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RESEARCH + QI FEATURE

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Featured Publications

Please click on each bullet point to view each publication.

Department of Pediatrics member's are highlighted in [yellow](#).



- **Addressing Barriers Newcomer Families Face When Obtaining Routine Childhood Vaccines in Alberta, Canada** - Siobhan M. Wong King Yuen, Emily J. Doucette, Caitlin Ford, Madison M. Fullerton, Ginamaria Vetro, Amanda Koyama, Jia Hu, Cora Constantinescu
- **An expansion of the phenotype in individuals with SYNCRIP-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder** - Tooba Shafiq, Joanna L. Feng, Lindsay Phillips, Kara Murias, Marcia Ferguson, Kristin Baranano, Alaina Acchione, Patricia Kipkemoi, Collins Kipkoech, Eunice Chepkemoi, Amina Abubakar, Charles Newton, Celia van der Merwe, Emily O’Heir, Alice Galvin, Aixa Gonzalez Garcia, Alisha D’Souza, Jennifer Stefanich, Amelle Shillington, Annabelle Tuttle, Erin Torti, Elen Zhu, Margaretha AJ Morsink, Ekaterina Lebayle, Barbara Corneo, Christopher L. Ricupero, Ping Yee Billie Au, Antonie D. Kline, Meena Balasubramanian, Jennifer Bain & Madelyn A. Gillentine
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Pediatric Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Patients** - Sarah A. O’Neill, Son Tran, Cora Constantinescu & Tony H. Truong
- **External Validation of Brief Resolved Unexplained Events Prediction Rules for Serious Underlying Diagnosis** - Nassr Nama, Ye Shen, Jeffrey N. Bone, Zerlyn Lee, Kara Picco, Falla Jin, Jessica L. Foulds, Josée Anne Gagnon, Chris Novak, Brigitte Parisien, Matthew Donlan, Ran D. Goldman, Anupam Sehgal, Joanna Holland, Sanjay Mahant, Joel S. Tieder & Peter J. Gill
- **Hospitalizations for Eating Disorders and Other Mental, Behavioral, and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Before and During COVID-19 in Canada** - Debra K Katzman, Gina Dimitropoulos, Ellie Vyver, Manya Singh, Amelia Austin, Gisele Marcoux-Louie & Scott B Patten
- **Motivators and barriers to neurodevelopmental research enrolment** - Hayley G.P. Huston, Carly A. McMorris & Kara Murias
- **Neurodevelopment in the First 2 Years of Life Following Prenatal Exposure to Maternal SARS-CoV-2 Infection** - Daphne M Vrantidis, Marcel van de Wouw, Emily R M Hall, Verena Kuret, Charlie Rioux, Melanie L Conrad, Christine Mesa, Angela Harris, Catherine Lebel, Lianne Tomfohr-Madsen & Gerald F Giesbrecht
- **Noninvasive Respiratory Support for Stabilization After Birth is a Safe Approach in Infants Who are Micropreterm** - Ayman Abou Mehrem & Marc Beltempo
- **Premature Thelarche: An Updated Review** - Alexander K.C. Leung, Joseph M. Lam & Kam L. Hon
- **The Buddy Program: High school students inform the design of a school-**

- based peer support program for concussion - Heather A Shepherd, Carla van den Berg, Nick Reed, Jeffrey G Caron, Keith O Yeates & Carolyn A Emery
- **The safety and efficacy of onabotulinumtoxinA injections for children and adolescents with chronic migraine: A systematic review and meta-analysis** - Rebecca Lindsay, Amira Kalifa, Jonathan Kuziek, Marielle Kabbouche, Andrew D Hershey & Serena L Orr
 - **Unraveling the relationship between executive function and mind wandering in childhood ADHD** - Fiza Hasan, Harshil P. Shah, Julia W. Y. Kam & Kara R. Murias
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Research Resources

Researcher's Guide to Clinical Trials

The CSM's [Calgary Centre for Clinical Research \(CCCR\)](#) recently published a guide for study teams and researchers conducting clinical trials at the university. It can be accessed online or physical copies are available at the CCCR office.

[Learn more](#)

New Open Access Publication Tool

UCalgary Libraries and Cultural Resources is introducing SciFree, a user-friendly searchable platform to search UCalgary Open Access publishing agreements with journals.

