

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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RESEARCH + QI FEATURE



Featured Publications

Please click on each bullet point to view each publication.

Department of Pediatrics member's are highlighted in [yellow](#).

- **A multidimensional fecal microbial and inflammatory biomarker profiling in preterm and full-term neonates** - Rita Hannawayya, Rodrigo Puentes, Niloofar Mirzadzare, Karina Cirone, [Harish Amin](#), [Amuchou Soraisham](#), [Belal Alshaikh](#), [Sumesh Thomas](#) & Eduardo R. Cobo
- **An Atlas of Lumps and Bumps, Part 44: Dermatositis Papulosa Nigra** - [Alexander K.C. Leung](#), Joseph M. Lam, Benjamin Barankin & Kin F. Leong
- **Effectiveness and Risks of Probiotics in Preterm Infants** - [Belal N. Alshaikh](#), Joseph Ting, Seungwoo Lee, Brigitte Lemyre, Jonathan Wong, Jehier Afifi, Marc Beltempo & Prakesh S. Shah
- **Group A β -hemolytic Streptococcal Pharyngitis: An Updated Review** - [Alexander K.C. Leung](#), Joseph M. Lam, Benjamin Barankin, Kin F. Leong & Kam L. Hon
- **Hospitalizations for all-cause pediatric acute respiratory diseases in Alberta,**

- Canada, before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic: a population-level retrospective cohort study from 2010 to 2024 - Christine D. Lukac, Brett Simms, Grace P.S. Kwong, Jessalyn K. Holodinsky, David W. Johnson & James D. Kellner
- **Outcomes Following a Mental Health Care Intervention for Children in the Emergency Department** - Amanda S. Newton, Jennifer Thull-Freedman, Jianling Xie, Teresa Lightbody, Jennifer Woods, Antonia Stang, Kathleen Winston, Jacinda Larson, Bruce Wright, Michael Stubbs, Matthew Morrisette & Stephen B. Freedman
 - **Outpatient follow-up and future care-seeking for pediatric ambulatory care-sensitive conditions** - Daniel J Shapiro, Matt Hall, Sriram Ramgopal, Pradip P Chaudhari, Mohamed Eltorki, Oluwakemi Badaki-Makun, Kelly R Bergmann, Michelle L Macy, Carolyn C Foster & Mark I Neuman
 - **Pharmacologic Management of Acute Pain in Children A Systematic Review and Network Meta-Analysis** - Laura Olejnik, João Pedro Lima, Behnam Sadeghirad, Jason W. Busse, Ivan D. Florez, Samina Ali, James Bunker, Danny Jomaa, Adam Bleik & Mohamed Eltorki
 - **Predictive factors for the diagnosis of coeliac disease in children and young people in primary care: A systematic review and meta-analysis** - Christian E. Farrier, Marta Wanat, Anthony Harnden, Amy Paterson, Nia Roberts, Defne Saatci & Jennifer Hirst
 - **Response to Inhaled Nitric Oxide and Mortality Among Very Preterm Neonates With Pulmonary Hypertension** - Michelle Baczynski, Dany Weisz, Laura Thomas, Stephanie Fevrier, Michael Castaldo, Amuchou Soraisham, Abbas Hyderi, Rula Agarushi, Soume Bhattacharya, Renjini Lalitha, Amneet Sidhu, Muzafar Gani Abdul Wahab, Gabriel Altit, Audrey Hébert, Deepak Louis, Yasser Elsayed, Souvik Mitra, Poorva Deshpande, Ashraf Kharrat, Faith Zhu, Joseph Ting, Eugene Yoon, Prakesh S Shah & Amish Jain
 - **Trends and hospital practice variation for analgesia for children with sickle cell disease with vaso-occlusive pain episodes: An 11-year analysis** - Mohamed Eltorki, Matt Hall, Sriram Ramgopal, Pradip P. Chaudhar, Oluwakemi Badaki-Makun, Chris A. Rees, Kelly R. Bergmann, Daniel J. Shapiro, Frank Gonzalez, Timothy Phamduy & Mark I. Neuman
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Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research Canada National Young Investigator Award

Congratulations to Dr. Mohamed Eltorki on winning the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research Canada national Young Investigator Award “the Terry Klassen Award” awarded bi-annually to the young investigator who demonstrates excellence in clinical research and embodies the spirit of interpersonal and interdisciplinary

collaboration as envisioned by one of PERC's founders, Dr. Terry Klassen.

Previous winners from our Department include Dr. Stephen Freedman and Dr. Antonia Stang.



Alberta study shows 'reassuring' trends in childhood hospitalization patterns post-pandemic

Dr. Jim Kellner was featured on CBC News last month! A new University of Calgary study shows that while hospitalizations for respiratory illnesses among Alberta children surged after pandemic-related measures were lifted, there has since been a return to more typical levels.

