

PEDIATRICS WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 28, 2024

FEEDBACK



Please Share Your Feedback/Ideas for Departmental Priorities

At the March 6th 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](#)

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 few 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!



Measles Has Landed!

The global resurgence of measles has arrived at our borders in 2024, involving several provinces particularly a growing outbreak in Quebec. Some families are returning from out of province travel, others are planning for upcoming Spring Break so there will be many opportunities for measles exposures. For a refresher see: [Measles: For health professionals - Canada.ca](#)

Please ensure that you have had **2 documented doses of measles-containing vaccine or have a positive measles IgG**. This will ensure you are considered immune and able to work even if you are exposed to measles.

Check your MyHealth Records: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords> .

Vaccines are our best defense! Encourage all patients/families to ensure measles vaccines are up to date; they can call 811 or their local public health unit to book an appointment.

See [Measles \(alberta.ca\)](#) for parent information.



Seeking OSCE Examiners

The Pediatrics Postgraduate Program is seeking OSCE examiners for the following sessions:

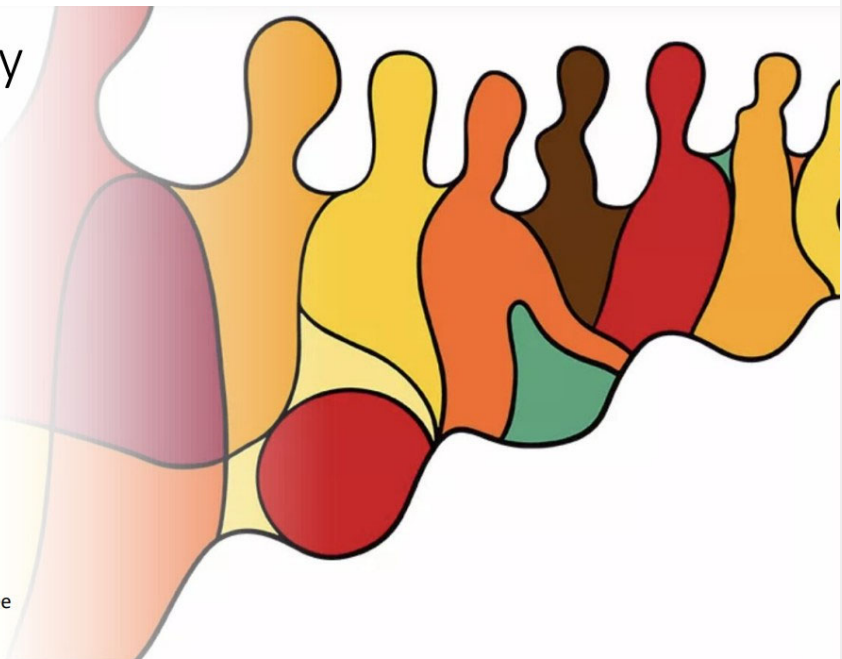
- Thursday, May 9, 2024 (Zoom, 12:45pm – 5:00pm)
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 (UCalgary Foothills Campus, MedSkills, 12:45pm – 4:30pm)

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

Equity Diversity
Inclusion (EDI)
Moments

Dept of
Pediatrics

Dr. Preet Sandhu
March 6, 2024
On behalf of
Department of Pediatrics EDI Committee



EDI Moments

The Department of Pediatrics is hosting special guest speakers from the ACH Equity Diversity Inclusion Association during the Grand Rounds for EDI Moments.

The first of the EDI Moments was presented at the Grand Rounds on March 6th.

Upcoming EDI Moments will be April 17th, May 29th and June 26th.

→ [CLICK HERE](#) to see the full presentation and related resources.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



UME JONES AWARD

Please join us in Congratulating Dr. Glenda Bendiak, who was selected as the recipient for the Jones Award for Teaching Excellence in the Undergraduate Medical Education Program. This award will be presented to Dr. Bendiak at the Class of 2024 Graduation Celebration Event on April 26, 2024.

Congratulations!



EDUARDO BRUERA AWARD

Please join us in Congratulating Dr. Leonie Herx, who was selected as the recipient for The Eduardo Bruera Award for her contributions to Education and Excellence in the field of Palliative Medicine. This peer nominated award will be presented to Dr. Herx in Toronto, ON in May 2024.

Congratulations!



Dr. M. Ian Bowmer Award for Leadership in Social Accountability

The Dr. M. Ian Bowmer Award for Leadership in Social Accountability was named in recognition of Dr. Bowmer’s many years of service as the executive director and registrar of the Medical Council of Canada.

It is awarded annually to one medical student and one resident who have demonstrated leadership in social accountability within the schools of medicine in Canada. Each recipient will be awarded \$5,000 to be used for studies, books, or e-learning tools, and/or conference attendance.

Nomination Information:

- **Nominations are accepted until midnight on April 15th to the CSM PGME office. Please send to crystal.boisselle@ucalgary.ca.**
- Please include a letter of nomination. CVs will not be accepted.
- Nominations could come from the dean, associate dean, program directors, faculty members or other residents.
- Residents are able to self-nominate
- Please include the resident details including email and program

The nominations will be reviewed by the PGME Awards Committee and one (1)

nomination will be submitted to MCC for consideration.

