

# Department of Emergency Medicine

## Calgary Zone

weekly email updates for ED Physicians

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## Operations

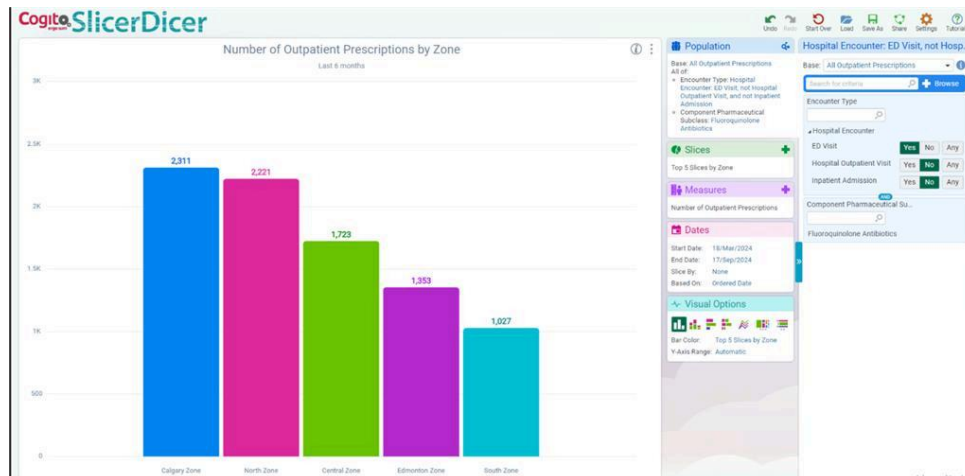
### Notes from Catherine

#### AHS email use

As of **October 22, 2024** AHS will only use your AHS email address to communicate with medical staff. This will be important for physicians particularly during the **annual information verification and attestation (AIVA)**. We have attached the [Emergency IT service manual](#) which has all of the information that you need to access your AHS email.

#### Ciprofloxacin use for UTI

Calgary remains an outlier in fluoroquinolone use for UTI (please see below the graph showing our zone to have the highest use among all 5 AHS zones). While there may be situations where ciprofloxacin is used for the outpatient management of pyelonephritis, the hope is that we should be using other antibiotics if possible. Please see the attached [AHS antibiotic stewardship backgrounder](#) for more information on recommended therapies.



#### Acknowledging Dr Eddy Lang

**November 7, 2024 a 5-7pm** (*cinq a sept*) will be held at my (Catherine's) home to [celebrate and acknowledge Dr Eddy Lang's 11-year tenure](#) as Department Head. All Emergency physicians and administrative staff, ZDEM members, and University leaders are invited to

come and raise a glass to Eddy. Please RSVP with Jordan, [Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Jordan-Rose.Detillieux@albertahealthservices.ca) by **October 15 2024**.

Catherine

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## Connect Care Update

Hi Everyone

Here is your Connect Care update for this week:

### 1) Play Nicely in the Pool

Friendly reminder to be mindful of some common pitfalls when navigating the shared lab result pools on your 'Ab-Lab' shifts. We are still having reports of physicians forgetting to discontinue their connection to the shared pool at the end of their Ab-lab shift and mistakenly deleting results that should be handled by the next Ab-Lab doc or pharmacist. This has occasionally resulted in lab results being deleted before anyone has seen them, which could result in missed results of clinical importance. In a similar vein, please be cautious when deleting positive results from your own individual Inbasket if they are also being routed to the shared pool. Deleting these results before they have been signed off by the pharmacist or Ab-Lab physician can cause them to drop from the shared list. When deleting such results, please be sure that all appropriate follow up and intervention has been completed and documented (and if you are the one conducting the follow up with the patient, please make sure to document an annotation to the result before you delete it).

