informal POCUS rounds on June 6 from 10:30-12:00 in G382 (HMRB Atrium) at the Health Sciences Centre. Senior Residents from the Emergency Medicine program will present brief (<10 min) POCUS cases. We have invited other programs to attend to promote multidisciplinary perspectives. Anyone is welcome to attend and showcase an interesting/cool or diagnosis changing case. The discussions are meant to be collaborative and informal. Please let her know if you are interested in coming and feel free to pass this along. Dr. Lenz would love to have a rough idea of numbers so she can plan coffee/snacks accordingly. Kindly RSVP below.

Any questions, please email: [lenz.kasia@gmail.com](mailto:lenz.kasia@gmail.com)

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### Sharing information on reporting to law enforcement

Dr. Margriet Greidanus has developed an invaluable resource for physicians reporting assaults to Calgary Police Services.

If a patient has assaulted you and you would like to report it to law enforcement, this information is for you. Step by step instructions on what you need to do and the patient information you need report is in this document below:

[Reporting To CPS for Physicians](#)

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### Connect Care Update

#### 1) IT Bed Transfers

As we settle into the new IFT workflow for IT bed transfers, I am hoping to collate experiences you've had using this workflow in the 'real world'. Whether they are positive or negative, if you have recently transferred a patient to an IT bed please consider letting me know how the process went. If we are going to troubleshoot barriers to efficiency we need to have concrete examples of where to focus. In the meantime, anyone looking for the details of the new workflow can find it in the Common Workflows document ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wlj\\_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11wPjhRV0wlj_1jzAU9k35BFth2sq03lp/edit)) in the attached tip sheet, and at the following video link: <https://buzzstream.albertahealthservices.ca/videos2/Watch.aspx?v=7b887533&c=1097> **AHS credentials are needed to access this link.**

#### 2) Repatriation to Carewest LTC Beds

Just a quick reminder that all Carewest facilities, including LTC, are now on Connect Care. This means that when you are discharging any LTC resident back to a Carewest facility, the IFT workflow should be used (in other words, these patients should have 'Transferred to another facility' selected as their disposition, rather than 'Discharged'). In contrast to new admissions to IT beds, these patients will already have an up-to-date

list of the medications they are receiving at the facility, and so they do not need to have all of their home medications re-ordered. The only medications that need to be ordered via the 'med rec' process are any new medications or dosing changes to existing medications.

A tip sheet is available here: <https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/Main/assets/cistr/tms-cis-tr-cmio-ed-interfacility-transfer-to-a-cc-site.pdf> **AHS credentials are needed to access this link.** (The short version is that you would follow essentially the same steps as the IT bed process, but you can skip reordering or dispensing any medications that were not added or changed as a result of your care).

**NOTE that this does not apply to the majority of LTC residents, only those who are residents of Carewest facilities** (eg - Fanning, Colonel Belcher, Glenmore Park).

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Chris Hall

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## Alberta Atlas of Healthcare Variation

The Alberta Atlas of Healthcare Variation (Atlas) is a tool that analyses information routinely gathered by the health system and shows how healthcare varies across geographic and clinical areas. The Atlas does not suggest ideal levels or judge performance, instead, it offers a data-driven analysis that enables continuous quality improvement.

This is innovative and exciting work, and the CT imaging and wait times which are relevant to EM, were developed with support from the Emergency SCN.

You are invited to review the Alberta Atlas of Healthcare Variation and encouraged to have discussions with your colleagues and leaders about what you learn.

<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/qhi/Page28315.aspx> - need AHS credentials to login

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## Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Emergency Medicine QAER Rounds Thursday May 16, 2024 (0900—1000)

Room: Clara Christie Theatre – HSC

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

Meeting ID: 618 3475 6597

Passcode: 407952

Session #1

Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Wong

Moderator: Dr. Adam Oster

Title: Diagnostic Error in the Emergency Department and Cognitive Biases

Description: The Emergency Department is a diagnostic and cognitive minefield with high potential for medical errors. This Quality Assurance and Education Rounds (QAER) will focus on factors associated with diagnostic errors, their frequency, and an overview of associated cognitive biases/strategies to address them.

Evaluation Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e1FAIpQLScfE89aef\\_BC5V\\_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fcyMezgAXKCKvwrQRog/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e1FAIpQLScfE89aef_BC5V_zgP6JjXVrkJ3GP0fcyMezgAXKCKvwrQRog/viewform)

**QAER Rounds will not be recorded.**

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## Departmental News

### Kudos Corner

Congratulations to **Dr. Shawn Dowling** as the Acute Care Medical Lead for Program Improvement and Integration Networks (PINs) Leadership in Emergency and EMS! Please congratulate your fellow colleague on this new leadership role.

Kudos to **Dr. Joe Vipond** author of: **Droplet or Airborne? WHO says it's 'through the air'** - read the full article: <https://healthydebate.ca/2024/04/topic/droplet-airborne-who-covid/>

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## 2024 ED Staff SIM Sign Up

The following spring staff simulation dates are still available: **May 21st, June 11th and June 25th**

### Jan - June 2024 Sign Up:

EM Physician Participants: 2024 ED Staff Simulation (Jan - June)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AAAD22A5F8C25-46179322-2024#/>

### Sept - Dec 2024 Sign Up:

EM Physician Participants: 2024 ED Staff Simulation (Sept - Dec)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AAAD22A5F8C25-49150052-2024#/>

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## Group Emergency Medicine Sessions aka GEMS 2024/2025

Back by popular demand, the sign up is now open for the coming year for the Group Emergency Medicine Sessions (GEMS). You may sign up for one of the groups that best suits your schedule and the expectation is that you are able to attend at least 7/10 sessions to ensure adequate attendance for these small-group sessions.

