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Department of Emergency Medicine

Calgary Zone

weekly email updates for ED Physicians

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Operations

Notes from Catherine

Acute Care Coverage Task Force (aka surgical diversions)

As mentioned at the town hall, there is a new Acute Care Coverage Task Force (version 2.0) that is beginning its review of the surgical diversions process. Catherine and James are representing Emergency Medicine, and we look forward to refining what the diversion process looks like, our goal is to ensure that the EM voice is heard. We will keep you posted on any key updates or changes to the process.

Physician Assistant Clerkship

The Department of Emergency Medicine has agreed to be a training site for the physician assistants' program and as of September 2025 we will be hosting 1-2 PA clerks per month in our EDs (similar to the medical clerks we currently host). We plan to disseminate information about expectations for this type of learner closer to the launch date but wanted to let people know to expect this. Similar to shifts with medical clerks, shifts with PA learners will be remunerated by the U of C and we will continue to ensure even distribution of learners across our sites (as much as possible).

Catherine

Grand Rounds, Journal Club and Clinical Pearls

City-Wide Grand Rounds Thursday April 24, 2025
(0900—1000) (1.0 Education Credit)

No recording due to privacy concerns

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/96540559181?pwd=pb3t1jYnrnJlnk5z0lwEoduGRC5i4i.1>

Meeting ID: 965 4055 9181 Passcode: 574062

Speaker(s): Dr. Ping Chen (Supervisor) with Fellow Keon Ma

Title: From Head (Eyes) to Toe: allied health referrals with a focus on pediatric optometry and podiatry

Feedback Survey: https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_5cF0Sm2BXDAEbEG

Grand Rounds Archive

Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Pearl of the Week

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

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 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](#).

Department News

Kudos Corner – Award

Kudos to Dr. Cody Dunne

Congratulations to Dr. Cody Dunne, who was awarded a **Canadian Institutes of Health Research Fellowship award**, valued at up to \$350,000, to complete his doctoral thesis focused on prehospital interventions to treat foreign body airway obstructions/choking. His application ranked first among 97 applicants in this national competition.

Kudos Corner – Patient Commendation

Kudos to Dr. Tony Chad

I visited the emergency department due to eye disturbances affecting my balance and endured an 11-hour wait, which was extremely difficult given my symptoms. Despite being clearly busy, Dr. Chad provided attentive, thorough, and compassionate care, and I'm deeply grateful for his approach—though I do believe Calgary needs more than one emergency eye doctor on at a given time.

Kudos Corner – Honourable Mention

Kudos to Dr. Chase Krook

Kudos to Dr. Chase Krook who recently received an **Honourable Mention** for the 2024-2025 **PARA Clinical Teaching Award** for his immense contributions towards residency education. Well done Chase!

Kudos Corner – Nominations

Kudos to Dr. Katie Gourlay and Dr. Scott Wakeham

Huge congratulations to Dr. Katie Gourlay and Dr. Scott Wakeham on their **nominations** for the FMC MSA Resident of the Year Award!

Kudos to Dr. Katie Lin, Dr. Adam Oster and Dr. Patty Lee

In addition to two resident nominations noted above, congratulations to the well-deserved **FMC MSA nominations** from our department: Early Career Dr. Katie Lin, Established Physician Dr. Adam Oster and Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Patty Lee. The winners will be revealed at an awards ceremony on May 15.

ED Gala 2025 at the Calgary Zoo

Eileen and I are very excited to be your hosts for the ED Gala 2025 at the Calgary Zoo on **May 8th, 2025**. In order to prepare, **we require an important survey to be completed** prior to your

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIX300tERhNaTime6hDF73lpJ_AX3ee6BHlrHER0wDw-Gmag/viewform?usp=header

Thank you so much,

Sincerely,

Huma and Eileen

Teaching Opportunities

Urgent Request: Simulation Facilitators Needed – May 27 and June 24

Hi everyone,

We're reaching out with an **urgent request for two staff preceptors** on each of the upcoming **Senior Simulation Days — Monday, May 27th and Monday, June 24th**.

These sessions are always a valuable and engaging experience for our senior learners, and your involvement plays a key role in their success.