### 2) New Heparin Order Sets

The provincial heparin working group has produced a revamped IV unfractionated heparin order panel that is more congruent with current treatment recommendations. This order panel will be available within various order sets that are relevant to us, most notably Venous Thromboembolism, Acute Coronary Syndrome, and Stroke. A Connect Care blog post addressing these changes can be accessed here: <https://support.connect-care.ca/2024/09/17.html>

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

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## Grand Rounds and Journal Club

City Wide PEM Rounds Thursday September 26,  
2024 (0900—1000)

### Zoom Meeting:

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/94984504415?pwd=9jArWUmsFBcaCa07I5Cq3WZ5YJ5bu4.1>

**Meeting ID:** 949 8450 4415 **Passcode:** 049535

**Speaker:** Dr. Thomas Cawthorn

**Title:** Pediatric burn care: Building collaboration between emergency medicine and plastic surgery

### Objectives:

- Review the acute management of pediatric patients with burn injuries
- Discuss ongoing and future changes to the Burn Program at ACH
- Discuss opportunities for optimizing the interactions between PEM and Plastic Surgery

**Link to Record Attendance & Feedback Survey:**

[https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV\\_9TzkFWyo7sFfgMK](https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_9TzkFWyo7sFfgMK)

# Pediatric Trauma Rounds Friday, September 27, 2024 (0730-0830)

This is a hybrid meeting occurring simultaneously in ACH Conference Room 4 (in person) and via Zoom.

There will be COFFEE and MUFFINS supplied by Solventum.

**Title:** Cervical Spine Injuries

**Presenters:** Drs. Daffer Ghanim and Maurice Bayhon

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

**Meeting ID:** 61432630742 **Passcode:** 217551

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

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## Department News

### Emergency Physician Spotlight

Today's spotlight features Dr. Melanie Sohn. You can read more about this amazing doctor below.



Born and raised in Edmonton, I started working at South Health Campus shortly after it opened in 2013. I completed my medical school at the University of Alberta before moving east to do my family medicine residency at Dalhousie University and my EM in Ottawa. I worked in the Maritimes for a couple of years before completing my Masters in Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. I am currently the Clerkship Director for Emergency Medicine and Director for the Professional Role course at the Cumming School of Medicine.

What I love about emergency medicine is how it is endlessly humbling. I love working alongside my clinical and medical education colleagues who are inspirational in big and small ways.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy dabbling in running and trying to find the best almond croissant in the city (mutually exclusive hobbies, unfortunately).

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## Attention all Staff: Royal College MedSIS 3C Launch October 2nd

Phase 1 of the MedSIS 3C implementation to replace ePortfolio for EPA completion for Royal College residents begins October 2nd. Preceptors will receive access to the system on October 2nd. Quick reference guides and training materials will be viewable online in the coming days here: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme/medsis-information>

Please see the attached powerpoint for further details but in sum:

1. If you provided your **UCalgary email** as your preference, you will receive one email to your UCalgary account with your log-in details on October 2nd.
2. If you provided your **AHS email** as your preference, you will receive 2 emails to your AHS email on October 2nd:
  - The first email will be from Microsoft requesting whether or not you will allow access to MedSIS3C. **You must click "accept"**

- The second email will come from MedSIS 3C and will include your log in details

You will still be able to access ePortfolio through [mainport.royalcollege.ca/cbd](http://mainport.royalcollege.ca/cbd) until December. Contact Anjali or Kelsey ([anjali.pandya@gmail.com](mailto:anjali.pandya@gmail.com) or [Kelsey.ragan@ucalgary.ca](mailto:Kelsey.ragan@ucalgary.ca)) for any questions or concerns.

Anjali

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## Kudos - Appointment

Congratulations to Ian!

Ian Walker has been appointed as Director of the Pathways to Medicine Program at the UofC. The program consists of a scholarship and enrichment program designed to support undergraduate students from low income and otherwise socially disadvantaged backgrounds with an interest in pursuing a career in medicine. If interested, you can read more about the [Pathways to Medicine Scholarship Program](#) through this link. If anyone is interested in becoming involved with the program, they are always looking for preceptors for clinical shadowing, formal mentors, enrichment seminars and for the selection process. If you are interested, reach out to Ian directly.

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## Teaching Opportunities

### Staff Examiners Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS : 2024 Thursday's November 28th, 2024 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 8 staff examiners for the oral exams for:

- November 28th 2024 from 1030 – 1300

These exams are In-Person sessions. Lunch will be provided.

Please check your availability and let me know if you can help on **November 28th, 2024** 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.

