

# Department of Emergency Medicine

Calgary Zone

weekly email updates for ED Physicians

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## Operations

ED Department Head Presentation: Dr. Catherine  
Patocka – May 21, 2024

**Against the Current: Charting a New Course for Calgary Emergency Medicine**

Thursday May 23, 2024

10:30am – 11:30 am

Room G382 Health Sciences Centre

**To attend remotely, join via Zoom:**

[https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/98095628218?](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/98095628218?pwd=aGphVkduWVd6STZ1VDdCUjhSU29iUT09&from=addon)

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## Department of Emergency Medicine Headship Candidate



**CATHERINE PATOCKA**, MD, MHPE, FRCPC

Associate Professor, University of Calgary

**Talk entitled: "Against the current: charting a new course for Calgary Emergency Medicine"**

SPECIAL TALK

Thursday, May 23, 2024

1030 - 1130 HOURS

G382, Health Sciences Centre

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## Grand Rounds and Journal Club

### Pearl of the Week

This week's topic: [Hydrogen Peroxide \(H2O2\)](#)

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### PEM City-Wide Rounds

ACH Pediatric Trauma Rounds - Hybrid - Thursday  
May 23, 2024 08:00–09:00

**Room:** Conference Room 4 at ACH (presenting in person) and ZOOM

**Zoom Link:** <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/64427147390?pwd=eVpXcE5XZUZleC9PYVdkUm5aQ0RNZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 644 2714 7390 **Passcode:** 261962

**Post Meeting Survey:** [https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV\\_1Y4cvydyGfqJDF4](https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_1Y4cvydyGfqJDF4)

**Speakers:** Dr. Estee Grant and Dr. Mala Arasu

**Title:** In the Presence of Trauma: How New Insights from Neurobiology Can Transform How We Communicate

**Objectives:**

1. Describe the neurophysiology of states of safety and threat and how these affect our ability to communicate
2. Become familiar with the presentation of different autonomic states in the context of high intensity clinical situations

3. Plan concrete ways in which we as clinicians can support neuroregulation in our patients and families to support better communication and to optimize care

There will be COFFEE and MUFFINS supplied by Solventum.

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## Department News

### Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP)

We will be holding a Calgary CAEP get together:

**When: Monday June 10, 2024**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**Location: 608 Spadina Crescent E, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3H1, Canada**

At Cathedral Social House, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Restaurant | Home | Cathedral Social Hall

Please rsvp to [jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca](mailto:jill.vandenbrand@ahs.ca) if you would like to attend!

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### FRCPC Oral Exam Prep

We are looking for **ONE additional staff preceptor** for the final Royal College virtual oral exam session on **May 28 at 1800**. We have secured funding for preceptors at the standard PGME teaching rate for these sessions. As a reminder, Chase Krook 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 before the session with more details.

[Sign-up sheet for FRCPC Oral Exam Prep](#)

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### Staff Recommendations for Financial Services

Graduating residents are going through what we went through when we first started – looking for recommendations for accountants, lawyers, etc. I have created a simple Google Sheet with open access for folks to share their recommendations openly, disclosing whatever you feel comfortable with, to share with our learners as well as each other. Please feel free to drop your recommendations into the Google Sheet. You can do so anonymously if you wish. You may also choose to disclose helpful information such as what it costs to do your taxes, annual PC return, etc. Thank you in advance.

[Staff Recommendations for Financial Services Google Doc](#)

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## Teaching Opportunities

### YYC DEM New Staff Mentorship Program

We will be reviving our local mentorship program for our new staff hires (there are many this year). Our hope is to connect all new hires with a staff member as a source

of support for the transition to staff life. For several of our new hires, they will also be new to our city so this will be especially important for them. Please complete the two-minute survey below with basic details about your career path and current practice to help us match you with a local hire who will be starting at your site. The commitment is minimal, with more info coming your way soon. I will connect you with a new hire to offer support with their start, sharing the best local hot spots and helping them settle into their new role as staff in our department. It's a great way to get to know and support our new colleagues, please consider adding yourself to the list.

