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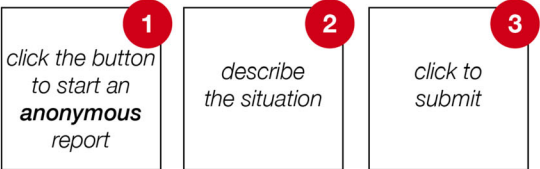
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*If you are experiencing maltreatment
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Final Day for Country 105 Caring for Kids Radiothon

The Country 105 Caring for Kids is back – broadcasting live from the Alberta Children’s Hospital for the first time in three years!

Tune in tomorrow - the final day of the radiothon - to hear just how much you are loved! Grateful families are lined up to share how much they appreciate the care they’ve received from our amazing health care providers. We encourage you to tune in for a boost of positive energy and invite your friends and family to do the same.

[Click here](#) for a schedule of interviews to support your colleagues! For those making a donation, here’s the [link](#).



Apply Now! Alberta Medical Association Section of Pediatrics Grants

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Alberta Medical Association Section of Pediatrics Grants. These grants are meant to enable projects that improve the health and wellbeing of the pediatric population of Alberta.

[Click here](#) for further details and a link to the application form. The deadline to submit an application is **April 1, 2024 at midnight**.

EDUCATION



Educator of the Month - February 2024

We are excited to highlight this month's Educator of the Month - Dr. Jorge Pinzon!

Dr. Pinzon has a track record of being a dedicated educator at all levels of training, as well as a valued mentor to his colleagues.

He was nominated by the resident group, who shared the following:

"Jorge brings a really positive attitude to all of his teaching, with a great focus on resident wellness. He has found a great balance of providing valuable teaching opportunities while also giving learners a lot of independence."

We recently interviewed Dr. Pinzon about his work in medical education - an excerpt from our discussion is below. A big thank you to Dr. Pinzon for the incredible teaching and mentorship you continue to provide throughout our Department!

EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Dr. Jorge Pinzon

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Do you have a Medical Education tip that you would like to share with Department members?

Something I learned very early in my career is that our trainees are also our colleagues. I do my best to see them as such and treat them in the same fashion.

What words of wisdom do you wish to share with your trainees?

I do try to pass along some of my learnings as a doctor, that includes a balance between a wonderful career and very - and I mean very - busy years as part of their training. As I tell them, the secret of my success is to eat well, sleep well, and be active.

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A Big Thank You to Our Residents!

Resident Appreciation Week is from February 5-9, a national celebration and opportunity to acknowledge and thank resident physicians for their significant contributions to the health of the communities they serve. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our incredible residents for your hard work and dedication to providing the best care possible for our patients and families!

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.

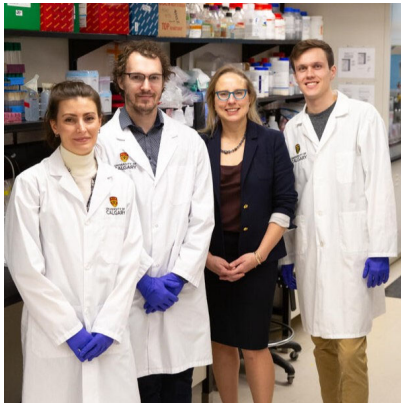


Seeking OSCE Examiners

The Pediatrics Postgraduate Program is seeking OSCE examiners for the following sessions:

- Thursday, March 14, 2024 (UCalgary Foothills Campus, MedSkills, 12:45pm – 4:30pm)
- Thursday, May 9, 2024 (Zoom, 12:45pm – 5:00pm)
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 (UCalgary Foothills Campus, MedSkills, 12:45pm – 4:30pm)

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



UCalgary researcher develops new tool to diagnose genetic mutations

Drs. Nicola Wright (Pediatric Hematology/Immunology), Gurpreet Singh (Pediatric Hematology), and Tatiana Kalashnikova (ACHRI Clinical Research Fellow) are co-authors on a recent [study](#) in *Cell Reports Methods* using a new tool capable of diagnosing sickle cell anemia in just seconds, an invention conceived and developed by Dr. Pierre Billon at the Cumming School of Medicine.

[Click here](#) for an article published in UToday this week highlighting further details of this amazing technology. Congratulations to all!



Interview with Dr. Harvey Sarnat

Dr. Khorshid Mohammad recently sat down with renowned Pediatric Neurologist Dr. Harvey Sarnat to reflect on his prolific career and his longstanding role as a mentor.

[Click here](#) to view the recording of the interview.

[Click here](#) to read the interview, published in the latest edition of the Newborn Brain Society newsletter.



Improving palliative care requires better data

[Click here](#) for a recent *Policy Options* article published by Dr. Leonie Herx, Section Chief for Pediatric Palliative Medicine.

The article highlights a methodology from abroad that has shown how to map care and identify areas for improvement, as well as a national project that aims to expand the benefits across Canada.

Congratulations Dr. Herx!



New Study from the APrON Team

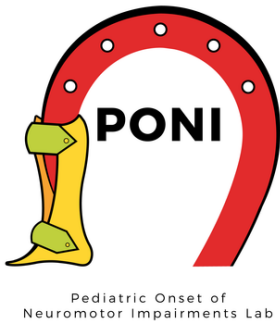
[Click here](#) for a new article from the APrON team, published in *Epigenomes*.

This study found that higher prenatal exposure to a common chemical plasticizer, di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), was associated with a greater number of colds in young children, particularly in boys. There was also evidence that increased biological aging in boys, as measured by epigenetic age acceleration, was a biological mechanism underlying this association.

Congratulations team!

CTV News: Robotic walking increases mobility for kids

[Click here](#) for a recent story from CTV News on an



event hosted at TELUS Spark this month with the Pediatric Onset of Neuromotor Impairments (PONI) lab and CP Kids and Families, demonstrating new developments in using robots to increase mobility for kids.

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

Clinical Geneticist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time Position
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: February 21, 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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: College of Physician and Surgeons of Alberta – Physician Practice Improvement Program

Presenter: Dr. Danielle Michaels

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

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER

EVENTS

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

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.](#)

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

Following the spark: Actionable strategies to untangle the complexities of neurodevelopmental disorders

Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

This is the first session of a FREE 4-part webinar series over Zoom that will address the topics of autism, neurodevelopmental and rare disorders like fragile X syndrome. Each session will be framed within the context of case-based discussions with particular emphasis on identifying strategies, theoretical knowledge, and actionable recommendations. All registrants will receive links to recorded sessions.

[Click here](#) for further details on the topics and dates of the sessions, and to register.

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.

NEW EVENT

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](#).

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.](#)