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Department of Emergency Medicine

Calgary Zone

weekly email updates for ED Physicians

DEM News Subscriber,

Operations

Notes from Catherine

Townhall

Thank you to those who were able to attend the townhall and provide comments and questions.

[The recording can be found here](#) and minutes will be available soon.

Clinical/Adjunct/Research Appointments

Most members of our department hold a clinical academic appointment (e.g., Clinical Lecturer, Clinical Assistant Professor). These are typically assigned for several years. We will soon be sending out reappointment letters for those set to expire in June 2025. Please respond promptly to these emails to ensure your appointment remains current.

Connect Care Secure Chat

Just a quick reminder that Connect secure chat is a very useful way to communicate while in the department; however providers should be aware that the secure chat does not remain part of the permanent chart and secure chat messages are purged after 30 days. If you have had communications with consultants that you would like to be part of the record it is important that you add it to the ED course or your note as you see appropriate. Here is the section of the CC Manual that outlines secure chat: <https://manual.connect-care.ca/Communications/secure-chat>

Notes from Miles - 2025 Hiring Committee Members Needed!

On behalf of the Physician Resource Committee, I am calling for interested physicians within our Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) to join this year's Hiring Committee. Per our updated PRC policy, our Hiring Committee shall be comprised of three members at large from the DEM annually.

Your participation plays a crucial role! Responsibilities include file review, a file review meeting, interview day and a post-interview debriefing meeting for this year's Associate candidates. For

Although our Hiring Cycle does not open until the late summer and our file review meeting / interview day will not be held until early October, we are aiming to assemble this year's Hiring Committee well in advance (before the Meticaid Fall B preferences are opened) so that participants can plan accordingly and book off these dates in their schedules.

If you are interested in being part of this year's Hiring Committee, or have further questions on what this commitment entails, please email Miles Hunter, Hiring Lead, at mmhunter@ucalgary.ca, by April 21, 2025, with a brief expression of interest included in your message.

We look forward to hearing from you and shaping the future of our department!

Sincerely,

Miles Hunter

Grand Rounds, Journal Club and Clinical Pearls

Note: Grand Rounds Cancelled due to Hodsman Lecture

[Grand Rounds Archive](#)

Hodsman Lecture 2025 Thursday April 17, 2025

Room: Clara Christie Theatre (HSC)

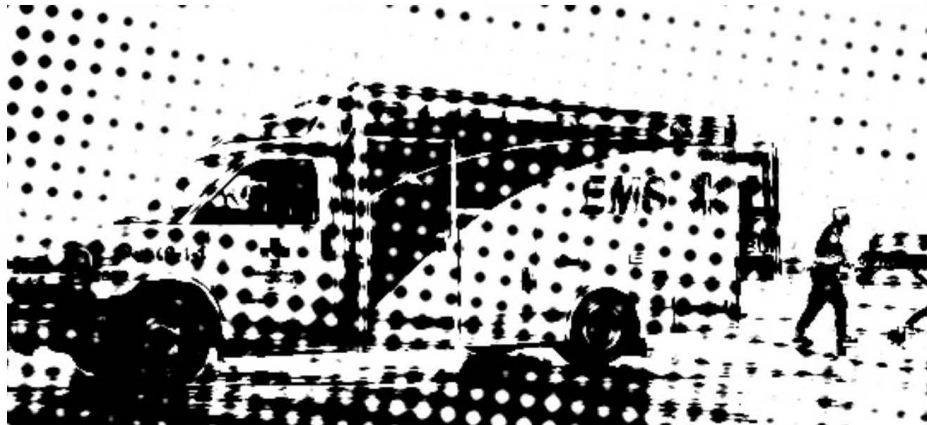
Time: 0830 – 1200 (1.0 Education Credits)

Zoom Registration Link:

https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2p_QsD8NRqGo_9v9FOMJFg

FIRST ON SCENE

Navigating the Chaos in
Prehospital and Transport Medicine



Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Laurie J. Morrison**

Professor and Clinician Scientist
University of Toronto

With presentations from
Dr. Natalie Cram
Dr. Jennifer Nicol and
Dr. Katherine Bateman

Honoring Dr. Kevin Hanrahan

APRIL 17, 2025
8:30AM - 12PM
CLARA CHRISTIE
THEATER



Registration link

Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Pearl of the Week

Read about today's pearl of the week. Today's topic: [Medication Adherence](#)

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 homepage. 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

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

Department News

Kudos Corner - Patient Commendation

A patient sent a note to express heartfelt gratitude to the Rockyview Hospital staff for their compassionate and professional care during her visit on March 12, highlighting the **triage staff, admitting clerks, medical team, porters, imaging staff, and Dr. Farquharson** for their exceptional service.

Agitation for Older Adults Management

Reminder to staff about this [reference document](#) that was created by the Calgary EM working group in collaboration with Geriatrics, and Geriatric Pharmacy. It is a guide to assist in the management of agitation in our older ED patients. Please note the recommendations for patients with Parkinsonism and Lewy Body disease. It should be located in your ED's physician office, or around the department and in the med rooms for nursing reference.