[Learn more](#)



New ACHRI Scientific Director of Discovery Science - Dr. Morris Scantlebury

[Dr. Morris Scantlebury](#) commenced his role as the ACHRI Scientific Director of Discovery Science on January 1, 2025.

He stewards the development of Discovery Science's strategic plans, including academic recruitment, space and core facilities. He serves as ACHRI's representative for Canada Foundation for Innovation, and Canada Research Chair processes at UCalgary.



Hopewell M.I.N.D. Prize Award

Cumming School of Medicine researcher and Department of Pediatrics member [Dr. Adam Kirton](#) was announced as one of the 2024 recipients of \$1-million injection in philanthropic funding!

Congratulations Dr. Kirton!

COMINGS & GOINGS



New Transport Co-Medical Director - Dr. Gonzalo Guerra

Dr. Gonzalo Guerra is now the new Transport Co-Medical Director!

Welcome to the Department

Please take a moment to greet them and extend a warm welcome when you see them!

- Dr. Neha Bansal, NICU Clinical Associate

New Positions

Some of our current members have taken on new positions in our department this month!



Dr. Carrah Bouma

Respirologist, TDF/CDH
Clinic



Dr. Jackie Harrison

PICU



Dr. Laine Racher

Endocrinologist, METTA
Clinic

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



3rd Taif International Neonatal Summit and the First NeoBrain Saudi Arabia Conference and Workshops

Dr. Khorshid Mohammad representing the Calgary Newborn Neuro-Intensive Care program in collaboration with Newborn Brain Society have successfully co-organized and participated in the 3rd Taif International Neonatal Summit and the First NeoBrain Saudi Arabia Conference and workshops last month!

Participants including nurses, trainees, and physicians from gulf area learned about Neonatal Brain Focused topics and hands on point of care cranial ultrasonography using simulators created by Calgary group.



The Thrive Home Podcast



Welcome to the debut episode of The Thrive Home – a fresh, inspiring, and insightful new podcast from the Department of Pediatrics at Alberta Children's Hospital. Join hosts Dr. Preet Sandhu, a hospital pediatrician, and Dr. Sarah Tougas, a fourth-year general pediatrics resident, as they dive into thoughtful conversations that celebrate growth, learning, and thriving together.

In this very special first episode, Dr. Antonia Stang, an emergency room pediatrician and current department head, takes center stage. She shares exclusive insights into the department's bold new strategic plan, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the vision for the future. Listeners will discover how leadership, collaboration, and a shared purpose are driving change, and what this means for the future of pediatric care.

Spotify

Apple Podcast

Amazon Music



Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program (PEPP)

The Department of Pediatrics (DoP) has soft-launched a novel faculty development program in phases that is individual-centric, targeting professional development needs across a spectrum of career paths and settings, and over the entire professional trajectory in order to maximize the vitality of the DoP faculty.

In the Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program, careers are cultivated through reflective planning, development resource identification and access, and a network of career development support that is embedded in our Departmental culture.

[Learn More Here](#)

Join PEPP's Reflective Career Planning



FOR ALL CAREER STAGES AND CAREER PATHS

A **2-step** process to identify what is fulfilling, clarify your goals, and craft your career.

Email PediatricPEPP@ahs.ca to signup and for questions

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Find, Revise or Reaffirm your Calling at the
Affirmation of Professional Calling Workshop

January 21, 2025 | 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

2

Align Your Activities + Craft Your Career at the
Professional Development Plan Workshop

February 24, 2025 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

You Asked. We Listened. *PEPP Delivers



THE WHOLE ENCHILADA IN 2025

- Monthly Faculty Development Workshops
- Quarterly networking events
- Mentoring program

Scan here to register



Core Curriculum Workshops

- Jan 21 "Affirmation of Professional Calling"
- Feb 24 "Professional Development Plan"
- Mar 18 "Building Mentoring Relationships"
- Apr 21 TBA
- May 27 "Feedback"
- Jun 16 "Easy QI Methods and Tools to Enhance Effectiveness of your QI, Education and Research Projects"

*Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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and Professional Development

Support for PIPP

The Office of **CME&PD** at the University of Calgary has developed a new program designed to support physicians in meeting all aspects of the CPSA's PPIP requirements!

