

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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EDUCATION FEATURE



Educator of the Month - March 2025

We are excited to highlight March's Educator of the Month - Dr. Martin Perlsteyn.

A big thank you to Dr. Perlsteyn for all he does!

EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2025

Dr. Martin Perlsteyn

Attending Neonatologist & Clinical Assistant Professor



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What current Educational roles do you hold?



I currently sit on RPC for both the General Pediatrics Program and the Neonatal Perinatal Medicine Program where I am also the curriculum chair. For the gen peds program I am directly involved in organizing their simulated procedural skills curriculum to make sure all procedural EPAs are covered throughout training. I am also a Faculty Advisor for trainees in both programs.

What do I enjoy most about working in medical education?

Getting to do a lot of work in sim with the trainees my favorite is when they come back and tell me that they encountered a difficult clinical situation or rare procedure in real life that we have covered together in the sim lab and how that helped them perform at their very best in that moment...always super rewarding for me!


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Great job Dr. Martin Perlsteyn!




Department of Pediatrics


2025 General Pediatric Residency CaRMS Matches




Hina Ali
Jinnah Medical and Dental College Pakistan




Adalet Bugra
McGill University




Cassidy Chapman
University of Alberta




Myra Chen
University of Calgary




Claire Donnici
University of Calgary




Rachel Fagen
University of Ottawa




Jane Girgulis
University of Ottawa




Samir Gouin
McGill University




Fasika Jembere
University of Calgary




Alicia Kanngiesser
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Bogota




Emelie Kozak
University of Calgary



Jasmin Majumdar
University of Alberta



Samantha Pauer
University of British Columbia



Ethan Pichlyk
University of Calgary

The incoming pediatric residents R1 starting July 1, 2025 have been announced!

Shaking the CBDbees | Infographic

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

Please view the infographic via the button below

SHAKING THE CBD BEES

Support from your Medical Education Team in the transition to CBD


CBD is here to stay, and our Medical Education Team is committed to doing everything we can to make this transition as pleasant as possible. We have developed this newsletter to provide helpful tips and tricks that address specific challenges identified by our staff and residents. If you have any tips you would like to share in future editions, please contact us!

EPA GALORE

Residents are expected to complete MANY EPAs; please attempt to gather information about their performance in order to fill EPAs out while you are with them.

BITE-SIZED EPA BREAK

Tired of emailing back and forth to complete EPAs??
Try a Bite-Sized EPA break!!!
Take 5 minutes prior to the end of shift to provide direct feedback and fill an EPA out with your resident to avoid having to email back and forth about the encounter! Your resident will REALLY appreciate it!



regarding the transition to CBD!

Infographic

CBD Website

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

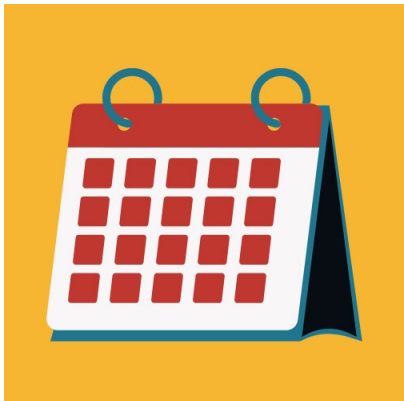


Keeping watch on infectious diseases impacting Canadian kids | UToday Article

Department of Pediatrics member **Dr. Stephen Freedman** recently was featured in a UToday article.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) selected the network, Surveillance Program for the Rapid IdeNtification and TrackIng of Infectious Diseases in kidS, or “SPRINT-KIDS”, led by Dr. Stephen Freedman, MD, to monitor infections caused by SARS-CoV-2, influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and to gather data on vaccine effectiveness and safety in children.

Read here



Save the Date! Annual Celebration 2025

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!



Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program (PEPP)

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



Measles Awareness

There are now multiple jurisdictions in North America including Ontario and Northern Alberta that have reported either measles cases or a concern that measles is circulating. The growing number of communities affected increases the risk that we may see measles cases in the Calgary Zone and so the site has elected to take some preventative steps. Please ensure that you and your team members are N95 mask-fit tested, confirm your measles immunization status, and are familiar with the signs and symptoms of measles.

