

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](#)



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!



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.

EDUCATION FEATURE

Winners of UME Student Awards for 2023

With regard to our most recent Faculty Appreciation Night, please join us in Congratulating the Winners of the UME Student Awards for 2023!!

- Dr. Syeda Abbas - Gold Star
- Dr. Laura Davies - Gold Star
- Dr. Renee Jackson - Gold Star
- Dr. Susan Kuhn - Gold Star
- Dr. Chris Novak - Gold Star
- Dr. Alyse Schacter - Gold Star - Resident

Educator of the Month | March 2024

Dr. Jordan Yeo

[What do you enjoy most about working in Medical Education?](#)

As a very new member of the department, medical education & teaching has provided a way for me to



remain connected with the residency program and department as a whole. It also helps me maintain at least some of the knowledge I gained from studying for the Royal College exam!

Do you have a medical education tip that you want to share with department members?

All of us were residents and medical students at some point and I think it is important to put ourselves back in their position when working with learners. Our residents work long hours typically with little appreciation, different expectations every four weeks (or even week-to-week), and may have relocated for their training with limited social supports. I believe taking a genuine interest in the wellbeing of residents & students goes a long way towards facilitating a comfortable environment, where learners feel supported in achieving their goals.



Thank You and Congratulations to Course 6 Teachers!

Dr. Theresa Wu, Co-Chair of the recently retired Course 6, would like to send her congratulations to all Course 6 teachers and preceptors for outstanding faculty evaluations by medical students. Students rated teaching performed by Department of Pediatrics members as **excellent** and there were many comments of appreciation by this group.

A special shout-out was given to NICU preceptors, who have consistently dedicated their valuable time to teach newborn examination skills to groups of 2-3 students, year after year, to excellent reviews. Clinical teachers, lecturers and preceptors, we APPRECIATE you and CONGRATULATE you on your enthusiastic commitment. If you wish to continue your teaching at the UME level and would like to know more about it, please feel free to connect with Dr. Theresa Wu or Dr. Sarah Weeks.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Education Excellence Award | Dr. Leanna McKenzie

Please join us in Congratulating Dr. Leanna McKenzie, who was honored with the 2024 Education Excellence Award by the National Canadian Association of Gastroenterology for her outstanding contribution to education. Congratulations Dr. McKenzie!



ACH MSA | Submit Your Award Nominations Today!

Show your appreciation! Nominate a colleague for an MSA Award

Due to a low number of nominations received so far, the deadline to submit has been extended to April 7, 2024. Please consider nominating your colleague(s) for the following awards:

Award of Excellence

This award is intended for a physician in the ACH community who has made an inspiring professional contribution. Past award winners have been recognized for their impact in the areas of teaching, scholarship, research, and clinical work. Additionally, we welcome nominations for physicians who have contributed to our culture of excellence through their focus on physician wellbeing and advocacy. Please consider nominating a physician who you believe represents our collective ideals and deserves to be honored for what they do.

More information about the award criteria, previous recipients, and the virtual nomination form are available on the [award webpage](#).

Note: Only ACH MSA members may submit a nomination. The nominee does not need to be an ACH MSA member.

Spirit of ACH – Catherine Macneil Award

This award is granted to a physician member of the ACH MSA who has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the ACH physician community. Beyond their required roles, this individual has shown leadership and a commitment to their colleagues which has been both impactful and inspirational. Contributions may be evident through their day-to-day interactions and manner, direct involvement in official or unofficial leadership, local wellness and educational initiatives, sponsorship, mentorship, and coaching activities, or in any other manner that has demonstrated an investment and concern for the wellbeing of their colleagues. This individual's contributions must be felt to fuel a culture of wellness, quality care, and physician excellence.

More information about the award criteria and the virtual nomination form are available on the [award webpage](#).

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Thank you,

On behalf of your **Alberta Children's Hospital Medical Staff Association**



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!

CaRMS Match Day - Tuesday, March 19, 2024

CaRMS match day is Tuesday, March 19, 2024, medical students will be away from March 18th at 23:00 to March 20th 08:00.

Class of 2024 – Block 12

Class of 2024 medical students in Blocks 12, 12A, and 12B starting Monday, March 25th (12B starting April 8th).

Accreditation

Mock accreditation visit was on January 24th and 25th, 2024. Accreditation is scheduled for October of 2024.

The Big 10 Graduation Educational Objectives

A student at the time of graduation will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the basic science and clinical science knowledge and skills necessary for the supervised practice of medicine, and use knowledge efficiently in the analysis and solution of clinical presentations.

