

Department of Emergency Medicine

Calgary Zone

weekly email updates for ED Physicians

Natalie

Operations

Notes from Catherine

PSF

The PSF is looking for new committee members – their terms of reference require six members (currently there are three) with representation from all sites with only PLC/FMC and RGH/FMC currently represented. They are specifically seeking representation from ACH and SHC. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Lilian (Lilian.Prudencio@ahs.ca) by October 1, 2024.

IT bed process

We have been made aware of some significant challenges with sending patients to IT beds overnight (we recently had a patient leave via ambulance only to be sent back to the ED). This is obviously suboptimal. There is an IT working group which includes James Andruchow and they are working towards more acceptable solutions which will be messaged to everyone once they are approved by all stakeholders.

COVID-19:

I have heard that we are seeing more COVID-19 cases. The guidance from the zone with regards to treatment options has not changed. [AHS Outpatient Treatment for COVID-19](#)

There have been requests for surge inpatient beds for the respiratory viral season, but this has not yet been confirmed.

ICEM 2025

For those of you that may not be aware there will be no CAEP 2025, instead the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians will be hosting the **International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM) in Montreal from May 25-28, 2025.**

The call for pre-conference courses and workshops, conference presentations, marketplace expo (<https://www.icem2025.com/>) came out, deadline is October 20, 2024. It would be great to see strong representation from the Calgary DEM. Department members are encouraged to submit directly, but if you have ideas and would like help or guidance on applications/potential collaborators etc. please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Catherine

Notes from James

New Process for Booking Rockyview Eye Clinic Appointments Overnight

There is a new process for booking Rockyview Eye Clinic appointments overnight as RAAPID will no longer be providing this service.

1) Daytime 0700-2300:

- **Please page the Ophtho resident on call** as usual to make an appointment.

2) Overnight 2300-0700:

- **RGH ED Unit Clerks will be responsible for booking appointments for all EDs**
- If a patient from another Calgary Zone ED requires an urgent eye clinic booking overnight, EDMDs need to speak to their unit clerks directly. The referring site unit clerk will phone the RGH ED main unit clerk desk to arrange the appointment.

***Please remember that all patients referred to the Rockyview Eye Clinic need a ConnectCare Internal Referral to Ophthalmology for the referral to be processed.**

James

Connect Care Update

Hi Everyone

Here is the Connect Care update for this week:

1) Optimization Classes

If you're interested in improving your efficiency within Connect Care, take a look at the list of Optimization classes available here: <https://outlook.office365.com/book/Bookings-CMIOThriveTraining@albertahealthservices.onmicrosoft.com/>

The CMIO office offers a number of quick courses that can be done online, and may help you to leverage various tools to improve your efficiency at documentation, order entry, etc.

2) CPSA Physician Practice Improvement Projects (PPIP) and Connect Care

As many of you know, the CPSA mandates that we all participate in three PPIP activities over a 5-year period. 'Connect Quality' is an initiative developed by the Chief Medical Information Office (CMIO) of AHS to provide the resources, training, reporting tools, and documentation required for you to meet the CPSA's PPIP requirements. Check out the following link to find more details about how you can use Connect Quality to achieve your PPIP goals: <https://manual.connect-care.ca/Training/connect-quality>

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

Chris – chris.hall@ahs.ca

Grand Rounds and Journal Club

Grand Rounds Thursday September 19, 2024
(0900—1000) (1.0 Education Credits)

Room: Theatre 4 – HSC

Zoom Link: <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/61834756597?pwd=Sk91ZmdXOGdRWmgxMUc0U3lNMjR5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 618 3475 6597

Passcode: 407952

Session 1 0900–1000

Speakers: Dr. Stephen Freedman and Dr. Silviu Grisaru

[Read their bios here](#)

Title: Improving Outcomes in Children with Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli Infection: Implementing A Clinical Care Pathway

Description: We will be providing an overview of STEC infection, its complications and management while introducing a clinical care algorithm.