Thanks,  
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## Research

### Kudos - Publications

**Congratulations to Drs Stephanie VandenBerg and Eddy Lang** for their latest systematic review protocol. [The most effective pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions for the management of acute methamphetamine toxicity](https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/14/8/e083089.full). <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/14/8/e083089.full>

**Congratulations to Dr. Andrew Battison on his publication:**  
Hunchak C, Battison AW, Oyedokun T, Stempien J, Landes M, Khatib N, Desouza K, Pritchard J, Erak M, Chun S, Bartels S, Sithamparapillai A, Johnson K, Eggink K, Collier A. [Supporting global emergency medicine practice for Canadian physicians: models to foster academic productivity and build collaborative communities of practice](#). CJEM. 2024 Sep;26(9):612-618. doi: 10.1007/s43678-024-00747-8. Epub 2024 Aug 28. PMID: 39198328.

**Congratulations to Dr. Eddy Lang on these two publications:**

Lang E, Roberts L, Berthelot S. [Unpacking the connection between hospital operations and emergency department crowding and access block](#). CJEM. 2024 Sep;26(9):583-584. doi: 10.1007/s43678-024-00768-3. PMID: 39235720.

Lang-Hodge AM, Monaghan MN, Lim R, Heymann EP, Lang E. [Modulating patient output: rethinking the role of EM in the healthcare system](#). Intern Emerg Med. 2024 Sep 23. doi: 10.1007/s11739-024-03774-6. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39312129.

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## The HI-DOCC Study

HIDOCC (high dose oral cephalexin for cellulitis) has launched as of **Monday September 23, 2024 at SHC ER**. Please consider referring your eligible patients!

[Information poster for HIDOCC](#)

[Fact Sheet for HIDOCC](#)

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## EM Physicians Input Needed

Dr Krishan Yadav (university of Ottawa) is conducting a study on a SSTI checklist and would like any interested EM physicians input.

- conducting a qualitative study to identify barriers and facilitators to using the SSTI checklist
- interviewing 2-3 EM colleagues from Alberta
- this is virtual, anonymous and would take 45-60 min

For more information: [SSTI checklist](#)

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## Kudos - Publications

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Vipond on his co-authorship on this paper: [COVID-19 and Cancer Care: A Review and Practical Guide to Caring for Cancer Patients in the Era of COVID-19](#)

<https://www.mdpi.com/1718-7729/31/9/393>

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## CME Learning and Conferences

### North America Conference on Integrated Care

Dr. Stephanie VandenBerg and Gillian Harvey (Associate Professor, Design Studies, University of Alberta) will be presenting their work entitled: Co-Design In Health: The Development and Evaluation of a Universal Information Design Response for Opioid Poisonings" at the 2nd annual North America Conference on Integrated Care in Calgary (<https://integratedcarefoundation.org/events/nacic24-north-america-conference-on-integrated-care-calgary-canada>).

The North America Conference on Integrated Care (NACIC24) co-hosted with IFIC Canada, the North America Centre for Integrated Care and the International Journal of Integrated Care (IJIC) and the Health System Performance Network at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto will take place in Calgary, Canada from 15-17 October 2024.

[integratedcarefoundation.org](https://integratedcarefoundation.org)

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## CAEP Winter 2025 National Grand Rounds Proposals

CAEP is doing an open call for National Grand Rounds Winter 2025 proposals.

[Attached is a fillable PDF template for easy submission.](#)

If interested in submitting, please complete the attached form and return to Lilian El-Zein ([lel-zein@caep.ca](mailto:lel-zein@caep.ca)) by **October 23, 2024**.

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## Other Opportunities

### Emergency Coverage Needed for Call Gaps at Red Deer Regional Hospital

Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre is in need of Emergency Department physician coverage (ED qualifications: either an FRCPC or the GP plus one year) for the following gaps in October and November 2024:

Oct 20: 1100-1900

Oct 26: 1100-1900

Nov 10: 1100-1900

Nov 12: 100-1900

Nov 14: 1100-1900

Nov 17: 1100-1900

Nov 23: 1100-1900

Please contact Dr. Timothy Gash for information: [timothy.gash@ahs.ca](mailto:timothy.gash@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).

- 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.

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## In Case You Missed Last Week

### 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](mailto:kelsey.ragan@ucalgary.ca)).

[Academic Day Preceptor Google Sheet](#)

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

Kelsey Ragan

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## 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

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