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Department of Emergency Medicine

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weekly email updates for ED Physicians

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Operations

Notes from Catherine

Dr. Colin Bell Appointed SHC Assistant Site Chief

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Colin Bell has been appointed as the new Assistant Site Chief for the South Health Campus Emergency Department, effective July 1, 2025. Dr. Bell is a dedicated emergency physician and Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine. He brings a strong track record in patient care, physician development, and quality improvement to this leadership role. As a longtime POCUS coordinator and advocate, Dr. Bell has championed clinical excellence through education, hands-on mentorship, and the integration of quality-focused initiatives. His leadership has supported both learners and colleagues in delivering high-quality, efficient care. With a longstanding interest in formative assessment and feedback, Dr. Bell is also well positioned to support physician onboarding, performance review, and strategic planning efforts at SHC. His thoughtful approach to clinical care and commitment to collaborative improvement will be an asset to site and zone operations.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Bell on this well-deserved appointment.

Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Lee and Dr. Scott Wakeham on Their 2024 FMC MSA Awards!

We are thrilled to celebrate two exceptional members of our Emergency Medicine team who were honored at the 2024 FMC Medical Staff Association Awards.

commitment to fostering equity, inclusion, and belonging within our department. (Nominator Dr Amanda Schreiner)

Dr. Scott Wakeham was named **Resident/Fellow Physician of the Year**, a testament to his outstanding clinical skill, compassionate patient care, and the respect he has earned from peers and mentors. (Nominator Anjali Pandya)

Media Training with the Cumming School of Medicine

Have you ever been approached by a reporter to speak to them about a news story? Our department will be organizing a media training session to help you navigate interactions with the media. This training will take place on **October 30 from 10:30-11:30am** please mark your calendars.

AZMD posting

Please see the following medical leadership position posting and consider applying!

<https://doctorjobsalberta.albertahealthservices.ca/jobs/associate-zone-medical-director-8034>

Grand Rounds, Journal Club and Clinical Pearls

Grand Rounds Thursday May 29, 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 1: Dr. Shaila Gunn

Title: Reducing carbon footprints: an everyday guide to environmental stewardship in the ED

Description: Climate change impacts the health of our patients and puts additional stress on emergency departments.

The paradox is that every action we perform in the emergency department has a carbon footprint, contributing to perpetuating the cycle.

Building on a previous talk about strategies to consider at the departmental level, we will discuss the carbon footprint of emergency medicine, simple changes to reduce it, and how to advocate for low carbon health care.

Speaker 2: Dr. Kyle Exner

Supervisor: Dr. Caley Shukalek

Bio: Dr Past Issues. Caley Shukalek is a General Internist and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine & Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services. His clinical and academic work focuses on health informatics and system interventions for the prevention and management of persons with or at risk of HIV and STIs with additional interests in health impacts of human sexuality.

Title: HIV Related Presentations in the ED

Description: We will explore HIV through the lens of the emergency physician, including why it is an important diagnosis to consider, how an acute HIV infection might present in the ED, some important considerations in the patient with a known HIV diagnosis, and how we can make a difference in the management of patients with HIV.

Grand Rounds Archive

Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Pearl of the Week

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

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

Geriatric EM Update and Resources

We have recently received a funding commitment from the Calgary Health Foundation to build a Geriatric pod within shelled space in the SHC ED. The CHF is actively fundraising for this project. Project planning has begun and the estimated timeline is ~ 2 years. There will be 10 rooms, an

ambulatory patient area with recliners, and a OT/PT space for functional home safety discharge

- [South Health Campus Geriatric Emergency Pod](#)

A question arose last week at Grand Rounds regarding resources for families of patients with Dementia. I have included a few local and online resources that are used by the geriatricians in the community.

- [Dementia Resources for Patients, Families and Care Partners](#)

If you go to your tools and steal this one: ZSGFIRSTLINK - then save as your own you can do this in EPIC once done a visit can make a blank document, type this .ZSGFIRSTLINK (or whatever you make yours) and fill in and fax within EPIC.

I would like to remind the department of the Guide to Agitation in older ER Patients and the ABCDs of Agitation. Ensuring care needs are met, is the patient in pain, or having urinary retention?

- [Guide: ER Agitation Treatment in Older Adults](#)
- [The ABCDs of Agitation in Older ED Patients](#)

Certain BPSD symptoms do not respond to pharmacological management, such as wandering, and are best managed with redirection. Pharmacologic therapy should be reserved for those patients who are a risk to themselves, the staff or refusing essential care. Start your dosing of pharmacologic management low, and go slow, as there is unpredictable absorption, and variable and delayed effects, try to minimize dose stacking.