Lorissa Mews has simulation cases available for you to use, so no prep is needed on your end.

You'll be compensated at **PGME rates** for your time, and it's a great opportunity to interact with and support our senior residents in a hands-on, dynamic learning environment.

Please reach out if you're able to assist — your support would make a big difference! You can email me directly at mews@ualberta.ca or add your name to the signup genius! [Senior SIM](#)

[Facilitators: 2024/2025 Senior SIM Facilitators \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Lorissa Mews

Job Postings

New UBC Faculty Position in Emergency Medicine

The UBC Dept of Emergency Medicine has posted a new grant tenure-track Faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. This is a unique opportunity to lead research and innovation in partnership with a provincial health improvement network.

[Job posting information](#)

PechaKucha Night Invitation

As you know, this is our traditional get-together before Research Day — a fun and relaxed evening to connect with colleagues, share ideas, and get inspired! You'll also have the chance to meet our keynote speaker, Dr. Samina Ali, and chat about all the amazing research everyone's been working on.

Details

When: Wednesday, May 7 | 6:30 PM

Where: The Banquet – University District (3957 University Ave NW, Calgary, AB T3B 6K3)

Cost: Free!

What's included: Appy Party, drinks, great company, and *bowling!*

Please RSVP by April 30th to rosette.canale@albertahealthservices.ca.

We hope you can join us for this exciting evening!

Research Day – May 8th, 2025

See poster below for details

PEM/EM RESEARCH DAY 2025

FROM IRRELEVANT TO ESSENTIAL:

THE STORY OF CHILDREN'S PAIN CARE

MAY 8, 2025**LIBIN THEATRE, HEALTH
SCIENCES CENTER
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

KeyNote - Dr. Samina Ali



SAMINA ALI IS A PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN AT THE STOLLERY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND A PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE (UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA). SHE IS A NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING RESEARCHER, MENTOR, EDUCATOR, AND LEADER. DR. ALI IS CURRENTLY CHAIR OF PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY RESEARCH CANADA (PERC), CANADA'S EMERGENCY RESEARCH NETWORK FOR CHILDREN. SHE IS ALSO THE WESTERN CANADIAN HUB LEAD FOR SOLUTIONS FOR KIDS IN PAIN (SKIP), A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING PAIN CARE FOR CHILDREN.

DR. ALI'S INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RESEARCH PROGRAM CONCERNS BETTER TREATMENT OF CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY CARE WITH A FOCUS ON PAIN TREATMENT-RELATED CLINICAL TRIALS, RESPONSIBLE PRESCRIBING OF OPIOIDS, MANAGEMENT OF MEDICAL PROCEDURE-RELATED PAIN, TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE PAIN CARE, AND MORE RECENTLY, EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CARE AND BETTER MEETING FAMILY NEEDS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

RESEARCH DAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Special Presentation - Dr. Colin Bell
- Local EM and PEM research
- Breakfast and Lunch provided

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Other Opportunities

New Podcast Launch – AI Rounds

its impact on how we teach, learn, and practice in the health professions is growing rapidly. This podcast is designed for academic faculty, educators, and health professionals who want to stay informed, inspired, and equipped to engage with this fast-changing landscape.

Hosted by OFD's Director of AI and Data Education and Ethics, **Dr. Jessalyn Holodinsky**, each episode will feature conversations with educators, clinicians, researchers, and innovators who are actively integrating AI into curricula, assessment, simulation, and beyond. Topics will range from generative AI in medical education, to ethical considerations, to practical strategies for faculty development.

Whether you're just beginning to explore AI or are already piloting new tools in your teaching, this podcast offers insights, real-world examples, and expert perspectives to support your journey. We look forward to exploring this exciting frontier with you!

The first episode is now LIVE on Spotify and Apple Podcasts – visit our [website](#) to start listening!

In Case You Missed Last Week

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

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 1200 – 1700**. Preceptors will be paid for their time at the standard PGME hourly teaching rate.

Anjali

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

Updated Newsletter Process

Submissions can be sent to: natalie.sun@ahs.ca and CC Ruchi Sharma (ruchi.sharma@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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