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2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

A huge congratulations to all recipients of our
2023 Department of Pediatrics Awards!

We are very excited to announce the recipients of this year's Department of Pediatrics Awards! On behalf of the Department of Pediatrics, your colleagues and collaborators, THANK YOU to each and every one of you for all that you do. Your passion and commitment is truly inspiring, and you have made a huge impact on us all.

We would also like to congratulate all of our nominees for this year, including:

Dr. J.P. Appendino, Dr. Jennifer deBruyn, Dr. Shirmee Doshi, Dr. Renee Farrell, Dr. Marc Francis, Dr. Deborah Fruitman, Dr. Eli Gilad, Dr. Tajdin Jadavji, Dr. Kristen Johnson, Dr. Kelleigh Klym, Dr. Lara Leijser, Dr. Michelle McTimoney, Dr. Danielle Nelson, Dr. Chris Novak, Dr. Martin Perlsteyn, Dr. Heinrike Schmeling, Dr. Dana Stys, Dr. Graham Thompson, Dr. Jennifer Thull-Freedman, Dr. Peter Vetere, and Dr. Ashlea Wilmott.

And last but not least, a big thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate their colleagues!





CARE Award - Clinician
Dr. Theresa Wu



CARE Award - Advocate
Dr. Francois Bernier



CARE Award - Researcher
Dr. Nicola Wright



CARE Award - Educator
Dr. Aleksandra Mineyko



Distinguished Career Award
Dr. Jorge Pinzon



Leadership Award
Dr. Sarah Hall



**Community Pediatrician of the Year
Award**
Dr. Dan Ross



Rising Star Award
Dr. Sarah MacEachern

Stay tuned for our 2023 Annual Report, where we will share more about the amazing work and accomplishments of these incredible individuals!

A big congratulations to all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Final Reminder! Your Input Requested on the Department of Pediatrics Strategic Plan

This is a reminder to please take a few minutes to fill out the survey via the link [here](#) ahead of our strategic planning process.

We want to ensure that the strategic plan is meaningful, actionable and reflective of the Department as a whole. The survey will close on **February 5**.



Update: Youth proxy access in MyAHS Connect

Click [here](#) for an important update from AHS regarding youth proxy access in MyAHS Connect.

Based on recent feedback from frontline care providers and their patients, a decision has been made to revise the planned change to limit youth proxy access in MyAHS Connect, the patient portal in Connect Care.



I See You, I Appreciate You - Recognize a Resident

Resident Appreciation Week (February 5 - 9) is a national celebration and opportunity to acknowledge and thank resident physicians for their significant contributions to the health of the communities they serve. We encourage you to take a moment this week to let a resident know that they are appreciated!

[Click here](#) to submit a short letter of appreciation that will be received by both the resident and their Program Director. From the submissions, 40 residents will be randomly selected to receive a \$25 Everything gift card.

Be sure to keep your eyes on the [@ucalgarymed](#) Instagram for some Resident Appreciation Week content!

**Register Now! Department of Pediatrics/ACH Medical Staff Association
Speaker Series - "Transition to Retirement: Evolving Your Way"**

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM | In-Person, ACH Physicians' Lounge, 2nd Floor

Are you nearing the retirement stage of your career? Are you mid-career but curious to know more about retirement and start planning sooner?

Please join us for this evening conversation with recent retirees Drs. Robin Eccles, Michele Bjornson, Don Bethune and JF Lemay. This will be an opportunity to hear from those who have recently gone through this transition, ask your questions and get some guidance for your own retirement planning.

Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to [Jessica Todd](#) by **February 20**. For more information, please contact [Dr. Preet Sandhu](#).



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Research Assistant, Pediatric Neurocritical Care Team

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time Position
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: February 13, 2024

Pediatric Cardiologist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time Practice
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: April 30, 2024

Newborn Critical Care Clinical Associate

- FTE: 1.0 (may be filled by more than one physician)

- Type: Part-time Practice
- Location: Foothills Medical Centre and all other NICU sites
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found

For all postings, visit the Department of Pediatrics [careers page](#)

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Grand Rounds

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: Newborn Screening Program in Alberta: Changes and Expectations

Presenter: Dr. Ross Ridsdale

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for further details.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: Igniting Change: Centering Shared Humanity and Inclusive Compassion - Towards Greater Social Justice in Medicine

Presenter: Dr. Kannin Osei-Tutu

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for further details.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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EVENTS

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

Medical Genetics Cardiogenetics Symposium

Friday, February 2, 2024 | 8:45 AM – 4:30 PM | In-Person, Alberta Children's Hospital Amphitheatre, 4th Floor

The Cardiogenetics Symposium is a day-long event focused on educating all providers on novel updates to our understanding of disease mechanisms and treatments in cardiogenetics. Speakers include Dr. Lisa Hornberger from the University of Alberta, as well as local clinical and non-clinical subject experts. The genetics residents will also present a selection of interesting cases to conclude the day. Registration is not required.