Margaret McGillivray

Group Emergency Medicine Sessions AKA GEMS 2025/2026

GEMS sign up is now open for the upcoming academic year. These are small group, staff-only sessions interactive sessions on a variety of topics relevant to our practice each month. There are 5 groups throughout the week at different times to help accommodate everyone's unique schedules. While it is recommended to try to stick to your group for consistency and scheduling, it is always possible to attend another groups session, as needed, to fit your schedule and make the session.

Highlights for the upcoming year's sessions include a cadaver procedure day (limited availability, first come first served), 2 PEM (common cases + critical care cases), PoCUS, Airway, Geriatrics, Sports Med, Toxicology, and Addictions. These sessions can be claimed as Section 1 CME credit.

Note: These sessions are funded by the PSF. If you are not a contributing PSF member, you will be required to pay a \$200 fee to attend.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jy-1pVFITA3l1k9WcQjDnsFhPSMwkHW8gvDIyWktUNQ/edit?pli=1&gid=0#gid=0>

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns and/or feedback!
Brit Sunderani

Announcement – Dr. Landon Leinweber

Congratulations to our successful candidate for the EM Clerkship Director position: Dr. Landon Leinweber! Landon will be starting on June 1, 2025.

Dr. Landon Leinweber

I was born and raised in Calgary, grew up in the NE and NW. Medicine is a third career for me. I worked as a Chemist for 12 years, made the transition to nursing for a couple years, and then went to medical school. I worked on U39 at the PLC as an RN and Nurse Clinician. I completed medical school at the UofC (Narwhal!), Family Med at the UofA, and my EM at the UofS.



For the past 5 years I have been practicing at the Red Deer Regional Hospital before coming to Calgary. I love the variety and unknown that comes with emergency medicine.

Outside of medicine, I am married, and we have 2 boys, Aiden and Zachary, who both play hockey. When I am not working, we are usually in an arena. With the little spare time we have, we enjoy camping as much as possible from spring to fall, I am an avid golfer, I play the drums and recreational squash. We live just north of Calgary in the city of Airdrie. I am also a physician for the Red Deer Rebels of the WHL on a part time basis.

Kudos – Patient Commendation Dr. Omar Damji

Dr. Omar Damji provided exceptional emergency care marked by kindness, clear communication, and clinical excellence, embodying the highest standards of professionalism and AHS Core

Values. His approach left a lasting impression as one of the most outstanding healthcare experiences the patient has ever had.

Kudos – Patient Commendation Dr. David Lendrum

A recent patient visit on April 11 highlighted the outstanding professionalism, kindness, and resilience of our Emergency Department team. Despite long wait times and an overcrowded waiting room, staff remained attentive, courteous, and composed. The patient noted the excellent care provided throughout their stay, including the comfort and compassion shown in Intake B and the attentive medical support from **Dr. David Lendrum**. The commendation also emphasized the team's dedication under pressure and included a heartfelt call to expand staffing and space to support this exceptional team and prevent burnout.

Kudos – Patient Commendation Dr. Rick Morris

A patient recently shared heartfelt appreciation for the PLC Emergency team, highlighting the professionalism, compassion, and kindness shown by **Dr. Rick Morris, Renae, Christie, Mandeep, and the Gynae team**. Despite long wait, the patient felt genuinely cared for and left deeply grateful for the warm, human-centered care they received"

Conferences, Workshops and Courses

AI in Medicine Symposium

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Join us for a full-day symposium dedicated to the transformative role of artificial intelligence in medicine. This event brings together healthcare professionals, educators, researchers, and technologists to explore how AI is reshaping clinical care, medical education, and health systems. **Full details can be found in the link registration below.**

[Eventbrite Registration Link](#)

Through a **keynote talk, panel discussions, and interactive workshops**, participants will gain insight into emerging AI tools, ethical considerations, practical applications, and the skills needed to navigate an **AI-enabled healthcare and education landscape**.

Whether you're curious about how AI can support your practice or eager to deepen your understanding of its implications, this symposium offers a dynamic and accessible space for **learning and collaboration**.

WHEN: October 17, 2025 | 8:15 AM - 5:00 PM

WHERE: Health Sciences Centre (various locations) - Cumming School of Medicine (CSM)

WHO: Open to CSM Faculty, Students, Residents, & PostDocs; Reserved Spots for AHS & Non-CSM Faculty!

Jessalyn

In Case You Missed Last Week

Teaching Opportunities

Staff Examiner CCFP-EM Oral Exams

Thursday's June 12th, 2025 – In Person

The CCFP-EM Residency Program is in need of 4 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 Tris will send Calendar invites. Thanks

Tris

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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