→ [Click here for further details](#)



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. Kara Murias from Pediatric Neurology along with Dr. Kelsey Harkness and Dr. Signe Bray have a new publication in *Elsevier*:

[The role of stimulant washout status in functional connectivity of default mode and fronto-parietal networks in children with neurodevelopmental conditions](#)

This paper adds to the literature in assessing the effects of stimulant washout on functional connectivity in the Default Mode Network (DMN) and Frontoparietal Network (FPN).

Congratulations team!

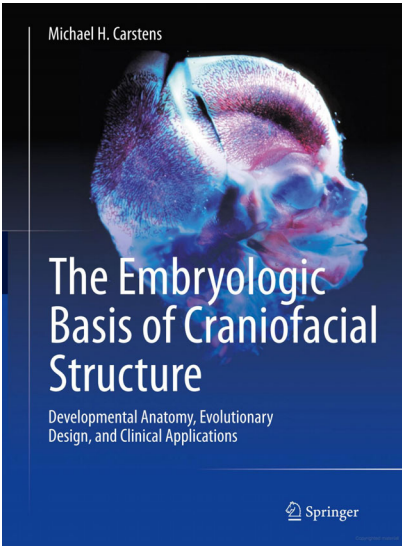


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Dr. Kara Murias from Pediatric Neurology along with Dr. Kelsey Harkness, Dr. Signe Bray, Dr. Deborah M. Dewey and Dr. Chelsea M. Durber have a new publication in *Springer*:

[Assessing the Contribution of Measures of Attention and Executive Function to Diagnosis of ADHD or AUTISM](#)

Congratulations team!



Publication Spotlight

Dr. Harvey B. Sarnat from Pediatric Neurology along with Dr. Michael H. Carstens have published a chapter (Chapter 5) in *The Embryological Basis of Craniofacial Structure*:

[The Neuromeric System: Segmentation of the Neural Tube](#)

Congratulations!

BILATERAL COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION PROCESS

Become Familiar with the Bilateral Complaints Resolution Process

If two individuals have a conflict that they are unable to work through, there is a process in place do do so! The following information and video explain the Bilateral Complaints Resolution Process that is triggered if a Physician registers a complaint regarding an AHS staff member, or vice versa, if you have to respond to one brought against you. Note that there are multiple avenues for reporting your concern.

This process does not apply to conflict between two physicians.

Bilateral Complaint Resolution Process

Concerns Consultants Role



For more Information for Medical Staff
SUBMITTING a complaint

[Click Here](#)

For more Information for Medical Staff
RESPONDING to a complaint

[Click Here](#)

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details.

Newborn Critical Care Site Lead

- FTE 0.1
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Rockyview General Hospital
- Start Date: May 1, 2024

Pediatric Neurologist

- FTE 1.0
- Type: Full Time Practice
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: July 1, 2024

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

- 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, April 2, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: Unveiling the efficacy of Oral Antibiotics in Neonatal Sepsis: A critical review

Presenter: Dr. Martin Perlsteyn

Email to follow with Registration Details

Pediatric Grand Rounds - CANCELLED

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Next weeks Pediatric Grand Rounds have been cancelled.

Information on April 10th's Grand Rounds will be sent out next Thursday, April 4th.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

Please contact Henry (henry.teng@ahs.ca) if you're interested in presenting at the Paediatric Grand Rounds on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Thank you!

EVENTS

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



HELP LEAD THE CHANGE

Learn about microaggressions – what they are, how they impact you and your colleagues, and what you can do to eliminate them. Be a part of shifting our culture, and earn 4.5 MOC credits in the process.

→ [Click here for further details](#)

Micro-Aggression Training for Physicians



References:

[Taking the VITALS to Interrupt Microaggressions](#)

[Veiled Harm: Impacts of Microaggressions on Psychological Safety and Physician Burnout](#)

[Racial microaggressions in everyday life: Implications for clinical practice](#)

[Addressing Microaggressions In Academic Medicine.](#)



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:

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!

Medical Genetics Seminar Series

Friday, April 5th | 9:00am - 10:00am

Topic: Reducing the diagnostic odyssey: opportunities in rare disease diagnostics
Learning Objectives:

- 1. Highlighting ongoing challenges in the diagnosis of genetic diseases
- 2. Appreciate the role that model organisms, evolutionary theory, and technologies have in diagnostic advancements
- 3. Develop an appreciation for the future opportunities that exist in diagnosing genetic diseases

Presenter: Dr. Francesca Jean, PHD
Location: ACH Conference Room 2

Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Monday, April 8th | 8:30am - 9:30am

Topic: A translational approach to exploring the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure across the lifespan

Presenter: Dr. Tamara Bodnar, PHD

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER



Enhance your quality of care with our upcoming online introductory workshop



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.](#)

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.](#)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Let's Be Civil

5 things to know about Physician incivility in the health care workplace.

→ [Click here for the full article.](#)

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

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