[Read more](#)

Barb Ibbotson Chair in Pediatric Hematology Research Funding Competition

Purpose of the Award:

On behalf of the Barb Ibbotson Chair in Pediatric Hematology, we are offering a Funding opportunity for research relevant to Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/Transplant/Immunology.

Research projects should ideally be hypothesis generating, however other types of studies will be considered, such as quality improvement and quality assurance projects or translational research on an interesting case or case series. Case reports and literature reviews are not eligible. Projects may be clinical, translational, or basic science in nature. If the research project is part of a larger project, the applicant should have a defined role in a subproject within the larger initiative.

Eligibility:

- Residents, clinical assistants, research assistants and allied health practitioners are eligible
- The applicant must be working with a Principal Investigator affiliated with the Pediatric HOTI program
- Research must be relevant to Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/Transplant/Immunology
- Priority will be given to Pediatric Hematology/Oncology training program residents
- Residents may only be awarded the grant once during their training program.

Maximum funding available, per year, across the program is \$5000. A single award or multiple smaller awards, totaling the maximum of \$5000, will be determined at the discretion of the Selection Committee in line with the nature of the application pool for each competition.

Funding must be used within 1 year with potential to extend use of funding to 2 years.

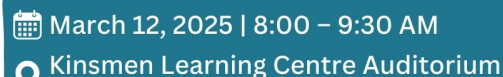
Applications will be evaluated using the criteria of relevance, feasibility, sound scientific principles, and appropriate timeline. Please note this is not a travel grant.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2025 Please contact Dr. Nicola Wright at Nicola.wright@ahs.ca with questions.

[Application Checklist](#)



**Join us for complimentary breakfast and a special
Grand Rounds presentation:
Pediatric Annual Report Review**



Breakfast will be served from 8:00 - 8:30 AM. Please join departmental leadership for breakfast and an opportunity to ask questions, provide suggestions and network with your colleagues.

Please RSVP by March 7 at 11:59 PM.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Please join departmental leadership for breakfast and an opportunity to ask questions, provide suggestions and network with your colleagues. Complimentary Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 8:30 AM. Please RSVP via the button below to indicate your dietary preferences.

Afterward follows a special Grand Rounds presentation as we review the Department of Pediatrics Annual Report.

We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual Celebration will be held in June. Please mark your calendars and prepare for an exceptional event. Further details, including the event theme, will be shared soon.

- **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | 6:00 – 11:59 PM**
- **Calgary Golf and Country Club, 919 50 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1H1**

Please note that this event is exclusively for Department Members and Trainees, along with their plus-ones.

Stay tuned for more updates. We look forward to celebrating with you!



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.

[Learn More Here](#)

Upcoming Workshop



Building Mentoring Relationships



Tuesday, March 18 | 8:30 - 11:00 AM



ACH Conference Room 3

Scan here to register



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Interim Site Director

Krista McIntyre is the successful candidate for the interim Site Director position at ACH. And with that, we also wish Fatma Abdel Halim all the very best as she and her family focus on the joy of a new baby arriving in April!

Congratulations Krista on her new role and wishing Fatma all the best in her new role as a parent! Krista will begin orientating to the role in mid March.

[View the full memorandum here](#)



Request for sedated lab work via Sedation Service

A message from Sedation Service – Alberta Children's Hospital on behalf of the department of pediatric anesthesia

The Sedation Service continues to be available to provide sedation for procedures at the Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH). This team consists of a pediatric Anesthesiologist, an RT and a PACU RN. Procedures are supported in the Induction Room with deep levels of sedation or general anesthesia.

Referrals for sedated lab work can be sent to ACH Sedation Service via email achsedationservice@albertahealthservices.ca including the following information:

- Patient demographics and contact information
- Most Responsible Physician with contact information
- Detailed referral letter including the following:
 - Rationale for requesting sedation
 - Importance or urgency of lab work
 - Detailed account of any attempts that have been made to obtain blood work elsewhere

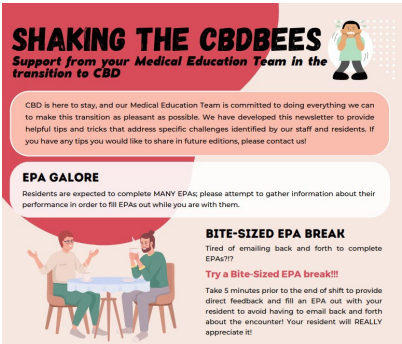
A Child Life referral will be initiated at the time that your request is submitted.

Your referral will be sent to our pre-operative anesthesia clinic for triage. If accepted,

an appointment will be made for a pediatric anesthesiologist to speak with the patient’s family about a plan to best support their child. If the request is approved, the appointment will be scheduled in sedation service accordingly. If the request is denied, the referring provider will be notified accordingly.

