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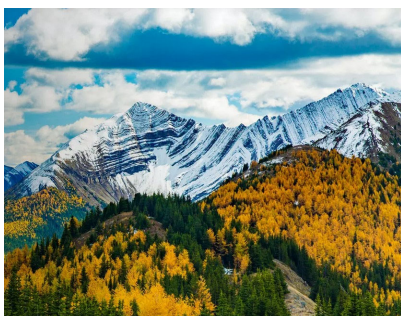
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEATURE



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.

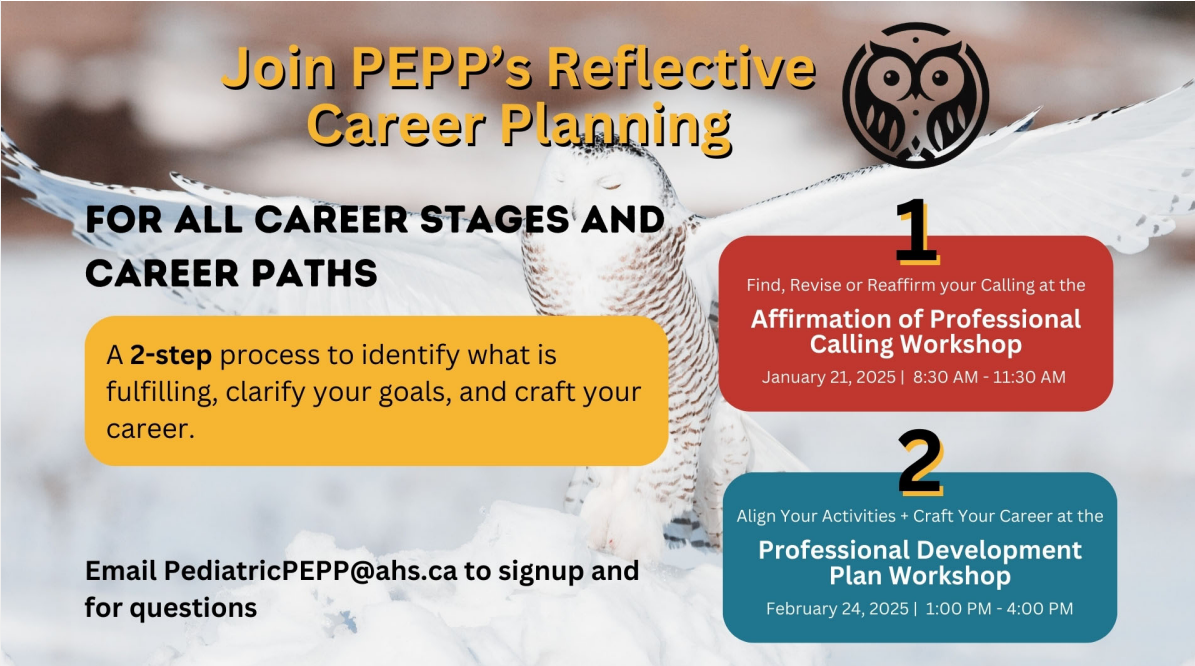
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Affirmation of Professional Calling workshop next Tuesday!

The first PEPP workshop of the year is coming up next week on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025** from **8:30 - 11:00 AM** in ACH Conference Room 7.

[Register 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



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



A Successful Point of Care Ultrasound Hands-on Workshop in Hawaii

Dr. Sumesh Thomas, Amuchou Soraisham, Essa Al Awad and Khorshid Mohammad, representing the Sonographic Clinical Assessment of The Newborn (SCAN) program, Section of Newborn Critical Care conducted a two-day point of care ultrasound hands-on workshop (Head, Heart, Lung, and Vascular access) using home made simulators at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), Honolulu, Hawaii.

Updates from UME Clerkship

We will have two Classes of clerks with us for the next few months – the almost-graduating Class of 2025 and the just starting clerkship Class of 2026. It is important to ask each student you work with what year they are in so you can appropriately teach and assess them.

Here are the details of when each class will be with us:

- Class of 2025 clerks will be away for 4 weeks from Monday January 20 to Friday February 14, 2025 for CaRMS interviews
- Class of 2026 clerks will start their paediatric mandatory rotation over this four week period, starting Monday January 20, 2025
- Class of 2025 clerks will return on Monday February 17, 2025 for their mandatory rotation
- Class of 2026 clerks will start elective paediatric rotations on Monday February 17, 2025
- Class of 2026 clerks will continue their mandatory pediatric rotations in April 2025

We are doing a pilot in person/zoom academic half day (AHD) for 4 weeks with the Class of 2026. Starting on Monday, January 20, 2025 clerks will attend AHD on Mondays from 1:30 – 4:00 pm either on-site at ACH or via zoom.

Thank you for welcoming the Class of 2026 and for all you do to teach, assess, and mentor our students!



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 \$10,000) *correction
- 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 Willimann “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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dr. Kerryn Carter appointed department head,
Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine**

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and The Cumming



School of Medicine (CSM) are pleased to announce the joint appointment of Dr. Kerry Carter, MBChB FANZCA, as department head, Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine, CSM, and zone clinical department head, Calgary Zone, AHS. The appointment took effect Jan. 1, 2025.

Dr. Carter is a pediatric anesthesiologist, acute and complex pain physician at the Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH), and an associate professor at the CSM. She replaces Dr. Gary Dobson, MDCM, whom we thank for his 10 years of service in the role.

[Read more](#)

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

Please send us an email at peditrics.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

January Community of Practice

The Coordinator Community of Practice is open to UCalgary Clinical Researchers, Coordinators and Staff of all levels. This monthly in-person working group meets to learn about and contribute to clinical research and trial best practices. These interactive sessions with the Provincial OnCore Support Team (POST), Quality Assurance Team and CCCR Finance Team, provides the opportunity to ask questions, gain expertise, and meet your colleagues. Please note these sessions do not replace required training.

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Location: Suite 400 (please ring the doorbell), 4th floor, Cal Wenzel Precision Health Building

[Register here](#)

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Rounds

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Necrotizing Enterocolitis; past, present and future

Presenter: Dr. Jon Dorling

[Click here for more information](#)

Register here

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Behind the Scenes to Center Stage: The Path of Quality Improvement and Innovation to NNIC Excellence

Presenters: Hussein Zein, MD, MSc, Lara Leijser, MD, PhD, MSc & Khorshid Mohammad, MD, MSc

[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 (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Long-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: January 20, 2025

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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Adolescent Medicine - Eating Disorders Locum

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

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

- FTE 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri
- Type: Part-time to Full Time or Locum
- Location: Kiwi Pediatrics, Close to Deerfoot in the SE
- Application Open until space is filled
- For more information contact Dr. Dan Ross or Dr. Amanda Evans at kiwipeds@gmail.com

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

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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