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EDUCATION FEATURE

EDUCATION Issue



Educator of the Month - January 2025

We are excited to highlight this year's first Educator of the Month - Dr. Colleen Curtis.

A big thank you to Dr. Curtis for all she does!

EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2025

Dr. Colleen Curtis

Program Director, Pediatric Neurology Training Program & Clinical Assistant Professor



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What do you enjoy most about working in Medical Education?

In addition to all the fun experiences working with learners clinically, my program director role lets me get to know the residents more personally, and help guide their career development. I also get to look at the bigger picture of the residency training program and try to improve on how we teach our residents. It's a great experience to watch residents progress from their days as clinical clerks and PGY1s through their final days of training!

What Med Ed project are you currently working on?

My work with the PGME QI and Accreditation team is working to shift the mindset of residency training programs from accreditation as a checklist to a process of continuous improvement, always trying to review what we are doing and how things could be better. This includes a current attempt to update how feedback on teaching is collected and provided to clinical preceptors.

A Med Ed tip that you want to share with department members?

I try to remember that the only way to know what students and residents need to learn is to ask them, and by setting collective goals at the start of the week/shift it helps put the emphasis in the right areas to help the learners develop from their individual starting points, with targeted feedback.

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Great job Dr. Colleen Curtis!



With New Fellowship Certification, Leaders in Neonatal Neurocritical Care Seek to Expand the Field

Department member Dr. Khorshid Mohammad was recently interviewed on NeurologyToday for an article.

[Read it here](#)

2025 Black Child and Youth Conference and Summer Institute

The 2025 Black Child and Youth Conference and Summer Institute has now launched. This event is organized by the Transforming the Lives of Black



Children and Youth project, a SSHRC funded national research initiative being undertaken by interdisciplinary and intersectoral researchers and partners across Canada.

Department member Dr. Nicole Johnson is part of their research team!

[Learn more here](#)

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Call for Nominations! 2024 CARE Awards and Other Department Awards

The Department of Pediatrics is now accepting nominations for our 2024 Departmental Awards!

This year we have a new award the "Thriving Together Team Award". This award will recognize innovative contributions by a team. We encourage nominations for multi-disciplinary teams (where at least one team member is part of the Department). The nomination should outline how this team's project or innovations have contributed to the departmental vision of Thriving Together.

List of Awards and Recognition:

- CARE Awards (Clinician, Advocate, Researcher, Educator)
- Distinguished Career Award
- Community Pediatrician of the Year Award
- Rising Star Award
- Leadership Award
- Thriving Together Team Award

Learn more about each award's criteria [here](#).

Submit your nominations via the button below - the survey will take less than 5 minutes.

[Past recipients](#)

[Nominate here](#)



2024 Department of Pediatrics Innovation Award Results

We are excited to announce the results of the 2024 Department of Pediatrics Innovation Award. The applicants submitted their ideas and were invited to present to a review panel and an audience during two presentation sessions. The following is a list of the 15 successful applications, in alphabetical order of the project lead's surname. The applications were awarded a total of \$133,362.81.