Please view the IP&C recommendations via the button for cases of suspected measles for you to share with your colleagues.

[IP&C recommendations](#)

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Now**

[https://ecme.ucalgary.ca/
programs/support-for-ppip](https://ecme.ucalgary.ca/programs/support-for-ppip)



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CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Continuing Medical Education
and Professional Development

SUPPORT for PPIP

Is here to **S**implify, **U**nderstand & **P**erform **P**ractice **O**ptimization
Requirements **T**ogether (SUPPORT) to meet the requirements
for the **P**hysician **P**ractice **I**mprovement **P**rogram (PPIP)

Get Step-by-Step Guidance

- Interactive web content provides you detailed guidance
- Working webinar sessions with expert facilitators will walk you through each step of developing an action plan
- Join a community of healthcare providers that is dedicated to supporting each other



Generate Your Data with Built-in Tools and Reports

- Generate your practice data from patient charts using online questionnaires based on CPSA's Standards of Practice that provide data reports; viewable right inside the online learning platform
- User-friendly design that makes data gathering easy for providers with little to no experience in QI

Earn Credit Hours & Meet Requirements for PPIP

- Earn upto 15 CME credit hours with the CFPC (Self-Learning) or RCPSC (MOC Section 3)
- Be equipped to respond with confidence to potential PPIP activity audits by the CPSA
- Complete all 3 PPIP activities in 1 program



In order to support physicians in meeting the requirements of PPIP, the Office of CME & PD of the Cumming School of Medicine developed 'SUPPORT for PPIP'. This tool was specifically designed to guide physicians through the process of completing the PPIP requirements. The first series of webinars for all three modules of PPIP received excellent feedback.

[Learn more here](#)

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CSM Update



Dear faculty, students, trainees and staff,

Recently, you should have received an email from the Precision Equity and Social Justice Office (PESJO) inviting you to participate in the CSM You Belong Survey. This survey is unique to the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) and will offer our medical school an opportunity to understand the rich make-up of our faculty and to understand the current sense of belonging of CSM community members.

I encourage everyone to take part in this survey. The results will play an important role in the work we do to meet our goal of better serving underrepresented groups and cultivate a culture of safety and genuine belonging as outlined in our strategic plan.

The survey is facilitated through CSM's Precision Equity and Social Justice Office and collected using Qualtrics. Additional details about the survey can be found here: [CSM You Belong Survey](#).

If you haven't already completed the survey, you will be sent a reminder to complete it with your unique link later today. If you do not receive a survey, you can contact pesjo@ucalgary.ca to receive your unique link and ensure you have an opportunity to participate.

Thank you,

Todd Anderson, MD
Dean, Cumming School of Medicine

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](#)

