

Department of Emergency Medicine

Calgary Zone

weekly email updates for ED Physicians

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Operations

Notes from Catherine

CCFP-EM Program Director

The department is thrilled to announce **Dr. Amanda Schreiner** as the successful candidate for the position of CCFP-EM Enhanced Skills Program Director and will begin in the role as of April 1.

Dr. Schreiner is a graduate of the University of Calgary Family Medicine residency program and completed her Emergency Medicine enhanced skills training here as well. She has been a dedicated practicing emergency physician in Calgary for the past seven years. Throughout her career, Dr. Schreiner has been actively involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. She has also taken on key administrative roles within the Department of Emergency Medicine, contributing meaningfully to our educational and operational missions.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Schreiner on this appointment.

Thank you again to Dr. Charles Wong for his contributions as the CCFP-EM program director over the past few years

AI scribe

There will be a grand rounds dedicated to AI scribes with the working title “Accessible AI Scribes for All EM Clinicians” on June 5th. We are still putting together the details but please mark your calendars. Also, thank you to Dr. Dave Lendrum for starting a What’s App group about AI scribes. Please click on the link to join. [YYC ED AI SCRIBEchoat.whatsapp.com](https://www.whatsapp.com/joinlink/1234567890)

Notes From James

PRC 2025 Physician Workforce Planning Survey

In advance of our upcoming spring Townhall on April 10, please see a link below to our biennial workforce planning survey to ensure that we are meeting the current and future needs of our members. Most of you should have already received an email from Lilian with this survey link.

Please note that as this is primarily a workforce planning survey, we are asking that **only staff emergency physicians respond*** (including current locums, associates and full members).

https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_cC6GXcpYxwNICtM

Also, please see attached a link to the [DRAFT 2025 PRC Policy Update](#).

We would appreciate your anonymous feedback on the policy document before it is finalized to ensure that it is accurate, comprehensive and equitable. This can be provided in Survey Question #23.

***Please respond by end of day Sunday, April 6 so that your responses can be collated in advance of the town hall.**

As always, feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

James

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Grand Rounds, Journal Club and Clinical Pearls

Grand Rounds Thursday April 03, 2025 (0900—1000) (1.0 Education Credit)

Room: Theatre 4 (HSC)

NEW Zoom Webinar: <https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/j/65876053204?pwd=jSOpQ9sLKif0kH5eSs2whSG6pZp6EM.1>

Meeting ID: 658 7605 3204

Passcode: 817531

Speaker(s): Dr. Allen Vorobeichik

Moderator: Dr. Adam Oster

Title: Triageing ECGs: A STEMI near-miss

Description: Evaluating the Calgary Zone triage protocols for ECGs, highlighting possible pitfalls in high-risk presentations

[DEM Academic Grand Rounds Evaluation](#)

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

NOTE: This QAER Grand Rounds session will NOT be recorded!

PEM City Wide Rounds: April 3, 2025 1200-1300

There will be a guest lecturer this week. Dr. Miguel Glatstein is a toxicologist and PEM physician from Israel. He will be presenting on Synthetic Drug toxicity.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/94145405612>

Meeting ID: 941 4540 5612

Passcode: 183090

Journal Club

You are invited to attend the Department
Emergency Medicine Journal Club on
Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Emergency Medicine Journal Club

Time: 1800 to 2100

Topic: High-Flow Nasal Oxygen vs Noninvasive Ventilation in Patients With Acute Respiratory Failure.

Presenters: **Drs. Dan Park & Vincent Soh**

Preceptor: **Dr. Andrew McRae**

Hosted by: **Dr. Ryan Deedo**

ARTICLE 1 High-Flow Nasal Oxygen vs Noninvasive Ventilation in Patients With Acute Respiratory Failure.

Please RSVP to Stephanie.Alcock@albertahealthservices.ca by **April 6th, 2025** if attending.

Stephanie

Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Pearl of the Week

This week we have **TWO** Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology pearls: [Bispecific T cell engagers \(BiTEs\)](#) and [Toxic Alcohols](#).

The Clinical Pharmacology (CP) physician consultation service is available Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm, excluding stat holidays. The on-call physician is listed in ROCA on the AHS Insite page. CP consultations are also available through Netcare e-referral, Specialist Link, and RAAPID. You can also find us in the [Alberta Referral Directory](#) (ARD) by searching "Pharmacology" from the ARD home page. Click [HERE](#) for more details about the service.

The Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) is available 24/7 for questions related to poisonings. Please call 1-800-332-1414 (AB and NWT) or 1-866-454-1212 (SK). Information about our outpatient Medical Toxicology Clinic can be found in [Alberta Referral Directory](#) (ARD) by searching "Toxicology" from the ARD home page.

More CPT Pearls of the Week can be found [HERE](#).

Mark Yarema

Department News

Hodsman Legacy Lecture 2025

You are invited to the 2025 Hodsman Lecture!
“First on Scene: Navigating the Chaos in Prehospital and Transport Medicine”
Featuring Dr. Laurie Morrison - Professor and Clinician Scientist from the U of T. With presentations from our very own Dr. Nat Cram, Dr. Jen Nicol and Dr. Kat Bateman

When: April 17 8:30- 12pm
Where: Clara Christie Theater or virtually
We will be honoring the career of Dr. Kevin Hanrahan.
Zoom link to Register: [ZOOM LINK](#)

There will be a social at 6pm April 17 at Vin Room, please RSVP to Ruchi Sharma by April 7.
ruchi.sharma@ahs.ca

Kudos – Patient Commendation

Commendation for Dr. Jamie Fox

Despite needing emergency care at RGH on March 10, 2025, I was met with exceptional professionalism, compassion, and competence. From Kennie’s attentiveness at triage to the calm and skillful care provided by Mr. Macdonald, Dan, and Dr. Jamie Fox—whose empathy and dedication left a lasting impression—the entire team turned a difficult experience into one of reassurance and gratitude. Their collective commitment and kindness made a profound impact, for which I am deeply appreciative.

Kudos – Patient Commendation

Twitter commendation for Dr. Charles Wong

Despite a busy ER with many non-urgent cases, K1600Lenny was seen by a doctor in under an hour at Rockyview and received outstanding care from Dr. Wong, RN Ellissa, and RN Lorna, for which they expressed deep gratitude.

Kudos – Patient Commendation

Commendation for Dr. Sean Fair

Dr. Fair went above and beyond by following up with a patient by phone nearly two hours after she left the emergency department, providing treatment recommendations and demonstrating exceptional care.

Canadian Medical Protective Association Elections

Hello Calgary emerg colleagues. I know many of you through my work in ACH and SHC peds EDs as well as consulting on cases of suspected child abuse. I am running for CMPA council and could really use all of your votes! I have been nominated by the CMPA Nominating committee because of my dedication to physician wellness, my leadership experience, and my expertise in caring for vulnerable pediatric patients and interacting with the legal system, which they feel will bring a unique lens to CMPA Council.

I would truly appreciate it if you would consider voting for me as your first choice to join CMPA Council in the Division B category. Most physicians don’t vote, so even one vote makes a huge difference. All CMPA members (including residents) in Alberta are eligible to vote at this link (which you should also have in your email)

<https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/vote>

My full candidate profile and contact information are attached. Please reach out if you have any questions. Voting is open until April 23rd.

Sincerely,

Jenn D'Mello, MD, FRCPC

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary Centennial #285

The Rockyview Emergency Department is deeply grateful for the generous support of the Ladies Auxiliary Centennial #285 and the Ladies Auxiliary Forest Lawn #275 for their generous donation to the Calgary Health Foundation which has enabled us to purchase a new Sonosite PX Ultrasound System. We look forward to its arrival and use in our daily patient care!

Nancy Zuzic

Calgary-Mbarara Emergency Medicine (CMEM) Collaboration: Fostering Mutual Growth in Global Emergency Care

Margriet and I run the Calgary-Mbarara Emergency Medicine collaboration, which is a global health project between our department and the Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Uganda. We just finished hosting our third cohort of visiting EM residents from MUST, and Margriet will be leaving this weekend to teach for the next month at MUST. The project is entirely volunteer based, and many of you are already involved from a teaching perspective here in Calgary. You are making a big difference in the lives of these EM residents and the future of emergency care in Uganda and Africa - so thank you!