- Dr. Billie Au, "GEnetic Neurodevelopmental disorder Initiative (GENle): a quality improvement project to improve care for families with Genetic neurodevelopmental disorders" (Project theme – Clinical improvement. Awarded \$10,000 + \$500 as session 1 audience choice award winner)
- Dr. Cora Constantinescu, "Addressing under-immunization in children during Pediatric Hospital Admission: A quality improvement study" (Project theme – Clinical Improvement. Awarded \$9,925)
- Dr. Suzette Cooke, "Evaluating Barriers and Opportunities for Immunization in Hospitalized Children: a Multi-Centre Qualitative Study" (Project theme – Research. Awarded \$7,680 + \$500 as Audience Choice winner)
- Dr. Omar Damji, "Revolutionizing Medical Simulation with Ultrarealistic 3D Printing" (Project theme – Clinical Improvements. Awarded \$10,000)
- Dr. De Caen, "Malnutrition Screening in Ambulatory Neurosciences Clinics" (Project theme – Research. Awarded \$6,192)
- Dr. Mary Dunbar, "Management of Irritability/tone/pain behaviors in Neurologically Impaired Infants (MINII) " (Project theme – Research. Awarded \$10,000)
- Dr. Adam Kirton "Sourcing potential: Characterizing the unique brain circuitry of locked in children" (Project theme – Research. Awarded \$9,928)
- Dr. Sonia Menard "The Horse-Powered Curriculum: A Novel Approach to Improving Interpersonal Skills and Physician-Patient Relationships through Equine-Assisted Coaching" (Project theme – Education. Awarded \$9,600)
- Dr. Winnie Nagesh "Exploring ChatGPT, Capability to Assess Healthcare Simulation Debriefings" (Project theme – Education. Awarded \$8,250)
- Dr. Aru Narendran "The 15th Childhood Vaccine: Discovery and development of an immunization agent against leukemia in children" (Project theme – Research. Awarded \$8,000)
- Dr. Chris Novak "Decreasing Time to Enteral Nutrition in Patients with Bronchiolitis on Heated Humidified High-Flow Nasal Cannula: a QI Project" (Project theme – Clinical Improvement. Awarded \$4,200)
- Dr. Tracy Taylor "The Alberta Children's Hospital Complex Care Extensions for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO)" (Project theme – Education. Awarded \$10,000)
- Dr. Gemma Vomiero "Enhancing Community Care of Children with Medical Complexity through Stakeholder Engagement" (Project theme – Research. Awarded \$9,417)
- Dr. Melanie Willmann "Determining the Success Rates of Peripheral Intravenous Insertions using Ultrasound, a Quality Improvement Project" (Project theme – Clinical Improvement. Awarded \$9,050 + \$500 as session 2 audience choice award winner)
- Dr. Telford Yeung "Experiences and Attitudes Toward Extended Skin to Skin

Care (Kangaroo-Mother Care) among Parents of Infants Born Preterm and Health Care Providers in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit” (Project theme – Research. Awarded \$7,800)

Thank you to everyone who applied to the competition, to the review panel members, and to all those who attended the presentations. It was wonderful to see the support for this competition from across the Department. Funding for the award is provided by the Department of Pediatrics Innovation Award Endowment supported by the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation through community donors.

We welcome your feedback on the 2024 competition format. Please reach out to Ashton Chugh (chugha@ucalgary.ca) if you would like to share your thoughts. We encourage all Department members to consider submitting their project ideas for the next competition at the end of 2025.



The Thrive Home Podcast

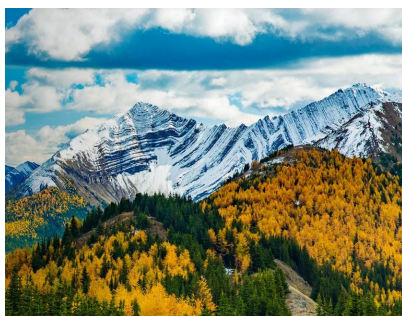
Welcome to the debut episode of The Thrive Home – a fresh, inspiring, and insightful new podcast from the Department of Pediatrics at Alberta Children’s Hospital. Join hosts Dr. Preet Sandhu, a hospital pediatrician, and Dr. Sarah Tougas, a fourth-year general pediatrics resident, as they dive into thoughtful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

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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

[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

1

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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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](#)

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



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Health Research Platform Strategy Lunch & Learn

The first Health Research Platform Strategy Lunch & Learn of the year is taking place on January 13 at 12:00 PM.

Title: Lessons learned from 2024 Regulatory Inspections

Speaker: Jenna Dobry, BSc, MSL

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Rounds

The next rounds will take place on January 21st. The information will be in next week's bulletin.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID): the construct and its treatment

Presenter: John D. McLennan, MD, MPH, PhD

[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

2025 Aisha Rea Clinical Research Fellowship

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

Adolescent Medicine - Eating Disorders Locum (NEW)

- FTE: 0.25
- Type: Long-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: January 31, 2025

Pediatrician, Cleft Palate Clinic (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.05
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: January 31, 2025

Rheumatology - AMHSP Clinician

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

AMHSP Clinician - Infectious Diseases

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

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

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

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](#)

Contact pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca with questions or if you have content to contribute.

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