[New Staff Mentorship Program](#)

(You will need to login to a google account to access the above link)

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## Research

### Kudos Corner

Kudos to Drs. Lang and McRae on their recent publications:

- Mehta S, Gardner K, Hall J, Rosenfield D, Tse S, Ho K, Grant K, Bradbury-Squires DJ, Lang E, Chartier L. Virtual urgent care is here to stay: driving toward safe, equitable, and sustainable integration within emergency medicine. CJEM. 2024 May;26(5):305-311. doi: 10.1007/s43678-024-00658-8. Epub 2024 Feb 9. PMID: 38334940.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s43678-024-00658-8>

- McRae AD, Chartier LB, Atzema CL. Measuring and improving atrial fibrillation and flutter care in Canadian emergency departments. CJEM. 2024 May;26(5):293-294. doi: 10.1007/s43678-024-00701-8. PMID: 38713359.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s43678-024-00701-8>

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## Revised EM Research Webpages

Check out the updated EM Research webpages on the EM CME website which contains info on how to engage with the research team, access research day video links, and much more.

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/research-0>

We also want to remind staff that the RAFF4 and EMED studies continue to recruit at FMC, and EMED and CanTreat COVID continue to recruit at SHC. Thank you to everyone who has referred patients and supported enrollment!

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## 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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## Physician Input Wanted

Physician input is requested on how to best optimize data collection for an observational study of patients with chest pain. We will be circulating an electronic survey to the physician group through next week's newsletter. Physicians responding to the survey will be eligible for a draw prize.

We are also interested in more detailed input from 2-3 FMC and SHC physicians on developing a physician-friendly data collection form—physicians doing this will be compensated for their time. Please contact Andrew McRae ([amcrae@ucalgary.ca](mailto:amcrae@ucalgary.ca)) if willing to help with this.

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## Job Postings

### Applications Welcome – Director of Planetary Health

The Health Equity and Systems Transformation (HEST) portfolio seeks a Director of Planetary Health to support the mission of transformative change at the Cumming School of Medicine. The Director of Planetary Health will lead the overall development of the Cumming School of Medicine's planetary health strategy, with the goal of educating faculty, learners, and staff on the current state of our environment, the human health impacts of the climate crisis, and collective actions that can be taken to mitigate these impacts.

The successful candidate must be an MD or PhD and must be GFT or AMHSP funded. This is a 0.2 FTE commitment. Interested applicants should submit the following documents to Dr. Kannin Osei-Tutu ([kannin.oseitutu@ucalgary.ca](mailto:kannin.oseitutu@ucalgary.ca))

The application deadline is **June 1st, 2024**.

[Position Details](#)

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## CME Learning and Conferences

### Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Course Opportunity

Our local Plastic Surgery group has offered the opportunity to participate in their upcoming ABLS Course June 10th. The cost is \$225 per person. This course has been developed by the American Burn Association to help disseminate best practices for patients with burn related injuries and develop a standard approach similar to ATLS. Completion will result in a certification that is valid for a period of four years. More information can be found here: <https://ameriburn.org/education/advanced-burn-life-support-abls/>.

[Please see attached poster for additional details and registration information.](#)  
Questions can be directed to Lindsay Burnett ([lindsay.burnett@ahs.ca](mailto:lindsay.burnett@ahs.ca)).

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## Updated Newsletter Process

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

## In Case You Missed Last Week

### 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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### Alberta CAEP Presentations 2024

As in previous years we are pleased to share [an abstract book of Alberta based projects being presented](#) (updated) at this year's Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians conference.

If you plan on attending, please support our ED members. We have an amazing number of trainees and colleagues involved and presenting this year.

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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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### 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](#)

[GEMS Google Sign Up Sheet](#)

[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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## 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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# 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 the Office 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.**

[Full position description here](#)

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