Funding for the project is dependent on private donations, which is why I'm reaching out to you in the hopes that you consider donating. The best way to donate is through the University of Calgary's "**Giving Day**" campaign which runs **April 2-16**. Donations are MATCHED up to a maximum of \$2500 per donation, until funds run out, so it's best to donate early on. As well, for every 15 faculty/staff donors to a given fund, \$2,500 is unlocked—up to two times per fund, while funds last. Donating through the Giving Day campaign also ensures your donation is eligible for a charitable tax receipt. The website is: <https://give.ucalgary.ca/giving-day-2025> and search for "Calgary-Mbarara Emergency Medicine" when Giving Day opens on April 2.

Funding is held and administered by the University of Calgary's Indigenous, Local, and Global Health Office. All money raised is spent on vital program expenses. [Please see the attachment for more information](#) about the collaboration, and please reach out if you have more questions. Thank you so much!

Andrew and Margriet

Teaching Opportunities

Difficult Airway Management Workshop

DAM Workshop Instructors Needed

The next iteration of the Difficult Airway Management Workshop will soon be here on **May 1st from 8:30-15:00!** This is a multi-disciplinary workshop coordinated by Dr. Jonathan Gaudet. We would be very thankful if you are able to support the workshop by lending your airway management expertise. The workshop integrates cadaveric models and pig tracheas for front of neck access (FONA), and high fidelity airway simulation as part of the workshop for residents from multiple training streams, including EM residents. As instructors **you are compensated four PGME hours for teaching and lunch and coffee are provided.** Most

importantly, it's a fun day to be involved with and a good opportunity to foster linkages with other Departments and colleagues.

Please notify Stephon Anderson (stephon.anderson@albertahealthservices.ca) as soon as possible if you can assist.

Anjli

UME MCC Review Course Opportunity

UME is searching for a preceptor to help with the MCC Review Week this coming year. The commitment involves delivering a one hour presentation via zoom during the week of April 28th to May 2nd (multiple time slots available). It is a rapid-fire summary of Emergency Medicine to help the clerks prepare for the MCC exam. Prior iterations have been seen as highly helpful by clerks!

If you are interested please email mcc.review@ucalgary.ca and cc Geoff Lampard at jglampar@ucalgary.ca. Geoff has last year's presentation material to alleviate much of the preparation if so desired.

Geoff

Job Postings

SHC Assistant Site Chief position

Dr. Carly Hagel has accepted the role of SHC Site Chief and as a result her former SHC Assistant Site Chief position is becoming available effective **July 1, 2025**.

The Emergency Department SHC Assistant Site Chief position is a 0.1 FTE role and is compensated by AHS at the rate of \$27, 150 annually. If interested, please email me a cover letter highlighting your interest and skillset for this position, and an updated CV on or before **April 4, 2025**.

Accountabilities and Deliverables of the Emergency Department SHC Assistant Site Chief include but are not limited to:

- Have a high visibility and availability on the site and be a strong advocate for the members of the Department at that site.
- Encourage clinical and professional development of site members; promote excellence in patient care delivery; ensure adequate site-specific orientation for new emergency MD staff.
- Coordinate clinical care for the Emergency Department at their designated acute care site, report directly to the Site Chief on all operational matters.
- Participate in the strategic and operational planning of emergency care in the Calgary Zone; attends all monthly zone department meetings relating to clinical operations.
- Be an active member of the department's Physician Resources Committee, and provide input on physician performance including but not limited to clinical competence and professionalism. The Assistant Site Chief will aid in compiling feedback in relation to new physician hires during their locum and probationary periods and when available, will be a participant in the interviewing process of potential physician hires.
- Coordinate and oversee the reviews/complaints of all patients, physician, consultant, and resident training at your designated site as it pertains to emergency care, in a prompt manner and in accordance with the zone medical bylaws; communicates and collaborates with the Site Chief on all escalating reviews or when deemed necessary
- Collaborate and participate in emergency medicine Safety & Quality Improvement monthly meetings and activities
- As an Assistant Site Chief in Emergency Medicine, you will be responsible for the day-to-day administrative duties in the Emergency Department at the designated site by

monitoring benchmarks and measurement mechanisms in accordance with the departmental quality assurance framework.