GEMS Survey: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdamTC\\_PA9tHwcBvLeHfAHFUf7-jAcmkUgCawwqYNIENT\\_qZw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdamTC_PA9tHwcBvLeHfAHFUf7-jAcmkUgCawwqYNIENT_qZw/viewform)

Sign Up Sheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fdA3FK5OoABzQJD-gfVPTiiN9XRko0DU0KKRkQigQV0/edit#gid=0>

For more details: [Group Emergency Medicine Sessions Information Sheet](#)

**NOTE:** Given that these sessions are funded by our Physician Support Fund (PSF), non-contributing PSF department members will have to contribute a \$200 fee per spot towards the PSF if they would like to join.

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## Please SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Year-End BBQ

This year's event will be at 1800 on June 27th and families are welcome. Please join us as we welcome our incoming staff and residents, celebrate our graduating residents, and show our appreciation for your support!

RSVPs can be sent to Madhavi at [madhavi.talasila@ahs.ca](mailto:madhavi.talasila@ahs.ca)

Hope to see you there!



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## R5 Graduation Gifts

We are getting ready to celebrate the upcoming graduation of our R5's: Jason Elzinga, Cara McCulloch, Natasha Goumeniouk and Cody Dunne. To send them off in style, we would love to continue the tradition of graduation gifts. If they have ever brightened your day, kept you sharp on shift, lifted your overnight morale or stolen your procedures, please consider donating to their send-off.

We will collect the funds and purchase the gifts, to be distributed at the grad BBQ in June. As always your support is much appreciated. Please reach out with any questions.

E-transfers can be directed to: [meaghan.mackenzie2@ucalgary.ca](mailto:meaghan.mackenzie2@ucalgary.ca)

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## Teaching Opportunities

### Central Venous Access Workshop – Preceptors Needed

Recruiting preceptors for the annual central venous access workshop.

- **Thursday September 19th 1-5 PM**
- Remunerated at PGME rate

Join us for a fun afternoon of procedural skills. Please email Patty Lee-Nobbee at [patriciazlee@gmail.com](mailto:patriciazlee@gmail.com) if interested and available.

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### CRISP Preceptor Recruitment

Dr. Hannah Park is looking for preceptors for this year's CRISP course. It is an introductory course for emergency residents, including FRCPC R1, EM and PEM residents. It is to give them hands-on experience in scanning subxyphoid cardiac, thorax, aorta, FAST and uterus.

**Date: July 18, 2024**

**When: 9am-4pm**

**Location: ATSSL lab**

**Needed: 5-6 preceptors for the course. Prerequisite: EDE1 level training**

Your time will be compensated at the standard PGME rate at \$150/h.

Thank you for considering. Please email [hannah.park@medportal.ca](mailto:hannah.park@medportal.ca) if interested or have any questions.

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## Job Postings

### Applications Welcome - Scientific Educator, Office of Faculty Development and Performance

The Cumming School of Medicine invites applications (Cumming School of Medicine, only) for the position of Scientist Educator through of Faculty Development and Performance.

Interested candidates should submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae by **May 31, 2024**, to:

Dr. Fareen Zaver – Associate Dean, Faculty Development Cumming School of Medicine,

c/o [fareen.zaver@ucalgary.ca](mailto:fareen.zaver@ucalgary.ca)

**TERM: 2 year renewable term with a start date of July 1, 2024 to a maximum of six years.**

For the full position

description: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/sites/default/files/teams/127/Job%20Opportunities/Scientist%20Educator%20OFDP%20Apr%2024.pdf>

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## Research

## Don't forget to fill out your Research Day Evaluation form!

Saw an amazing presentation or a speaker you want to collaborate with?

Reach out using the evaluation form or attached Research Day agenda!

Link: [Evaluation Form](#)

Or not sure where to start contact:  
[jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca](mailto:jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca)



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## CME Learning

### Connect Care: Shaping the future of healthcare with data-driven research

**Title:** Connect Care: Shaping the future of healthcare with data-driven research

**Date:** June 05, 2024: 12:45pm - 5:00pm

**Location:** Theatre One, Health Sciences Centre

Intended audience: Researcher, students and trainees who are interested in shaping the future of healthcare through the utilization of Connect Care data.

More info: <https://events.ucalgary.ca/obrien/event/-connect-care-shaping-the-future>

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## Alberta CAEP Presentations 2024

We are pleased to report another amazing turnout for Alberta based research and presentations at CAEP2024. If you plan on going please consider attending and supporting our trainees and your colleagues.

### [Alberta CAEPP Presentations 2024](#)

Join us at TCU Place in Saskatoon:  
<https://caepconference.ca/>

- June 9 - June 12 2024



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## Are you going to be at CAEP 2024?

If you're interested in a Calgary social event, please complete the following survey quickly:

<https://forms.gle/pgwHeV77wbhDi6mb7>

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## Other Opportunities

### Rural Medicine Opportunity

The Department of Rural Medicine is requesting assistance in providing coverage at High River General Hospital Emergency Department for the following shift:

- Night shift: June 4, 2024 2200-0800

If you can provide coverage for this shift, please contact Dr. Chris Warner, Section Chief, High River [christopher.warner@ahs.ca](mailto:christopher.warner@ahs.ca)

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## Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: [natalie.sun@ahs.ca](mailto:natalie.sun@ahs.ca).  
Please CC [Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca](mailto:Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca).

For reoccurring submissions, there is a **max three week run**. If you would like to re-run your submission, please submit with updates.

- Submissions will run for a period of one week
  - Body copy will be edited at the discretion of the editor to optimize communication
  - Deadline is Tuesday's at noon
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