A plug for a pre-ICEM/CAEP workshop on Geriatric EM core concepts. Please consider registering.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/geriatric-emergency-medicine-geriem-precourse-tickets-1139785411849?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Margaret

Are you interested in Medical Education?

There are lots of opportunities to become involved in education with our residency programs and across the UME and PGME. While teaching opportunities will still be posted in the newsletter, if you are interested in becoming more involved in residency education we have started a Google Group to help us better connect with interested faculty members for teaching opportunities and faculty development opportunities. If you are interested in joining the group to receive targeted emails, resources and opportunities, please email Anjali at aupandya@ucalgary.ca.

Best,

Anjali, Kelsey & Amanda

Public Announcement – RCMP

Please see the RCMP public awareness bulletin warning about the growing threat of violent online groups—collectively referred to as “The Com”—that target vulnerable children and youth (ages 8–17) through accessible platforms like Discord, Telegram, and online games. These groups manipulate victims into engaging in acts of self-harm, animal cruelty, and sexual

warning signs for parents and caregivers, including behavioral changes, unusual injuries, or association with extreme online content. It urges open communication, vigilance, and prompt reporting of concerns to protect youth from exploitation and radicalization.

Kudos Corner – Awards

Congratulation to **Dr. Hannah Boone** for **winning the Dr. Bryan Ward Award for Enhanced Skills in Rural Practice.**

Dr. Hannah Boone & Jan Tuescher (PGY-3s in Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Emergency Medicine & FPA respectively) are the 2025 recipients of the Dr. Bryan Ward Award for Enhanced Skills in Rural Practice.

This award is co-presented by the friends and family of Dr. Bryan Ward, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, the Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Residency Program, and the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine.



More information on Dr. Bryan Ward can be found at: <http://www.cpsa.ca/about/dr-bryan-ward/>.

Dr. Boone & Dr. Tuescher 's demonstrated commitment to rural practice in addition to their compassion makes them excellent award recipients.

With sincere congratulations,

Dr. Amanda Schriener

Teaching Opportunities

FRCPSC Oral Exam Prep - May

We are still looking for a few more staff preceptors for additional Royal College oral exam prep sessions this spring for our four R4 residents (Dirk/Mary/Julia M/Jon). Thank you for considering spending a couple of hours for this high yield and highly valued prep time. The EM program is able to compensate preceptors for a maximum of two preceptor hours per person.

We need preceptors for the following dates/times, ALL virtual:

- May 15 (10:30 - 12:30)
- May 20 (18:00 - 20:00)
- May 30 (13:00 - 16:00)

As a reminder, Chase has an exam bank with questions that he can provide you with, as needed - or you are welcome to bring your own cases. Please sign up on the google link below and Natasha (ngoumeniouk@gmed.ca) will reach out to you 2 weeks before the session with more details.

Thanks for considering!
Natasha + Chase

CRISP Preceptor Recruitment

I'm 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.

- July 24, 2025, 9am-4pm, in the ATSSL area
- 5-6 preceptors needed for the course
- **You need EDE1 level training**
- Compensated at the standard PGME rate at \$150/h

Thank you for considering. Please email hannah.park@medportal.ca if interested or have any questions.

Thank you!

Hannah

Teaching Opportunity

We are seeking preceptors with simulation facilitation experience for the Advanced Communications workshop running for the FRCPC and CCFP-EM residents on **June 5th from 12:00-17:00**. Preceptors will be paid for their time at the standard PGME hourly teaching rate.

Please email Anjali at aupandya@ucalgary.ca if you are able to help and thank you for considering!

Anjali

Staff Examiners Required FOR CCFP-EM ORAL EXAMS

Thursday's June 12th, 2025 – In Person

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

- **June 12th, 2025, 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 June 12, 2025, please send the responses to TriSurendra.Malasani@ahs.ca

Your help and assistance is very much appreciated!! Once confirmed I will send calendar invites.

Thanks

Tris

Volunteer Opportunity

Calgary Zone Transfusion Committee – Opportunity

The Calgary Zone Transfusion Committee is seeking a new Emergency Medicine physician representative. This is a low-commitment opportunity (quarterly 1–2 hour meetings) to contribute to zone-wide transfusion practices and fulfill your 24 hours of service. While most topics are hematology-focused, the ER perspective is valuable—past involvement has included updates to the Massive Hemorrhage Protocol and communication during blood shortages. Upcoming work may include a zone-wide group reviewing IV iron pathways (with the chance to advocate for keeping infusions out of the ED). If you are interested in this opportunity, please let Catherine know (catherine.patocka@ahs.ca), Paul McKenna (mckpaul66@gmail.com) has served very effectively on this committee for six years and would be happy to answer any questions.

