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*If you are experiencing maltreatment
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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.

WELLNESS

Please see the following Wellness resources, with a focus on physician burnout and assisting colleagues in distress.



Practice innovation strategies: Physician burnout

Physician well-being is influenced by both organizational and individual factors. The AMA STEPS Forward® Practice Innovation Strategies offer proven approaches on how to engage health system leadership, understanding physician burnout and how to address it, and developing a culture that supports physician well-being. [Click here](#) to access various resources including toolkits and playbooks, webinars, podcasts, and research.

Assisting a Colleague in Distress

Everyone plays an important role in promoting a positive mental health culture and supporting other's mental health and wellbeing. [Click here](#) for further information from UCalgary to help recognize common signs of distress and how you can offer assistance.

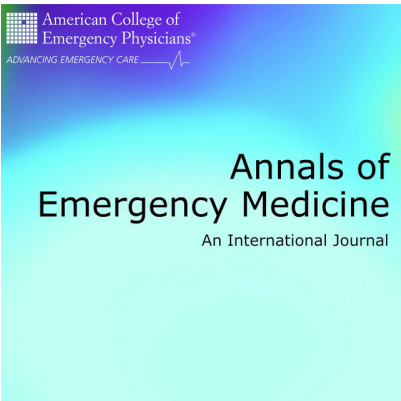
Recognizing and supporting distressed physicians and learners

As physicians and learners, it's important for you to be able to recognize signs of distress — both in yourself and in your colleagues — and to be prepared to respond appropriately. Distress manifests uniquely from person to person, but there are indicators of distress that are important to be aware of and to look out for. [Click here](#) for further information from the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Publication Spotlight

Congratulations to the following Department members on their recent publications!



Dr. Jennifer Thull-Freedman has recently published an article in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*:

[“Recommendations for Choosing Wisely in Pediatric Emergency Medicine: Five Opportunities to Improve Value”](#)

Congratulations!



Arijit Lodha, a medical student from the University of Alberta, recently published a new study in the *Journal of Perinatology* together with Dr. Abhay Lodha and ACHRI members Dr. Debbie McAllister and Dr. Joanna Moser:

["Association of epidural analgesia in labor with neurodevelopmental outcomes in premature infants born at <29 weeks of gestational age"](#)

Congratulations!

COMINGS & GOINGS



Dr. Marina Journault

We would like to welcome Dr. Marina Journault to the Section of Newborn Critical Care, effective February 15, 2024.

Dr. Journault's primary location will be at PLC where she will offer clinical care, and she will also be extending her services to ACH, FMC, and NFC. [Click here](#) for the full announcement from the Section.

Welcome, Dr. Journault!

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Research Assistant, ABC-QI Trial

- Type: Part-time/Fixed Term Position
- Location: Calgary Zone NICUs
- Application Deadline: February 28, 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

Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta

- Location: Edmonton, Alberta
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found
- If you are interested in learning more contact [Dr. Tom Stelfox](#) (Deputy Dean Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta) for more information

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

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Grand Rounds

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: Genomics and Precision medicine in neonatology: Tailoring treatment based on genetic profiles

Presenter: Dr. Pankaj Agrawal

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

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: What to know and do if you don't know what to do about workplace sexual harassment

Presenter: Dr. Kiara Mikita

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

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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

NEW EVENT

Child Health and Wellness Seminar: "Primary cilia: Underappreciated signaling hubs in the brain"

Monday, February 26, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

The majority of brain cells possess a singular primary cilium, a specialized signaling antenna localized to cell soma. Learn the significance of the primary cilium in neuronal and glial development in the brain.

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

Department of Pediatrics Search & Selection Presentation: Clinician Researcher, Pediatric Hospital Medicine

Monday, February 26, 2024 | 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Presenter: Dr. Peter Gill

Title: Advancing the evidence-base for paediatric hospital care through the Canadian Paediatric Inpatient Research Network (PIRN)

Objectives:

1. Describe the establishment of Canadian Paediatric Inpatient Research Network (PIRN)
2. Outline the pillars of a patient-orientated outcomes research program in paediatric hospital medicine
3. Illustrate the exciting opportunities in an emerging clinical research network

→ [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

(Meeting ID: 681 2371 1985; Passcode: 423519)

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Child Health and Wellness Seminar: "Exploring the mechanisms of human labour and identifying novel drug targets for preterm birth"

Monday, March 4, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Addressing the mechanism of human labour, with specific interest in prostaglandins, g protein coupled receptors (GPCRs), and regulators of g protein signalling. This talk will discuss current and future strategies for identifying novel targets for treatment of preterm birth.

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

NEW EVENT

ENRICH Evening Event

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | In-Person, Silver Springs Golf and Country Club

Join the ENRICH Team for a night of learning, networking, and dinner. Dr. Sheri Madigan and Dr. Mohamed Eltorki will be presenting and sharing their experiences as clinical scientists. They will discuss their individual journeys and provide unique insights into their professions.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP to [Tanya Graves-Smith](#) by February 26.

Owerko Centre Neurodevelopmental Clinical Research Rounds: "Clinical Trials in Neurodevelopmental Conditions: Discussion of gaps and opportunities"

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom) or In-Person, Child Development Centre, Main Floor Boardroom

Evidence for treatments in neurodevelopmental conditions continues to be limited. Without ongoing clinical trials, evidence for effective treatments will continue to limit our ability to provide evidence-based suggestions for families. This will be an interactive discussion of where there are gaps in evidence and ways to support research that can address those gaps.

→ [Click here to register.](#)

NEW EVENT

Alberta Sexual Assault Course and Conference

Saturday, June 8, 2024 | 8:00 AM – 4:35 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

The Alberta Sexual Assault Course and Conference is designed to share core training and provide management updates for urban and rural healthcare professionals caring for patients that have experienced sexual violence. The course endeavours to provide broad training with sessions that are tailored to both medical and non-medical professionals. Examples of course topics include completing sexual assault examination kits, communication tools for connection after trauma, sexual violence in digital spaces and understanding investigative processes.

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

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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