

PEDIATRICS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

Calendar Year 2023
Academic Year Jul 2022 – Jun 2023
Fiscal Year Apr 2022 – Mar 2023

Continuing with the spirit of innovation, we have taken our Annual Report in a completely new direction this year again - an interactive website!

As you will see, community was a clear theme of this year’s report. We hope that the website will be an engaging way for our audience to feel a greater connection to our Department.

- [Click here](#) to view our 2023 Annual Report

As always, we welcome all feedback on this report and/or suggestions for next year! Feel free to contact us at peditrics.comms@ucalgary.ca.



**Please Share Your Feedback/Ideas for
Departmental Priorities**

At this week's Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation, we requested feedback and suggestions on the priorities/goals outlined by our Deputy Heads for the next 6-12 months.

If you have additional suggestions you would like to share, we encourage you to do so via the links below. Thank you for your participation!



- [Professional Affairs Priorities](#)
- [Research Priorities](#)
- [Education Priorities](#)
- [Clinical Affairs Priorities](#)
- [Theme Suggestions for 2024 Annual Report](#)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Strategic Planning Engagement Survey - Summary Report

Thank you to those who completed the strategic planning engagement survey!

[Click here](#) to view the summary report.

Over the next 6 weeks, there will be a second opportunity to share your thoughts at your respective section meetings.

The consultant engaged in this process will present the findings and invite discussion about whether or not they resonate with you, and what might be missing from the preliminary engagement. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight both section specific needs and also overarching opportunities for the Department. A summary of the section engagement sessions will be completed and used to inform a leadership strategic planning retreat on May 10.

Thank you again for your ongoing engagement in shaping the future of the Department!



Calgary reps needed for Reach for the TOP

Calgary representatives are needed for Reach for the TOP - a game competing against a UBC team - at the 2024 Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) Annual Conference, taking place June 6-8 in Vancouver. We are in need of one staff attending CPS who is willing to represent us, as well as three residents.

Please reach out to [Dr. Amelie Stritzke](#) or the [lead residents](#) for questions or interest. Let's get our team together!



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.

RESEARCH FEATURE

National Pediatric Rare Disease Clinical Trials and Treatment Network



Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada



Canada

NEWS: Government of Canada invests \$20 million to improve health outcomes of children living with rare diseases

Congratulations to Dr. Thierry Lacaze-Masmonteil and the Maternal Infant Child and Youth Research Network (MICYRN) team, who’ve won this award to the create RareKids-CAN: Pediatric Rare Disease Clinical Trials and Treatment Network.

The national Network will foster collaboration among researchers, patients, caregivers, health care providers, and policy makers; streamline clinical research; and support national and international clinical trials to advance discoveries, enable better prevention, diagnosis, and treatments, to improve health outcomes for children and adolescents affected by rare diseases.

Click [here](#) to view the full press release.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Publication Spotlight

Dr. Chris Novak and his team - including Dr. Susan Bannister from Pediatric Hospital Medicine and two pediatric residents, Dr. Rina Patel (first author) and Dr. Erin Degelman - have a new publication in *Cureus*:

[Online Learning in Medical Student Clerkship: A Survey of Student Perceptions and Future Directions](#)

This study surveyed medical students about their experience with online learning in clerkship.

Congratulations team!



Forward-thinking solutions and prevention strategies for diverse medical conditions inspire 3 UCalgary PhD students

Congratulations to Areefa Alladin-Karan, one of three PhD students honoured with the 2023 Vanier Award for conducting health research.

Click [here](#) for an article with further details about her research and how she chose to study at the University of Calgary after meeting pediatric

nephrologist Dr. Andrew Wade while he was teaching at the University of Guyana.

COMINGS & GOINGS



Dr. Tracy Taylor

We would like to welcome Dr. Tracy Taylor in a new leadership capacity with the Department of Pediatrics, effective January 15, 2024. Dr. Taylor has accepted the role as the Community Pediatric Clinical Lead for the Complex Care Program.

Dr. Taylor completed her undergraduate and a pharmacy degree at the University of Alberta. After several years as a practicing hospital pharmacist, Dr. Taylor then embarked on a career as a physician by completing her medical school at the University of Calgary and her pediatrics residency training at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Dr. Taylor is a long standing community Pediatrician with a very busy practice through Ladybug Pediatrics. She looks forward to helping inform on ongoing efforts to facilitate optimization of community-centered care for children with medical complexity through a combined initiative supported by the Department of Pediatrics, ACH, ACHF and ACHRI.

In her spare time, Dr. Taylor enjoys spending time with her family and trying to keep up to their 3 children. They enjoy a variety of sports, camping, travelling and hanging out at her family's farm!

Welcome, Dr. Taylor!

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details.

Educational Lead - kidSONO Pediatric Point of Care Ultrasound Program

- FTE: 0.20
- Type: Part-time Practice
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: March 14, 2024

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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

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Grand Rounds

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: Neonatal Sepsis and Hemodynamic Support: Evolving toward Phenotype-Driven protocols for superior outcomes

Presenter: Dr. Amuchou Soraisham

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: The Rationale and Approach to Pediatric Lipid Screening and Management

Presenters: Michael Khoury

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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EVENTS

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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