Research

ED Hearing Amplifier Survey study

Dr David Zheng, CCFP-EM resident at Western University, is conducting a survey around the utility of hearing amplifiers in the ED. Please consider responding to the survey using the following link: https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4UDjbsaWs0I4iAS

Reminder to SAVE THE DATE

EM/PEM Research Day 2025: May 8, 2025, 0800-1530.

We are pleased to announce our **Keynote Speaker Dr. Samina Ali**, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Specialist and Researcher.

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided
- Also showcasing local work including projects in progress
- Everyone is welcome!

Zoom webinar:

https://albertahealthservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rFGU1e3-SJOpwUMFrXTUQQ

Eventbrite: In-person

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pem-em-research-day-2025-tickets-1318810350259?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=organizer-profile&utm-share-source=organizer-profile>

Kudos Corner – Research

Kudos to Drs. Colin Bell, Eddy Lang, Stephanie Vandenberg and Catherine Patocka on their publications this week:

[primer: key papers on aorta and deep vein thrombosis POCUS](#). CJEM. 2025 Apr;27(4):294-304. doi: 10.1007/s43678-025-00865-x. Epub 2025 Feb 4. PMID: 39903423.

Jelinski D, Reich K, Lang E, Holroyd-Leduc J, Goodarzi Z. [Barriers and facilitators to caring for patients living with dementia in the emergency department: a qualitative study](#). CJEM. 2025 Apr;27(4):285-293. doi: 10.1007/s43678-025-00862-0. Epub 2025 Feb 13. PMID: 39946009.

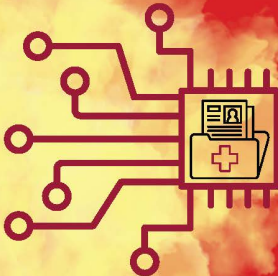
Patocka C, Cooke L, Ma IWY, Ellaway RH. [Untangling feedback: Mapping the patterns behind the practice](#). Med Educ. 2025 Apr 7. doi: 10.1111/medu.15706. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 40194907.

Wiens B, Beaven J, Williams E, Viste D, Ghosh SM, Stokvis C, Lemma B, Rioux W, VandenBerg S. [Bridging the Gap: examining emergency service providers' experiences caring for patients with methamphetamine-induced behavioural disturbance](#). Am J Emerg Med. 2025 May;91:204-205. doi: 10.1016/j.ajem.2024.11.083. Epub 2024 Nov 30. PMID: 39658431.

Chisholm C, Wang X, Lategan C, Hsu Z, Ridout A, Lang E. [Disparities in emergency department boarding: contrasting mental health and non-mental health patients](#). CJEM. 2025 Apr;27(4):268-273. doi: 10.1007/s43678-024-00852-8. Epub 2025 Feb 12. Erratum in: CJEM. 2025 Apr;27(4):316. doi: 10.1007/s43678-025-00904-7. PMID: 39937334.

In Case You Missed Last Week

Department News



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN MEDICINE

Beyond the Algorithm

Join us for an engaging day of discovery as we explore AI applications across the medical landscape, from cutting-edge research and teaching approaches to ethical considerations and practical clinical implementation.

OCTOBER 17, 2025

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REGISTRATION AND CALLS FOR SPEAKERS TO FOLLOW

Brought to you by the Cumming
School of Medicine Office of
Faculty Development

R5 Graduation Gifts

We are getting ready to celebrate the upcoming graduation of our R5's: Kira Genise, Bobby Johnston, Duncan Simmons, and Scott Wakeham. 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 the department's morale, or stolen your procedures, please consider donating to their send-off.

We will collect the funds and purchase the gifts which will 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: Cody.dunne@ucalgary.ca

Thank you so much for your support of these amazing residents!!

Cody, Cara, Jason & Natasha

Conferences, Workshops and Courses

Workplace Violence

Advocacy Training for Emergency Medicine

Join us for a dynamic 3-hour workshop designed to equip Emergency Medicine faculty, nurses, administrators, leaders, and residents with the essential skills to advocate effectively, ethically, and strategically. Using workplace violence in the Emergency Department as a case study (work led by Drs. Margriet Greidanus, Katie Gourlay, Pavneet Singh), this session will introduce a practical, skills-based approach to advocacy.

What You'll Learn:

- Advocacy in Action – Turn ideas into impact through structured frameworks
- Strategic Communication – Media principles, public engagement, and persuasive writing
- Policy & Power Analysis – Understand systems and how to navigate them
- Government & Legal Advocacy – Influence policy and build coalitions
- Using Data to Drive Change – Leverage research for evidence-based advocacy
- Assessing Impact – Measure success and refine strategies

Date: June 10, 1–4 PM

Location: FMC Exact room TBD

Space is limited—sign up now to take your advocacy skills to the next level!

<https://events.ucalgary.ca/ofd/event/491827-workplace-violence-advocacy-training-for-emergency-me>

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 4 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

Updated Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: natalie.sun@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
- Deadline is **Tuesday at noon**
- **Late** submissions will run in the next edition

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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