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



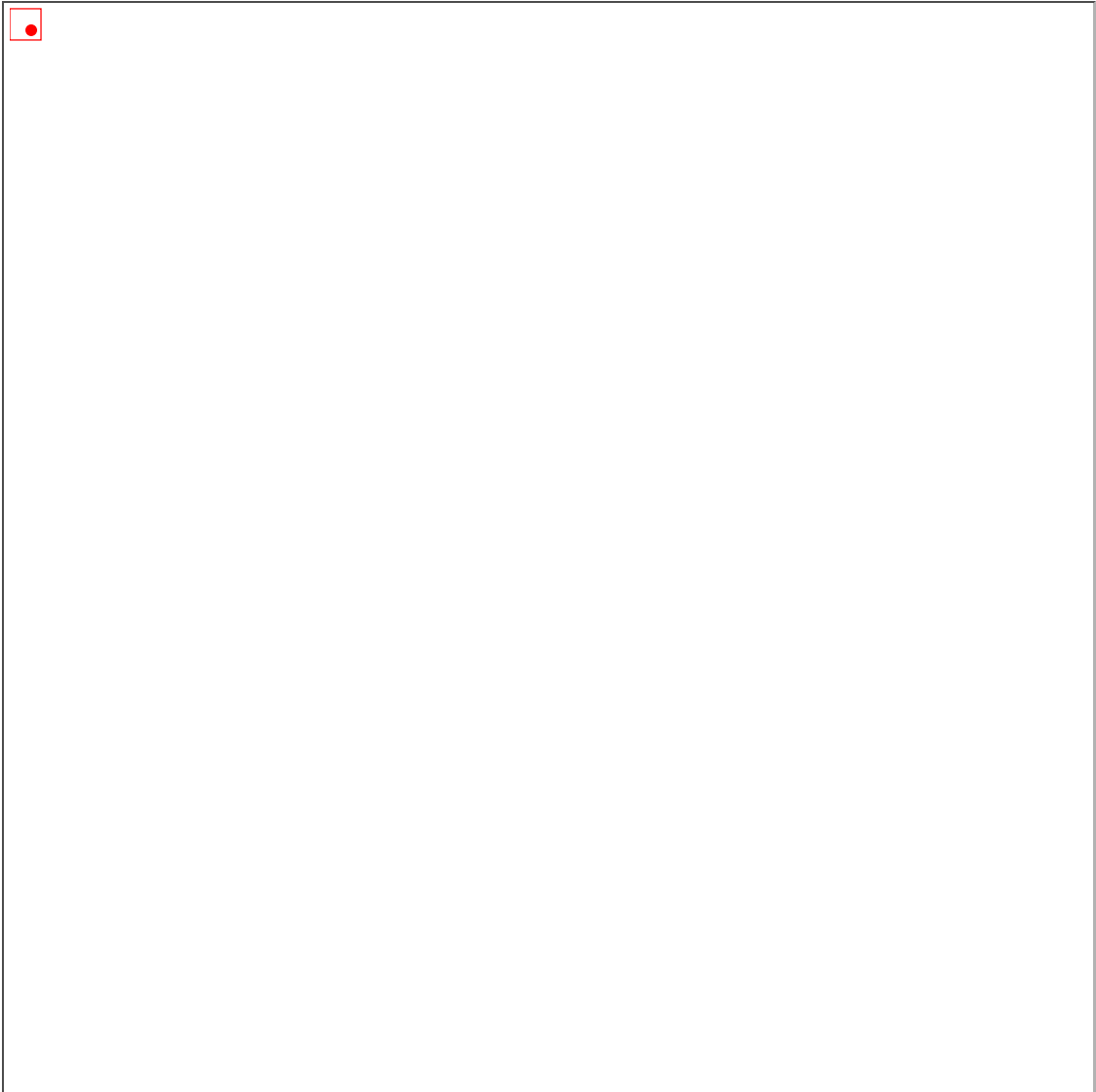
Inclusive Leadership for Women

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](#)



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](#)



Health Research Platform Lunch & Learn

March 24, 2025 | 12:00 PM

Open data sharing for populations at risk of re-identification

[Learn more and register here](#)



March Coordinator Community of Practice

March 25, 2025 | 9:00 - 10:20 AM

Suite 400, 4th floor, Cal Wenzel Precision Health Building

[Learn more and register here](#)



**NAVIGATING
TURBULENT TIMES**
An Introduction to Mindfulness

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Mature Minor Decision-making; Relational Considerations

Presenters: Virginia McLaughlin RN, MHSc, HEC-C & Lisa Wilkey MSW, RSW

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register Here](#)

Grand Rounds Recordings

Check out the Grand Rounds page on our website for previous Grand Rounds presentations [here](#).

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Locum Pediatric Neurologist (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.7
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: March 21, 2025

Clinician Primary Researcher, Paediatric Nephrology

- Location: Foothills Campus
- Application Deadline: March 28, 2025

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

Newborn Critical Care Clinical Associate (NEW)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Foothills Medical Centre
- Application Deadline: Open until space is filled

Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist

- FTE 0.2-1.0 (Flexible opportunities) Mon-Fri
- Type: Part-time to Full Time Practice
- Location: Sunnyhill 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

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

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

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](#)

Contact pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca with questions or if you have content to contribute.

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