2. Evaluate patients and properly manage their medical problems by:

- Conducting a comprehensive medical history and thorough physical examination; reliably eliciting appropriate information in the history and detecting abnormal findings on the physical examination.
- Correctly identifying the patient's diagnosis, differential diagnosis, and medical problems.
- Applying an appropriate clinical reasoning process to the patient's problems.
- Advocating for patients while formulating and implementing a resource-conscious management plan to deal effectively with patient problems.
- Applying basic patient safety principles

3. Apply a comprehensive patient-centered approach in the evaluation and care of patients including sensitivity to differing: sexual orientation and gender identity, cultural and spiritual beliefs, attitudes and behaviors, economic situations.

4. Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental concepts of disease prevention and health promotion for individual patients and populations and incorporate them into treatment plans as appropriate.

5. Communicate and interact effectively with patients, families, medical staff and others involved in the delivery of health services.

6. Describe and apply ethical principles and high standards in all aspects of medical practice.

7. Exhibit appropriate professional behavior, including awareness of personal wellness and limitations.

8. Formulate clear clinical questions and apply an evidence-based approach to solving these questions.

9. Demonstrate educational initiative and self-directed life-long learning skills.

10. Describe the basic principles of clinical and translational research, including how such research is conducted, evaluated, explained to patients and applied to patient care.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details.

Pediatric Respirologist Locum

- FTE 0.80
- Type: 100% Clinical Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- One Year Leave Coverage starting September 2024

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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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- FTE: 0.20
- Type: Part-time Practice
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- Application Deadline: March 14, 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

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Grand Rounds

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: What Parents Think About Processes of Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Treatment and What Would Help Them

Presenter: Dr. Connie Williams

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Virtual (via Zoom) | Kinsmen Learning Centre Auditorium (4th Floor - ACH) For In-Person

Title: Improving Access to High Quality Palliative Care in Children

Presenters: Dr. Leonie Herx

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

EVENTS

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



AIR Town Halls

Each year, as AMHSP participating or contracted physicians, you are kindly requested to report your activities, as per your Independent Service Agreement (ISA). This is done through a report known as the AMHSP Individual Report, or AIR.

This year you will be asked to report on your activities for the period of April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024 (or portion thereof, if your contract was less than the full year).

AIR will launch on April 1st, 2024 and will close on April 30th, 2024. You will receive an email around 1 PM on April 1st with a link to your personal AIR.

We would like to invite you to one of the following two online Town Halls where we will review the system and where you can ask any questions you may have.

Please click on the date you would like to attend to register.

Town Halls:

March 25, 2024 5:00pm - 6:00pm | April 9, 2024 11:00am - 12:00pm

If you are unavailable, please don't worry – the help website (www.airhelpsite.ca) and email support (facultyreporting.csm@ucalgary.ca) are both available so you may preview the AIR 2024 sample survey from the website and email us if you have any questions!

W21C Research Services

Wednesday, March 27 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Mark your calendars, the Ward of the 21st Century will host an information session to highlight the research services they offer to child and maternal health researchers.

Presenters (click on the name to view their bio):

[Dr Mary Brindle](#), Professor, Department of Surgery; Academic Director, W21C

[Jill de Grood](#), MA PMP – Director, Development and Partnerships, W21C

[Dr Jaime Kaufman](#), PhD – Director, Research and Innovation, W21C

Learn more about the W21C by visiting their website [here](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) to **register** to attend in-person (conference room 2 at ACH) or via Zoom.

*A calendar invite with your chosen attendance option will follow



INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP
Flourishing in Clinical Care

March 24, 2024
Online from 11am-2:30pm

May 7, 2024
Online from 5:30pm-9pm

Mindful Practice Workshop | Flourishing in Clinical Care

This course has been approved for 3.25 hours. Cost \$175 Tuition Reimbursement for Eligible UR/URMC employees.

Join us for a live, online, 3.5 hour interactive workshop, developed by physicians for Medical Practitioners and Educators. Our mission is to bring you greater joy and connection to your work and enhance your quality of care. Join us and help re-energize your clinical practice in this challenging time in medicine.

Workshop Facilitators: Dr. Ronald Epstein, MD; Dr. Mick Krasner, MD

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

2024 Owerko Centre Conference

Tuesday, March 14, 2024 | 9:00 AM – 4:45 PM | Health Sciences Centre, FMC

Join us at the 2024 Owerko Centre Conference to explore insights and advancements in ADHD. Hear from experts and thought leaders, enjoy engaging panel discussions, and learn more about what trainees are working on in this important area of neurodevelopment and child health research.

The audience for this conference includes:

- Researchers focused on neurodevelopment, child health, in particular, ADHD
- Students and trainees with interests in this area of research
- Community agencies with any areas of focus in neurodevelopment, child health, family support, etc.
- Clinicians and health practitioners, primarily those that work closely with children and families.

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

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.](#)

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

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