The **SUPPORT for PPIP** program aims to provide physicians with a comprehensive package of self-guided online tools as well as a Zoom webinar facilitated by an expert physician who has previously served as a Senior Medical Advisor at the CPSA. The program is designed as a comprehensive package that will help physicians complete all aspects of CPSA's PPIP requirements.

[Learn More Here](#)



Country 105 Caring for Kids Radiothon

The 22nd annual Country 105 Caring for Kids Radiothon is coming February 5-7, 2025!

Please contact Justine Clay jclay@achf.com with your recommendations for families.

[Learn more here](#)

Seeking Examiners

The Pediatrics Postgraduate Program is seeking OSCE and STACER examiners for the following session:



- Thursday, January 9, 2025 | 12:30 – 4:00 PM
STACER

No preparation is required- just show up, follow the script, and enjoy an afternoon with learners and colleagues! OSCE/STACER Examiner Remuneration is available to non AMHSP staff at a rate of \$150/hour.

Please contact Pediatric.ResidencyProgram@ahs.ca if you are able to assist on any of the above dates, thank you!

Have news or content that you would like to be featured?

Please send us an email at pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca by Tuesday at 11:00 AM for it to be included in that week's issue or the appropriate week's feature. Learn more about each week's themes [here](#).

EVENTS

For all events, please visit the Department of Pediatrics [calendar](#)
All events are in MST (Mountain Standard Time), unless otherwise stated



The Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference

The Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference will take place from February 7-9 2025, at the Fairmont Banff Springs. Registration is open for our 33rd annual conference: all sessions are tailored to clinicians encountering infectious diseases in practice and are engaging and interactive. We strive for a collegial and responsive environment with faculty and participants and have a remarkable venue to host us and social events you will not want to miss!

Please register and book your hotel early as we have sold out of rooms in the past few years.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Rounds

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Apnea of Prematurity: Past, Present and Future

Presenter: Sinno Simons, MD, PhD

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register here](#)

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Kinsmen Learning Centre Auditorium (4th Floor - ACH) or Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Nonflict: The Art of Everyday Peacemaking

Presenters: Jon Moyal & Stephen Hecht

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register Here](#)

Grand Rounds Recordings

Check out the Grand Rounds page on our website for previous Grand Rounds presentations [here](#).

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details

Pediatric Endocrinologist Locum

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Long-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: January 6, 2025

Pediatrician, Cleft Palate Clinic (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.05
 - Type: Short-term Locum
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: January 15, 2025
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2025 Aisha Rea Clinical Research Fellowship

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Subspecialty Fellowship
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: January 20, 2025
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Rheumatology - AMHSP Clinician

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Full-time
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: January 31, 2025
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AMHSP Clinician - Infectious Diseases

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Full-time
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: January 31, 2025
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Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist

- FTE 0.2-1.0 (Flexible opportunities) Mon-Fri
 - Type: Part-time to Full Time Practice
 - Location: Sunnyhill Pediatric Clinic, located in University District NW Calgary, steps from the Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: January 31, 2025 (or until space is filled)
 - If interested, please inquire by contacting Dr. Robert (Bobby) Shyleyko at robert.shyleyko@albertahealthservices.ca
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Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist

- FTE 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri
 - Type: Part-time to Full Time or Locum
 - Location: MyKidz Pediatric Clinic - locations in the Northeast (NE) and Southeast (SE) quadrants of Calgary, Alberta.
 - Application Open until space is filled
 - For more information email info@mykidz.ca or contact Paul Galang at paul@sleepconsultants.ca
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Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist

- FTE 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri
- Type: Part-time to Full Time Consultant Based Practice
- Location: Sage Fox Medical Consultants L100 - 8555 Scurfield Drive NW
- Application Open until space is filled
- For more information see our [website](#) or contact Dr. Katie Doherty at drdoherty@sagefoxmedical.ca

Newborn Critical Care Clinical Associate

- FTE: 1.0 (may be filled by more than one physician)
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Foothills Medical Centre and all other NICU sites
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found

Explore these other job boards for more current opportunities with our department, the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services below.

[UCalgary Careers](#)

[Doctor Jobs Alberta](#)

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