→ [Click here](#) for the schedule of presentations.

Please note: Dr. Lisa Hornberger's presentation at 9:00 am will be available virtually. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom session (Meeting ID: 951 0651 2127, Password: 849444).

1st International Summit on Implantable BCI for Children with Complex Needs

Monday, February 5, 2024 | 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

We are excited to announce the First International Summit on Implantable BCIs for

Children with Complex Needs (iBCI-CCN 2024), which aims to outline the roadmap for the development of implantable BCI systems for children and young adults living with complex needs.

The event will take place over two parts, with the first being an open half-day summit with talks and discussion from leaders across the world in spaces that can help set the stage for establishing a pathway forward for implantable BCI systems for children with complex needs. The second part will be a smaller focused workshop on establishing the roadmap for implantable BCIs for children with complex needs.

→ [Click here for further details and to register.](#)

Child Health and Wellness Seminar: "Advancing Care For Children With Neurodevelopmental Disorders Who Have Behaviours Of Concern"

Monday, February 5, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

What are behaviours of concern? How do they impact children with neurodevelopmental disorders? And how can we improve care for these children? This session will focus on how the Precision Neurodevelopment Lab is working to address these questions.

→ [Click here for further details and to register.](#)

Owerko Neurodevelopmental Clinical Rounds: "Post-Secondary Student Mental Health and Wellbeing: Current State, Emerging Trends, and Supportive Approaches"

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | In-Person, Child Development Centre, Main Floor Boardroom and Virtual (via Zoom)

Join speaker Dr. Andrew Szeto, Director of UCalgary's Mental Health Strategy, to examine the current state of post-secondary student mental health and wellbeing along with specific approaches, trends, resources, and initiatives to better support students on post-secondary campuses.

→ [Click here to register.](#)

2024 Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference

Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11, 2024 | In-Person, Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

This course is designed for Pediatricians, Family Physicians, Residents and Allied Health Professionals. We aim to present recent advances and updates in pediatric infectious diseases in ways that are applicable and relevant to the practicing physician. The sessions are tailored to clinicians encountering infectious diseases in practice and they 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!

The course outline can be seen [here](#) and objectives can be found [here](#).

→ [Click here for further details and to register.](#)

NEW EVENT

AbSPORU Patient Engagement February Journal Club

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Please join us for February Journal Club, featuring presenters Anna Rychtera and Veronika Kiryanova (Patient Partners, RePORT Project). The article to be discussed is: "[Patient perceptions of in-hospital laboratory blood testing: A patient-oriented and patient co-designed qualitative study.](#)"

We welcome researchers, students, patients, and the general public. Questions about the event can be directed to [Sadia Ahmed](#). We look forward to seeing many of you there!

→ [Click here for further details and to register.](#)

2024 Mindful Practice in Medicine Core Workshop

Wednesday, February 21 - Saturday, February 24, 2024 | In-Person, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

This workshop was developed by physicians to help medical practitioners and educators respond to the erosion of joy in their work, while providing an experiential and interactive learning environment.

This approach is evidence based - as it lessens the effects of burnout and improves well-being, engagement with work, and patient-centered compassionate care. Please join for a retreat-like workshop designed to energize your clinical work while helping you find joy and resilience, through honing your self-awareness and deep listening skills that are keys to navigating stressful and demanding situations you face daily.

→ [Click here for further details and to register.](#)

NEW EVENT

Affirmation of Professional Calling Workshop (for New and Early Career Members!)

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM | In-Person, Alberta Children’s Hospital Conference Rooms 3 & 4, 4th Floor

Are you new to the Department of Pediatrics? Within the first 5 years of your pediatric career? If so, please join us for this upcoming APC workshop tailored for early career members.

Join us for an interactive and reflective morning to build a community with other Pediatric Colleagues! Please RSVP to [Jessica Todd](#).

Questions? Interested but timing does not work for you? Please email [Dr. Preet Sandhu](#) for more details.

47th American Academy of Pediatrics District 8 Section of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Conference

Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, June 23, 2024 | In-Person, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

This conference will provide recent advances in the delivery room management of neonates, along with talks on neonatal stroke and HIE, and up-to-date information on the long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes of premature infants. Additionally, the conference will cover nutrition in neonates and explore new developments in the field of nutrition in neonatology to improve the outcomes of our tiniest newborns. This event will offer an opportunity to meet world-renowned speakers in their particular areas and provide a chance to network for future research.

→ [Click here for further details and to register.](#)

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