Session 2 1000–1015

Speaker: Dr. Marinus van der Westhuizen

Title: Connect Care Inter Facility Transfer (IFT) Navigator Review for IT bed patients

[Evaluation Link Form](#)

[To view archived grand rounds, please visit our website.](#)

September Journal Club Summary

Thanks to Drs Cirone and Madill for creating a Summary of September's Journal Club Article! This month we reviewed a study investigating whether the use of a "D-Dimer only" strategy (without risk scores like Wells or YEARS) is safe and what the impact on advanced imaging is for emergency departments! Thanks to Dr. Kathryn Crowder for precepting the session and Dr. Charles Wong for hosting the event!

Citation: Germini, F., Al-Haimus, F., Hu, Y., Mondoux, S., Ibrahim, Q., Chan, N., Ikesaka, R., Klyn, J., Clayton, N., Thabane, L., & de Wit, K. (2024). [Implementation, clinical benefit and safety of a D-dimer-focused pulmonary embolism testing pathway in the emergency department. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*](#).
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annemergmed.2024.03.010>

Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Pearl of the Week

This week's topic is [Drug-induced Lupus](#).

Mark Yarema

Department News



New Arrival

Congratulations to Robyn!

Robyn and her hubby welcomed Kaidan Michael Murray Moore, born August 1st 2024 ❤️

Physician Support Fund (PSF)

Physician Support Fund (PSF) application is open. See attached [PSF mandate/process](#) and [PSF application guidelines](#).

Deadline for PSF Application submission: **October 15, 2024**

Next withdrawal: **October 30, 2024**

Questions can be directed to: Lilian.Prudencio@ahs.ca

Lilian, on behalf of the PSF Committee

Teaching Opportunities

Academic Day Preceptor Opportunities

We are now recruiting staff preceptors for the Emergency Medicine academic teaching sessions and small groups for this upcoming Winter and Spring.

All resident led sessions needing staff preceptors from **January 1st to June 30th** can be found in the link below. If you are interested in being a preceptor for one or more sessions, or have any questions, please email Kelsey (kelsey.ragan@ucalgary.ca).

[Academic Day Preceptor Google Sheet](#)

Thanks in advance for everyone's ongoing support of the EM Residency program!

Kelsey Ragan

Research

Kudos for Publications

Congratulations to Drs Alex Love, Ali Briggs and Gavin Greenfield on their latest publication:

Updated Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: natalie.sun@ahs.ca and CC Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@ahs.ca.

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

For reoccurring submissions, **there is a max two week run and this must be requested**. If you would like to re-run your submission after two weeks, please submit with updates.

In Case You Missed Last Week

Operations

Ultrasound Image Archiving Update

Hey team,

After a long fight with AHS IT, we ALL have access to Qpath. This is the link that you should add to your connect care link list: <http://wsqpathapp02.healthy.bewell.ca/Login>

QUICK Summary of steps for adding Qpath images to your connect care chart:

1. Hit the PATIENT key/button on the machine.
2. Hit NEW/END (bottom left)
3. Enter the patient info into the name and your AHS username under the operator
4. Take pictures and clips as indicated using the keys
5. **When the study is complete, hit the NEW/END key to complete the exam and send the images to QPATH (THIS STEP IS VITAL & most often the reason images don't archive)**
6. Log into QPath using AHS credentials: <http://wsqpathapp02.healthy.bewell.ca/Login>
7. Find the POCUS examinations you've completed
8. Ensure you're listed at the 'Operator'. If you aren't, add yourself (there can be multiple operators)
9. Use the CTRL + SHIFT + S [windows] or COMMAND + CTRL + Shift + 4 [mac] to screenshot the still images you want in your chart
10. Paste the images into your connect care chart with a report.

Image archiving is crucial for several reasons:

- It ensures that patient records are complete and accessible while supporting your patient management decisions.

- Comparison of past and current images, aiding in tracking disease progression or treatment outcomes.
- Compliance with regulatory requirements for medical records.

Want to learn more? [Look at the guide](#)

Colin Bell