- Attend and participate in site specific Emergency Medicine and other interdepartmental meetings relating to clinical operations i.e., site flow committees, site specific disaster committees; site QAC, site leadership.
- In collaboration with the Site Chief, monitor patient volumes as they relate to wait times and physician manpower including but not limited to, the implementation of strategic physician shifting, shift additions and removals, and shift start times and durations.
- In collaboration with the Zone Department of Emergency Medicine research section, support approved research activities of all disciplines within the designated Emergency Department
- Represent Emergency Medicine in dealing with site specific management issues in a timely manner, assist in the site-specific strategic planning and provide site specific leadership on issues relevant to the Emergency Department as needed; attend at site leadership meetings when appropriate.
- When required, participate in site specific Emergency Department and hospital redesign/rebuild planning meetings when appropriate; provide updates of departmental construction or rezoning to the physician executive and physician large group, as necessary.
- Facilitate open and effective communication between the site and the Zone Department of Emergency Medicine as well as with other disciplines and departments.
- In collaboration with department leadership, develop, review, revise and implement AHS policies, procedures and guidelines relating to patient care in a timely fashion.
- Provide input for an Annual Report or any other material relevant to the site as requested by the Site Chief, Deputy Department Head, and/or Department Head; attend and deliver site report at annual Emergency Department Retreat.
- Advise the Site Chief on matters relating to bed utilization and resources required to carry out the patient care responsibilities of the Department at their site.

Thanks - if you have any questions about the role, please feel free to call or email Scott, Catherine, James, or speak directly to Carly about the role.

scotth.banks@albertahealthservices.ca

Scott Banks

EM Clerkship Director Posting

The Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary invites applications for the position of Clerkship Director, Emergency Medicine. This is a 0.2 FTE position for a three year term with the possibility of renewal, subject to satisfactory review and is expected to be filled by a candidate internally to the Faculty/Department. The anticipated start date is May 1, 2025 or upon a date to be mutually agreed.

The incumbent will report to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education with accountabilities to the Assistant Dean, Clerkship. The Clerkship Director will provide specific operational leadership for the Undergraduate Medical Program in the Emergency Medicine Clerkship and will be responsible for ensuring a cohesive, integrated and sustainable undergraduate curriculum. This position will be expected to lead change initiatives and strategies in within an evolving curriculum, to act as a faculty contact for faculty expressing interest in teaching, and collaborate with the Undergraduate Medical Education office, Course and Clerkship Directors as well as education leaders at all sites across the curriculum.

For a more detailed job description, [please see the attached link](#).

Application can be sent via email to: ume.manager@ucalgary.ca

Emergency Physician – Medical Director

The Calgary Fire Department is seeking a dedicated and dynamic Medical Director to oversee and enhance the medical response capabilities of one of Canada's largest metropolitan fire services.

We are looking for an Emergency Physician to step into this 0.15 FTE position and help shape the future of medical oversight within the Calgary Fire Department. If you are passionate about Prehospital Care, Medical First Response, and Emergency Services, this is an incredible opportunity to make a meaningful impact.

If you are ready to lead and innovate in fire emergency medical response, we encourage you to apply! [More details can be read through this linked PDF.](#)

Submit your CV to: Deputy Chief Brian McAsey at brian.mcasey@calgary.ca

For inquiries, contact: Deputy Chief Brian McAsey – brian.mcasey@calgary.ca

Medical Services Coordinator Chris Webber – chris.webber@calgary.ca

Application Deadline: April 30, 2025. Interviews will take place in May 2025.

Expression of Interest for Physicians

Health Canada (HC) Dedicated Physician Requirements for the G7 Leaders' Summit, June 2025

HC, as part of its delegated responsibility to provide health services (emergency medical and food surveillance services) for Internationally Protected Persons (IPPs) visiting Canada, must provide fixed and mobile healthcare infrastructure as part of the integrated medical support plan for the G7 Leaders' Summit, anticipated to occur June 14-17, 2025, in Kananaskis AB (dates may vary). These supports will be provided through collaboration with AHS.

HC currently anticipates a requirement of eight contracted Physicians for the Leaders' Summit with two contracted Physicians on standby to cover any illness or last minute unavailability. Four Physicians will be working within the City of Calgary; the remaining four Physicians will be on-site in the Kananaskis area.

[For detailed information about this opportunity, click on this pdf.](#)

Conferences, Workshops and Courses

ACS and Friends Workshop May 24th in Montreal

It's a one-day, interactive pre-conference event designed to sharpen your skills in ECG interpretation, ACS management, and spotting those tricky ECG mimics like pericarditis, PE, or BER.

For more details and registration,

<https://ecgu.ca/event/icem2025-ecgu-acs-and-friends-may-24th-montreal/>

[Detailed PDF of ACS Workshop](#)

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.
