



Re: Extra Surge Shifts to Support Inpatient Pediatrics

Dear Colleagues,

We are seeing another surge in respiratory patients which is straining capacity at the Alberta Children's Hospital. In order to respond to the increased need we have been given access to temporary funding for extra physician support. (Temporary Emergency Redeployment of Physicians-TERP program). This is similar to the funding last year at \$220/hour.

We are currently looking for extra support for inpatient pediatrics at the Alberta Children's Hospital and potentially the Peter Lougheed Center:

- Surge shifts at ACH will consist of extra physician staffing days/evenings to help with admissions and inpatient care. If you are interested in helping at the ACH, please contact [Dr. Laura Davies](#).
- Surge shifts at PLC will consist of 4-6 hour daytime shifts to help with admissions, inpatient care and follow up clinic. If you are interested in helping at PLC, please contact [Dr. Carrah Bouma](#).

For both, please cc: [Wanda Parr and Karen Rudd](#) who will help with privileging and contracts.

You can choose to help out in the surge shifts either on a FFS basis or at the hourly rate, but you must choose one or the other (e.g. you cannot switch back and forth).

If you choose the hourly TERP funding you will need to have a contract in place, submit invoices to the Department for all shifts worked, and you will need to shadow bill using Code Capture in Connect Care for those shifts.

I am still awaiting information on whether or not AMHSP physicians can utilize the TERP funding. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Thank you once again for your willingness to step up and support patients and families, and each other!

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