Thank you for your attention,

Dr. Adam Spencer, Section Chief Pediatric Anesthesia



Shaking the CBDbees | Infographic

Some reminders from your Education Team on common pitfalls for EPAs.

Please view the infographic via the button below regarding the transition to CBD!

[Infographic](#)

[CBD Website](#)

2025 Dawson Jarock Vasculitis Fellowship

We are excited to announce the 2025 Dawson Jarock Vasculitis Fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology and Pediatric Rheumatology at the Alberta Children's Hospital, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Candidates should have completed formal training in Pediatric Rheumatology or Pediatric Nephrology. Application is open to all nationalities who are eligible to work in Canada. The fellowship is a one-year clinical research fellowship with a preference for early career applicants. The expectation is to contribute to the care advancement of patients with vasculitis while working along with an interdisciplinary team. Participation in research focusing on vasculitis is a key element of the fellowship. Our center provides ample opportunity to visit research labs and attend vasculitis clinics in both the adult and pediatric hospitals including a combined rheumatology/nephrology clinic. The fellowship program can be individualized according to the interest and needs of the candidate.

Interested candidates please submit the below documents to: Jolene Haddad, Program Administrator: Jolene.haddad@ahs.ca

The last day to apply is **Monday, March 10, 2025**

[More details here](#)

Are you concerned about the impact of medical trauma on your patients and their families?

Medical trauma (MT) is a critical issue affecting patients and families at Alberta Children's Hospital. These physical and psychological reactions to pain, illness, injury and frightening or invasive treatments are distressing at the time and can lead to post-traumatic stress symptoms and post-traumatic stress disorder in the future.

Join us for a co-design workshop to work alongside patients, families, healthcare providers and health leaders to brainstorm, design and develop an intervention to mitigate and minimize MT in children with complex and chronic diseases and their families during hospital admissions.

The co-design workshop is scheduled for May 1-2, 2025. Compensation and reimbursement of expenses are available. If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact Tammie Dewan tammie.dewan@ahs.ca or Andrea Whiteley amwhitel@ucalgary.ca.



Seeking Examiners

The Pediatrics Postgraduate Program is seeking OSCE and STACER examiners for the following sessions.

OSCE:

- Thursday, April 3 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm OSCE at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)
- Thursday, May 8 | 12:45pm – 4:30m OSCE at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)
- Thursday, May 22 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm VOSCE for PGY4s (Zoom)

STACER:

- Thursday, May 29 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)
- Thursday, June 12 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)
- Thursday, June 19 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)

No preparation is required- just show up, follow the script, and enjoy an afternoon with learners and colleagues! OSCE/STACER Examiner Remuneration is available to non AMHSP staff at a rate of \$150/hour.

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

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



**INCLUSIVE
LEADERSHIP
FOR
WOMEN**



Inclusive Leadership for Women

Are you a CSM faculty member (clinical or academic appointment) or MaPS staff with a defined leadership role? Are you interested in learning from some incredible women leaders across our faculty? Are you looking to build leadership competencies?

If so, we invite you to register for Inclusive Leadership for Women. This is a 4-part series of in-person workshops that was developed by and is led by women leaders.

Course Dates: March 6, March 13 & March 20 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

[Register here](#)



NETWORK OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE



THE CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (CSM) INVITES YOU TO THE
RELAUNCH EVENT OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE
(NOW). AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR CSM LEADERS TO NETWORK,
FOSTER CONNECTION AND BUILD COMMUNITY.



BRUNCH WITH DR. ELIZABETH CANNON

DR. CANNON IS A GEOMATICS ENGINEER & SERVED AS THE
PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY FROM 2010-2018. THE FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD THE
POSITION, DR. CANNON GUIDED THE UNIVERSITY TO
UNPRECEDENTED HEIGHTS IN TEACHING INNOVATION, RESEARCH
IMPACT, PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY
INTEGRATION. SHE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS, INCLUDING
THE ORDER OF CANADA IN 2019.



March 9th, 2025



10AM WELCOME
10:30AM FORMAL PROGRAM + BRUNCH

@ THE INN ON OFFICER'S GARDEN

SEATING IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP TO
IBRAHIM@UCALGARY.CA



ECHOing Care

Children with Medical Complexity

Do you work with Children with Medical Complexity?

Project ECHO can support you in your work through **case-based learning** and **topic discussions**. Bring your de-identified cases for advice and support. **Join our interprofessional virtual community of practice.**

Upcoming Session: Clinical Ethics in Children with Medical Complexity

This session will focus on **Shared Decision Making**



March 10, 2025



18:00 - 19:45 MST

Delivered via **zoom**



Virginia McLaughlin



The Alberta Children's Hospital Complex Care Program is inviting all healthcare providers to register for their upcoming ECHO (Extensions for Community Health Outcomes) Project focused on children with medical complexity. Please register for ACH Complex Care ECHO using the [this link](#).

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming sessions and building our community of practice! All sessions have been accredited for 1.5 hours of MOC Section 1 Credits.

CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Friesen Prize Institutional Visit Lecture

Join Dr. Gordon Guyatt for his lecture: The Past, Present and Future of Evidence Based Medicine.

Dr. Guyatt, MSc, MD, FRCP(C), OC, distinguished university professor at McMaster University's Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact is the recipient of the 2024 Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research.

The annual Friesen Prize Institutional Visit supports the Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research.

Date: **Wednesday March 12, 2025**

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM followed by a reception in Hippocrates mall

Location: Clara Christie, Health Science Centre, Foothills Campus

[Register here](#)



Igniting Health Care Connections: The Power of Leader Rounding

Mar 14, 2025 | 10:00 AM | Zoom

Looking to strengthen relationships with your team and patients? Learn how this approach helps build stronger connections, improves patient experiences, and fosters a more engaged staff. This session will highlight the benefits of relationship-building for leaders and explore new strategies for enhancing care. Webinar suitable for new and experienced practitioners.

[Register here](#)

Child Health and Wellness Seminar
Social Determinants of Child Health Series

***Gifted student health and well-being:
The latest beliefs and findings***

Dr. Matthew C. Makel, PhD

Professor & Chair in High Ability Studies, Werklund School of Education, UCalgary

Monday, March 17, 2024: 8:30 – 9:30 am
Zoom Registration: bit.ly/4hOVcsy



[Learn more and register here](#)

**Life as a Physician: Exploring our Experience
through Narrative Medicine**

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 5:00pm - 7:00pm MT |



Virtual Workshop

A growing body of literature supports narrative-based medicine as a tool to share experiences and express emotions. Join us for a two-hour session where we will introduce key concepts in narrative-based medicine, and experience writing prose or poetry.

[Learn more and register here](#)



Charity Hockey Game to Fight Cancer

SITC is a charity hockey game of medical students and residents versus physicians in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS).

Our team would like to invite you, your residents, and your family and friends to join us on **March 22, 2025** in the fight against cancer while supporting your colleagues on the ice!

This year, all proceeds support the Neri/Bahlis lab at UCalgary, to support their effort in developing novel therapeutics for multiple myeloma patients. All donations to this event will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian Cancer Society up to \$100,000, and every dollar raised from this event goes directly to myeloma research, thanks to our amazing sponsors!

To buy a ticket to the game, to read more about our cause, or to donate to our general CCS page and receive a tax receipt please click the button below.

[Learn more and buy tickets](#)



Navigating Turbulent Times

A six week course that will provide an introduction to mindfulness.

Topics will include: What is mindfulness? Mindfulness of the body (including breath), Mindfulness of thoughts and emotions, Kindness and Compassion, Incorporating mindfulness into everyday life.

Dates: April 7 – May 12 2025 (weekly on Monday's)
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (90 minute weekly session)
Location: W21C, Cal Wenzel Precision Health or online

[Register here](#)

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Rounds

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Finding Meaning in Loss: Parental Perspectives on Autopsy, Organ and Research Donation After Neonatal Death

Presenter: Dr. Musab Al Shareef

[Click here for more information](#)

[Zoom Registration](#)

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Pediatric Annual Report Review

Presenters: Dr. Antonia Stang, Dr. Susan Kuhn, Dr. Leanna McKenzie, Dr. Jonathon Gilleland & Ashton Chugh

[Click here for more information](#)

[Zoom Registration](#)

Psychopharmacology Rounds

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Review of AACAP Psychopharmacology Conference Part 2

Presenter: Dr. Kathryn MacLellan, MD, FRCPC, FAAP, Developmental Pediatrics

[Zoom Registration](#)

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 Cardiology Clinical Associate

- FTE: 0.6
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: March 7, 2025

Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate - Locum

- FTE: 0.6
- Type: Long-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: March 7, 2025

Locum Pediatric Neurologist (NEW)

- FTE: 0.7
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: March 10, 2025

Pediatrician, Eating Disorders (NEW)

- FTE: 0.5
 - Type: Part-time
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: March 13, 2025
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Adolescent Medicine, Pediatrician, Locum, AMHSP (NEW)

- FTE: 0.1
 - Type: Short-term Locum
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: March 13, 2025
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Clinician Primary Researcher, Paediatric Nephrology (NEW)

- Location: Foothills Campus
 - Application Deadline: March 28, 2025
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AMHSP Clinician - Infectious Diseases (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Full-time
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found
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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: Sunnyside Pediatric Clinic, located in University District NW Calgary, steps from the Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: Open 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

- 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
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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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